

# Damian Lewis

## Quotes

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Rehearsal*

We are not telling Tudor history; we are creating ' Wolf Hall ' from novels, which are already a rereading of Tudor history.

~Damian Lewis

For me the rehearsal period is the part I most enjoy. It's the creating of the story.

~Damian Lewis

I've always had a 'Work hard, play hard' attitude to life - I still do - but sometimes you get involved in something that needs a calm, methodical approach.

~Damian Lewis

You know what it's like to feel anxious - it's horrible feeling anxious. It's stressful having that feeling, having butterflies in your stomach, even for a day, and you don't sleep at night.

~Damian Lewis

You can't do something that is morally vacuous or dysfunctional and then write it off saying, 'It wasn't my film, I was just doing a job in it.'

~Damian Lewis

I think people like to be scared. I think people like tension and suspense in a movie.

~Damian Lewis

People need revelation, and then they need resolution.

~Damian Lewis

My heroes were all in the theatre.

~Damian Lewis

I think you can't be really posh and be an interesting actor. I'm a bit of a posh rough.

~Damian Lewis

Temperamentally I'm not a natural producer, because I don't have the patience.

~Damian Lewis

A cricket ball broke my nose when I was a kid so I couldn't breath through it. Before I had it operated on I used to stand on stage with my mouth slightly open.

~Damian Lewis

It's an unfair comparison because when things are developed in the UK, they're developed at script stage only.

~Damian Lewis

No Western government has ever played the long-term in terms of foreign policy.

~Damian Lewis

I want to make a clear distinction between people who take acting seriously and people who call themselves actors because theyve been on reality TV or something.

~Damian Lewis

In the end, there's something of the puritan work ethic about me that roles really must sustain me on an intellectual level.

~Damian Lewis

I don't believe Jesus was the son of God, although I'm inclined to think he might have been a great prophet.

~Damian Lewis

I have a three-year-old and a four-year-old at home, and my mornings are about just dealing with the fact of that. I oddly enjoy it.

~Damian Lewis

I've had loss in my life, and I like to think my mother's energy lives on in some faintly Buddhist way. I do find some comfort there.

~Damian Lewis

It's good to be busy on a film set because there is a lot of sitting around, so if you've got two roles to play at one time, then that's great to do.

~Damian Lewis

You just have to take control of your own performance.

~Damian Lewis

Acting can be a narrow and isolated experience, because you only examine your particular part.

~Damian Lewis

I've done classical theaters. I played Hamlet myself and Romeo.

~Damian Lewis

I was, if you like, a successful schoolboy in that I had a degree of talent in all the required things that make you a success at school.

~Damian Lewis

Seeing a man praying to Allah is enough for some people to assume he is a terrorist.

~Damian Lewis

I love playing sport.

~Damian Lewis

I love going for a swim. Growing up in England, anywhere with a pool seems like the height of glamour to me.

~Damian Lewis

I guess I'm just good at playing repressed individuals. I'm lucky because those are often the roles that catch people's eyes.

~Damian Lewis

I don't mean this grandly, but it was never my intention to live in L.A. and do a big network show.

~Damian Lewis

You have to go where the good writing is.

~Damian Lewis

There's something important, as an actor, about allowing yourself to be approached by people to do roles. People see different things in you.

~Damian Lewis

You know, I think I am faintly spiritual.

~Damian Lewis

In England we burnt redheads at the stake, because we thought they were witches. There are still young redheads in Britain getting ripped for having red hair. 'Oy, Ginger!'

~Damian Lewis

Dramatically it's always more interesting to conceal rather than reveal things.

~Damian Lewis

The best shows succeed because they tap into a national conversation.

~Damian Lewis

My parents were incredibly inclusive.

~Damian Lewis

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