

Clive Owen Quotes

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You go back to those films of the '40s and '50s and hear the dialogue, the way the people played off each other, the wordplay. I think we've really lost that in movies.

~Clive Owen

I just like to keep challenging myself, keep it varied. It's a craft, and I'm constantly trying to learn and get better at it.

~Clive Owen

Parenthood and family come first for me, and when I'm not working I'm cool with the Teletubbies.

~Clive Owen

I feel for those 19-year-olds who get thrust into the limelight that young.

~Clive Owen

It's important to me that everyone is treated with respect.

~Clive Owen

I always want my options to be open.

~Clive Owen

Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible.

~Clive Owen

You won't find a better young actor than Jaeden Lieberher. I ended up having one of the best times with him, really. Going to work with him every day was a treat.

~Clive Owen

The sexiest part of the body is the eyes. That's what I believe.

~Clive Owen

I don't think you necessarily identify and believe in the motifs of the character, but you have to want to play it and want to commit to the lines.

~Clive Owen

I have a problem with a lot of men's fragrances because they are very strong. Somebody somewhere thinks that masculine means powerful smells, and I find them overbearing and not very pleasant.

~Clive Owen

A huge part of acting in movies is appetite. You do your best work when you've got a lot of appetite and you really want to embrace something. When you get tired, you don't have that hunger.

~Clive Owen

I think that Phil Kaufman is one of the best directors that I have come across.

~Clive Owen

As far as career goes, make sure you're in it for the right reasons - and make sure that the work itself is the most important thing.

~Clive Owen

Belfast during the Troubles looked like a different world.

~Clive Owen

I find sometimes that if you do too many takes, it starts to become meaningless to me. It is hard to sustain it for me. I don't want to do too many.

~Clive Owen

I can honestly say I've never chosen a film because where it's shot is convenient.

~Clive Owen

I guess I'm not that metrosexual. My bathroom cabinet is hardly overflowing with products. I only really have my stuff for shaving. I can't honestly say I moisturise, though I probably should.

~Clive Owen

You're always dealing with emotions as an actor.

~Clive Owen

The further you run from your sins, the more exhausted you are when they catch up to you.

~Clive Owen

I'm not the kind of actor who goes into exhaustive research for each role.

~Clive Owen

For me really good acting is about subtext.

~Clive Owen

Acting is all about likability.

~Clive Owen

I always used to say to myself, I'm going to die of lung cancer. That's the choice I'm making.

~Clive Owen

Good dialogue is very important.

~Clive Owen

After drama school I did a seven-month tour of Europe performing in 'Romeo and Juliet.' I played Romeo.

~Clive Owen

I did it for the money. But its not worth much if you cant face yourself in

the mirror. Respect is the ultimate currency.

~Clive Owen

It's just lovely to be involved in a movie that does go back to the basics - characters and great writing.

~Clive Owen

I am a big soccer fan, and a very big Liverpool fan.

~Clive Owen

As a teenager I was crazy about David Bowie. He was a huge inspiration for me. I dressed a little bit crazily in school and dyed my hair every colour under the sun.

~Clive Owen

The idea of goodies and baddies has always fascinated me, and what people consider to be a goodie or a baddie, because I've never seen any of my characters as baddies.

~Clive Owen

Outside of being home with my family, I prefer a crowd.

~Clive Owen

Rudeness can make me angry.

~Clive Owen

When there's an idiot driving crazily in front of you, that can wind the best of you up.

~Clive Owen

If you explode onto the scene at a very young age, there are so many people pulling you in different directions. It takes time to recalibrate and see what's important.

~Clive Owen

Action scenes are not that different from other scenes.

~Clive Owen

As I get older, I've been having a better and better time.

~Clive Owen

I was at the birth of my two girls.

~Clive Owen

Obviously, I'm attracted to heavier movies.

~Clive Owen

The financial implode is bound to be reflected in the movies that are being made, there's no question.

~Clive Owen

I can't remember ever being involved in a fight in a movie where I haven't done most of it.

~Clive Owen

I think anybody who bets on horses and says they win is probably a liar.

~Clive Owen

I go off and make movies; I come home, and I'm a dad and I hang with my girls.

~Clive Owen

I was very keen on playing a victim.

~Clive Owen

There's certainly a huge element of luck in me ending up where I've ended up.

~Clive Owen

I really believe you can carry yourself in such a way that people don't notice you.

~Clive Owen

I want to go anywhere and everywhere and explore as much as I can.

~Clive Owen

I'm sort of one of those weird actors who whenever I do a play, I think, "Oh, we should film this." As opposed to have to belt it out of ourselves in a theater auditorium.

~Clive Owen

I like to play characters that are convincing, that aren't just straightforward and nice.

~Clive Owen

I treat any scene the same - dialogue, action - you're still creating something in character. It's all acting, fighting.

~Clive Owen

I couldn't bear a marriage in which one partner hinges on the other.

~Clive Owen

I don't do facials or any of that stuff, but my workout regime does tend to depend on whether I have to take my top off in my next film because otherwise I know I'm too heavy.

~Clive Owen

I'd like to do a film which is funny.

