

Daniel Day-Lewis

Quotes

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If you have a milkshake and I have a milkshake, and I have a straw and my straw reaches across the room and starts to drink your milkshake... I drink your milkshake! I drink it up!

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Being at the centre of a film is a burden one takes on with innocence the first time. Thereafter, you take it on with trepidation.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Everybody has to know for themselves what they're capable of.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

It's a source of great sadness to me that my father died without having seen me do anything worthwhile. He was constantly having to make excuses for me.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I live in a landscape, which every single day of my life is enriching.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I like things that make you grit your teeth. I like tucking my chin in and sort of leading into the storm. I like that feeling. I like it a lot.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

A voice is such a deep, personal reflection of character.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

For as long as I can remember, the thing that gave me a sense of wonderment and renewal... has always been the work of other actors.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Acting is about people. Other people. Otherwise, you're not acting, you're doing monologues.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

The more articulate somebody is, the more suspicious I am of them. I like to feel that the important things remain unsaid.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I see a lot of movies. I love films as a spectator, and that's never obscured by the part of me that does the work myself. I just love going to the movies.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I have a competition in me. I want no one else to succeed. I hate most people.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I love to sit and watch people. I love to sit and listen to people.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I suppose I have a highly developed capacity for self-delusion, so it's no problem for me to believe that I'm somebody else.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

The one thing that I appear to have been given, bearing in mind that I am capable of being very, very scatty and extremely lazy, is the ability to concentrate on something I choose to give my time to.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I spend many months in apparently listless rumination out of which I hope something will emerge.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

You can never fully put your finger on the reason why you're suddenly, inexplicably compelled to explore one life as opposed to another.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I find it difficult to be in rooms now for long periods of time. I can usually

take it for about an hour. Then I stride out.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

At some point in your life, if you're lucky, you get to design the way in which things evolve.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

When I was younger, I made some decisions that I shouldn't have. And, in hindsight, I've almost always been wrong when I haven't listened to myself.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

As actors, we're all encouraged to feel that each job is the last job. They plant some little electrode in your head at an early stage and you think, 'Be grateful, be grateful, be grateful.'

~Daniel Day-Lewis

If you remain unsettled by a piece of writing, it means you are not watching the story from the outside; you've already taken a step toward it.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I was a savage for so many years of my life. There was some seed of determination in me that I was not conscious of. I was mostly consciously getting into trouble and drunk.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Making a film, setting it up and getting it cast and getting it together, is not an easy thing

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Actors should never give interviews.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Just stay alive, no matter what occurs! I will find you. No matter how long it takes, no matter how far. I will find you!

~Daniel Day-Lewis

My preference is that, that day when someone sticks a tripod in front of you with a camera on the top, it is not day one.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm a little bit perverse, and I just hate doing the thing that's the most obvious.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

How people are around a director, it really does affect everything, every detail of the life of the movie.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Be grateful, be grateful, be grateful.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

There must've been some part of me that wanted to make my mark. But there was never a defining moment.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

How can you be a recluse in a house full of children, even if you had the inclination to be, which I don't?

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I have a strange relationship with time. I'm not aware of it passing.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I don't deal at all well with the relative amount of stuff I have to face already.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm very often still very much alive for that other being and that other world long after the film is finished

~Daniel Day-Lewis

There's nothing worse than finding yourself in a situation, a very demanding piece of work, and knowing that you're not a true ally to the person who's in charge of all that.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

There are always practical decisions to be made about any character you're playing.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Very often there's this misapprehension about actors being people that need to display themselves, to reveal themselves in public.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm woefully one-track-minded.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I have always been intrigued by these lives I have never experienced.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Perhaps I'm particularly serious, because I'm not unaware of the potential absurdity of what I'm doing.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

The whole thing of weight, I guess it's because there is a wider fascination we all have with weight.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I would wish for any one of my colleagues to have the experience of working with Martin Scorsese once in their lifetime.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I've been very lucky.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

My main memories of my father are of his illness.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I suppose it's a very highly developed form of denial, but some part of me completely denies that I'm a performer.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I suppose the place where I live is fairly remote, it would seem remote to some people.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'd always felt very strongly in the power of vocation.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Ireland was a place for the renewal of hope and I still see it like that.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I depleted myself to the point where I had nothing left.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I find it easier to work when it's quiet.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

It's easy to love humanity when you're this far away from it.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I didn't like the idea of being foolish, but I learned pretty soon that it was essential to fail and be foolish.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

When I did make the decision to focus on acting, I think my mother was

just relieved for me that I had finally started to focus.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I think some actors thrive on working at a much greater pace than I do.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Films exhaust me, they do, and I often want nothing more to do with them, but I'm continually surprised at the resurgence of the impulse to come back and do it all over again.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

England is obsessed with where you came from, and they are determined to keep you in that place, be it in a drawing room or in the gutter.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

A lot of guys in jail tattoo their hands.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I don't know what impression you might have of the way I live. I live in a quiet place. I do not live as a hermit, though other people would prefer it if I did.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

If you have a certain wildness of spirit, a cabinet maker's workshop is not the place to express it.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

For about a year, I just didn't know what to do. I did laboring jobs, working in the docks, construction sites.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

My curiosity sustains me for the period of the shoot.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I feel less often compelled to do the work than I was in the past.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I can't honestly account for the very personal response that I have to one story and not another, a sense of an orbit, the orbit of a world that draws me as my own life recedes.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

At a certain age it just became apparent to me that this was probably the work that I would have to do.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

When I do work, I feel the same sort of urgency as I ever did. If I didn't feel that, I don't think I would wish to be doing it. I wouldn't really see the point.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

The last time I was on a small set would've been probably My Left Foot.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

When it comes to parenthood everyone thinks they will be terrible at it. We don't think we have it in us. Then you find out that you do, which truly is a miracle in life.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm not keen on history being tampered with... to any extent.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm not picky, quite honestly.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm not sure you learn anything on film sets.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I've got a serious-looking head.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

It is awesome to feel you are carrying on the family name.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I don't feel my son should pay the price for what I do.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I never retreat from films, as it were, I simply indulge in other interests, that's all.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I like to learn about things.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I became conflicted in my late teens.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I can't re-examine work I did in the past with pride.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I like to cook things very slowly.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Many years ago, I really didn't know where the next work was coming from.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I broke things to get attention.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I just knew at an early time in my life how important privacy was.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

God knows, I haven't always been successful.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Germans don't speak in a German accent, they just speak German.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm not actually a big musical fan.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

It didn't occur to me that it was possible to breathe life into Abraham Lincoln.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I had a very vivid, almost hallucinatory moment in which I was engaged in a dialogue with my father...

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm not really a storyteller myself - I tend to get all tangled up when I try and tell stories.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

You've just provided me with the makings of one hell of a weekend in Dublin.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

It must be hard interviewing actors.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Where I come from, it was a heresy to say you wanted to be in movies, leave alone American movies.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

My life is devoted to self-delusion - and I have a great capacity for that - but it's the thing that gives me the most pleasure, so I can't complain

about it.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I hate wasting people's time.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

To people who don't know me I'm defined by a number of things that people know about me that are entirely untrue.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I'm a warrior when it comes to pursuing roles.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I hate the domestic life.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

Periodically over the years I've always taken periods of time away from acting.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I still relate to my father very much. I mean, I talk to him in a certain way, as we do talk to the dead.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

The West has always been the epicentre of possibility. One of the ways we forge against mortality is to head west. It's to do with catching the sun before it slips behind the horizon.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

I don't do all of this as an indulgence. I do it because I'm not a good enough actor to not do it.

~Daniel Day-Lewis

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