

# Dana Carvey

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The two things that can hurt you are if you need money or if you need fame. Those are the things that can be your Achilles' heel. But if you don't need money and you don't need fame, then you're free.

~Dana Carvey

I think free speech is probably the coolest thing we have in this country, and again, you can label it hate speech and dismiss it, and then you're allowed to censor it.

~Dana Carvey

After years of begging, I got my parents to get me a little Craig tape recorder, a reel to reel. Then I started recording voices, or recording Jonathan Winters off television and stuff like that.

~Dana Carvey

If I only ran when nothing hurt, I would never run.

~Dana Carvey

That's why modern corporate movie making has become so laborious that comedians are kind of kicked out by 50.

~Dana Carvey

You know, sometimes you can't just take an armadillo, put it in the barn, light it on fire and expect it to make licorice.

~Dana Carvey

It's almost like he's started to sound even more exotic the more people started doing him. I don't know why, but there's just something about Al Gore that makes me laugh.

~Dana Carvey

A mom and dad found an S&M magazine under their 10-year-old son's bed, and the dad said, 'Well, we sure can't spank him.'

~Dana Carvey

If she were a President, she'd be Babe-raham Lincoln!

~Dana Carvey

Am I not turtley enough for the Turtle Club? Turtle! Turtle!

~Dana Carvey

I know it's a cliché, but the whole family is just whacked. I mean, we're all out of our minds. They're the funniest, most eccentric bizarre people I've ever met, my siblings.

~Dana Carvey

Describing comic sensibility is near impossible. It's sort of an abstract silliness, that sometimes the joke isn't the star.

~Dana Carvey

I think ABC sort of hoped I would be really like Carol Burnett. I mean literally, I think.

~Dana Carvey

You know ladies and gentlemen, a long time ago, there were lots of people, but that was a long time ago

~Dana Carvey

I always tend to think of all of my shows as possibly my last show. I'm like a junior Springsteen, without the underbite.

~Dana Carvey

I don't find biology as interesting as politics and humanism. I talk more about existential stuff.

~Dana Carvey

I'm a friend of the CEO of Twitter and he showed me how to be on it, but it causes such an uproar if what you post is perceived in a negative light.

~Dana Carvey

I've never really worked on them. Just once in a while one hits me and makes me laugh. My Al Gore was sort of like a gay Gomer Pyle.

~Dana Carvey

When people come to see my stand-up, they get a chance to see my characters interact with each other.

~Dana Carvey

Please, O ye Lord, keep Jim Bakker behind bars.

~Dana Carvey

Well, I loved variety in television, I loved sketch comedy. At 'Saturday Night Live,' I stayed almost seven years.

~Dana Carvey

I never read the tabloids.

~Dana Carvey

You know, Elizabeth Taylor must be in Heaven going, 'Alright, fire two honey!'

~Dana Carvey

While many comics have a secret persona, I fundamentally want to be myself.

~Dana Carvey

I got lucky. I won the San Francisco Stand-Up Comedy Competition in 1977 while I was still at San Francisco State.

~Dana Carvey

I'm thirty years old, but I read at the thirty-four-year-old level.

~Dana Carvey

I tried to go out for theater or theater arts, but I was too scared or too intimidated. But I had a lot of friends on the cross country team that had great senses of humor.

~Dana Carvey

I did a lot of ridiculous television. Between 1980 and '85 I had no confidence, so I did everything I was told to do.

~Dana Carvey

I have a theory that if you're famous more years than you're not famous, then you get a little nutty.

~Dana Carvey

If you just kind of live a regular life and make good 'Hollywood' money, you have a certain freedom.

~Dana Carvey

I'm a real people-pleaser.

~Dana Carvey

I had auditioned for 'Saturday Night Live' two or three times before and never really saw myself there. I looked up to Belushi and Bill Murray and Aykroyd and I never saw myself as in their world.

~Dana Carvey

I enjoy pushing my characters to the limit. No matter how far out there I go, I look for things that make the characters human.

~Dana Carvey

My characters all start with rhythms and sounds. Once I hear the voice and get into the rhythm, the attitude and the physicality just come out on their own.

~Dana Carvey

I have this dream life where I get to be a celebrity but I get to kind of navigate the world fairly easily because I'm always in character.

~Dana Carvey

I really enjoy being a dad, and maybe I took it too seriously, but I love being around my kids.

~Dana Carvey

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