~Clive Owen

I was not a very fearful kid, really.

~Clive Owen

I would never give anybody any advice about anything.

~Clive Owen

I watch a film and the most important thing to me is what I think of the movie.

~Clive Owen

There's not a big gun culture in England at all still.

~Clive Owen

I don't like it when people are trying too hard. That goes for clothes, for acting, for everything. It's just not good when it seems like you're making too much of an effort.

~Clive Owen

I never aspired to be anything. What I've done is beyond my wildest.

~Clive Owen

When I look back, if I'd played something differently, it might not have gone the way it did. So I don't feel like going back to my twenties and changing anything.

~Clive Owen

Movies are certainly a director's medium, so getting the opportunity to work with really good directors is everything to me.

~Clive Owen

I'm competitive with myself, not at the expense of everything around me. I never wanted to be a movie star. I just wanted to act.

~Clive Owen

America's been very, very good to me. I've been very lucky and worked a lot there, and appreciate and love the work that I've done.

~Clive Owen

When I was younger, people used to say you only really prove yourself as an actor on stage. And I disagree with that. Some of the finest acting I've ever come across has been for film.

~Clive Owen

I go home to London in between jobs, and in London, my life has nothing to do with the business. It's a family life, hanging with friends.

~Clive Owen

I'm English and I'm used to coming from a world of period dramas, where there's a very polite restraint to everything. Everybody's sort of sitting in drawing rooms.

~Clive Owen

I believe that we live in a time of fractured families where maybe fathers aren't getting enough time to see their kids because life's complications and hardships get in the way of those things.

~Clive Owen

I'm one of those actors where usually I'll read a script, and then I'll have a flurry of notes. I'll ask a hundred questions about things, and really get in there and examine it.

~Clive Owen

I'm a big fan of comedies and dramas, and I watch tons of movies.

~Clive Owen

I've got an age that I do think of myself.

~Clive Owen

You come ready to work when you know that you are going to get a couple of gos and it. It kind of galvanizes everything and there is something about it that keeps it very alive.

~Clive Owen

I don't just like to have 1 take, but not too many. I think it is good to keep it alive.

~Clive Owen

Very often on films, even without a producer credit, I'll be involved, very early on. I want to be there as the thing is taking shape.

~Clive Owen

One of the things I love, more than anything, is jumping around and playing lots of different parts. I love the variety of playing different characters.

~Clive Owen

I certainly am not a great believer in over-rehearsing between actors, and certainly not doing the dialogue too much.

~Clive Owen

I don't like being consumed by work all the time. I consume myself so much when I do a part that I like to step away from it.

~Clive Owen

One of the views of the [actor's] job is that whatever age you are, there's a role that's about who you are and where you are. There are parts for that age that you can bring things to.

~Clive Owen

Kids before they're 7 or 8 are like little manic obsessives. They become completely hooked on things and they're slightly crazy.

~Clive Owen

Ultimately, to have a career in movies, to a certain extent, certainly in England, you can't sustain a career in just English movies.

~Clive Owen

I've got actor friends who didn't get breaks, who struggle and worry about things that I'm fortunate not to have to worry about.

~Clive Owen

The worst piece of advice I've gotten in my whole career is from somebody who said, Remember, it's all about likeability.

~Clive Owen

One of the things I'm most proud of about my career is the fact I've managed to keep options open.

~Clive Owen

Without faith, without belief in something, what are we?

~Clive Owen

Death frees the beast.

~Clive Owen

I never really look at life and worry about missed opportunities.

~Clive Owen

Sometimes you find your destiny on the road you took to avoid it.

~Clive Owen

I actually really love working with young actors because they're so responsive and instinctive, and it's a much less honed craft that they're employing.

~Clive Owen

You see these actresses who have had Botox or something else done, and it takes you out of the film.

~Clive Owen

When you are shooting action, there is a satisfying thing because your

objectives are very clear.

~Clive Owen

I do a lot better if I sit around and think about a character for a couple of months.

~Clive Owen

I don't mind looking like I need a good wash and a good meal... Any actor who starts taking 'sex symbol' seriously or thinks of themselves as a sex symbol has got some serious problems.

~Clive Owen

I dread karaoke. I hate karaoke. I can't sing - that is why.

~Clive Owen

I've done a number of things based on real people or true stories or based on books, and I'm a great believer that you have to be true to the script.

~Clive Owen

I've had some great times with actresses, but that's in a movie.

~Clive Owen

After writing a page, Hemingway would let it float to the ground. He never crumpled pages - he believed that if you crumpled them, you'd be insane in a year.

~Clive Owen

There are a lot of people who go through a lot of tough things, and it doesn't stop them from wanting to be a better parent.

~Clive Owen

I'm just constantly trying to renew and give myself new challenges and push myself to uncomfortable places, trying to get better.

~Clive Owen

I think it's dangerous to get into ideas of planning careers.

~Clive Owen

I think there is a lot of overexplaining both in writing and acting. People don't need to be hit on the head.

~Clive Owen

I live in London and I love living in a gun free environment and long may it continue.

~Clive Owen

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