

David Ayer

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[If] you want to learn something about somebody, get into a fistfight. You'll learn more in five minutes than you will in five weeks of conversations. It's basic.

~David Ayer

I'm not a film-school guy. I was a high-school dropout. I was on a nuclear submarine. I was an electrician. I was a house painter. So if you get in my face, I'm going to fight you.

~David Ayer

Well, as far as film, either you're making a film or you're making videos. Digital capture is always trying to emulate the range and look of film. I believe personally that film has more.

~David Ayer

I like to do stuff real and practical and in camera, as much as possible. I like old school filmmaking.

~David Ayer

To operate D° tank as a crew, it's not about five individuals. It has to be one organism, composed of five people.

~David Ayer

I feel like, as a filmmaker, I'm at my strongest when I write the script and when it comes from me, out of whole cloth. My best work has always been self-generated.

~David Ayer

You never know what you have until you put it in front of an audience. That's the truth. That's the truth of filmmaking and that's why you make movies, for an audience to, hopefully, enjoy it.

~David Ayer

I think a good director can embrace any genre and it's the kind of thing

where you always want to do something different. You always want to challenge yourself.

~David Ayer

I'm one of those big believers that the movie comes together in the way it's supposed to be and that movies are fated to become what they become.

~David Ayer

My mantra is "Better is better".

~David Ayer

The most terrifying thing in my life is a blank sheet of paper.

~David Ayer

Actors are insanely competitive and they hold back on each other. They are like magicians and none of them want to show their tricks.

~David Ayer

The worst pressure is the pressure I put on myself.

~David Ayer

Stories of friendship are very interesting to me. Artificial families are something I like to explore. Whether it's a bunch of guys or a bunch of ladies, there's something interesting about that.

~David Ayer

Even the scrutiny is good because it lets you know the world cares about your movie, and there is interest in it.

~David Ayer

The movie has to be going somewhere. Other than that, you want it to be entertaining, but people usually disagree on what entertaining is and everybody has different tastes.

~David Ayer

For me, directing is like writing with meat. I can write live, in real time, and change things and be confident that I'm helping the movie.

~David Ayer

As a writer, you have to be willing to kill your darlings, and I'm a writer first. As a director, I've got no problem cutting the scenes.

~David Ayer

If you want to know somebody, fight 'em. Have a fistfight with them.

~David Ayer

When I make a movie, it's almost a relief to get shooting 'cause the hell is over, or part of the hell is over.

~David Ayer

In the writing phase, normally I try not to envisage any particular actors because I like to let the characters sort of reveal themselves in that process.

~David Ayer

The movie on the screen is always going to be different from the movie in your head. How it makes you feel is what I'm after, what I'm chasing, and what I'm trying to construct.

~David Ayer

The hardest thing, as a director, is that it's never right. Nothing you do is ever right. It's never exactly how you envision it. Making a movie is about making it better.

~David Ayer

The worst part of directing is always seeing the first assembly. It's devastating. It really is. It's like going into the delivery room and you

can't wait to see your baby, and it's a crocodile.

~David Ayer

It's important for me to take very famous, well-known people and not have them play themselves and not have them be seen as themselves.

~David Ayer

I think great acting is about inhabiting a skin and transforming yourself.

~David Ayer

That's the world of policing. I've met some bad-ass female cops, who are very cool people.

~David Ayer

Every movie is different. Every movie requires its own sort of photographic voice.

~David Ayer

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