

David Copperfield Quotes

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No self-respecting gay guy would have ever made some of the hair and clothing choices I am still trying to live down.

~David Copperfield

When people say you can't do it - that it's impossible - never lose hope. Just because they couldn't doesn't mean you can't.

~David Copperfield

The real secret of magic lies in the performance.

~David Copperfield

It wasn't just about doing tricks. It's about taking an audience to another place, a special place, so they can really suspend their disbelief. It's about amazing the audience as well as moving them.

~David Copperfield

I'm just waiting for people to start asking me to make the rain disappear.

~David Copperfield

The most important thing is presentation.

~David Copperfield

Stop saying 'I wish' and start saying 'I will'.

~David Copperfield

Before there can be wonders, there must be wonder.

~David Copperfield

Dreams are illusions, and we can't let go of them because we would be dead.

~David Copperfield

I brush my teeth with a Sonicare toothbrush before every show.

~David Copperfield

Magic is the only profession where it's easy to lie about your talent. If you do a trick and you can learn it very quickly, you can fool somebody into thinking you're a great magician.

~David Copperfield

In movies, storytelling and every single art form, we're creating wonder. You're starting with a blank page and creating something that doesn't exist.

~David Copperfield

No, I think marriage is a great thing.

~David Copperfield

It is the unspoken ethic of all magicians to not reveal the secrets.

~David Copperfield

I love what I'm doing, I love creating new things.

~David Copperfield

Marriage is like a formality for me.

~David Copperfield

The inspiration for my illusions comes from many places. Most often they come from my dreams, or an everyday occurrence in life.

~David Copperfield

You have to learn certain skills to present magic.

~David Copperfield

Magicians lose the opportunity to experience a sense of wonder.

~David Copperfield

I am fortunate to have the resources to have many methods to do each of my illusions.

~David Copperfield

My dreams are my dress rehearsals for my future.

~David Copperfield

Magicians are the people who began to use film as an illusion on stage.

~David Copperfield

If you ever saw All That Jazz [1979], Bob Fosse was kind of raised dancing in strip joints and the whole era of burlesque, and that form ran his visual aesthetic, the pacing and rhythm of what he did.

~David Copperfield

I try to help people realize their dreams by using magic to tell stories that educate, move, and inspire.

~David Copperfield

The key is for the audience never to know, so I have a plan B for every illusion.

~David Copperfield

Ride on! Rough-shod if need be, smooth-shod if that will do, but ride on! Ride on over all obstacles, and win the race!

~David Copperfield

What you think is impossible in life actually is possible.

~David Copperfield

For me to grow, I have to know about the foundation that came before.

~David Copperfield

I have always looked to movies and theatre for inspiration.

~David Copperfield

I'm the luckiest man in the world - performing 500 shows a year and loving what I do - illusion IS my day to day life.

~David Copperfield

We all possess the need to dream.

~David Copperfield

I need a form of escape even when I'm working really hard.

~David Copperfield

When I am on the road and heading to my next venue, I think about my audience.

~David Copperfield

You can feel better about yourself in a very short period of time depending on the kind of magic that you are doing.

~David Copperfield

The audience likes to be taken on new journeys.

~David Copperfield

I discovered something amazing, which has caused a lot of controversy - the fountain of youth. I have to keep it a secret!

~David Copperfield

It's really hard to think of one kind of magic as a favorite. I've been really fortunate in that I've been able to perform such a diverse range of things.

~David Copperfield

I really did sneak into Broadway shows, starting when I was 12.

~David Copperfield

Let sleeping dogs lie â€” who wants to rouse 'em?

~David Copperfield

I discovered that magic tricks got me more attention from the girls in my class when I was nine - so a magician was born!

~David Copperfield

My mother was really loving and wonderful and tough as hell.

~David Copperfield

Performing my show is something I constantly think about.

~David Copperfield

My father wanted to be an actor, dreamed about being an actor, but he gave it up because my mom and his family told him, "You're never going to make it; it's too tough out there."

~David Copperfield

There was another guy suggested. He was a tall and dark-haired and Jewy, and I said, "No, he's too close to me." It ended up being Jerry Seinfeld.

~David Copperfield

Usually, about two years of work go into each illusion, whether it's big or small. Two years of work on each five-minute piece.

~David Copperfield

There was an old brochure for the American Academy of Dramatic Arts with a quote from Robert Redford or someone, that said, "You're only as good as you dare to be bad."

~David Copperfield

Everyone understands cards and relates to it. They have them in their homes and in their hands, so it makes them very accessible.

~David Copperfield

I love creating new things. It's kind of my job, it's what I do, and I really have fun with it.

~David Copperfield

I was published in Tarbell Course in Magic when I was 12.

~David Copperfield

I was teaching magic at NYU when I was 16.

~David Copperfield

Never take "NO" for an answer.

~David Copperfield

But Vegas is really my first home.

~David Copperfield

I think the negative reinforcement really helped me in my very beginnings.

~David Copperfield

My uncle's house burned down when I was 6 years old. We got out safely. But ever since, I've had a nightmare of dying in a fire.

~David Copperfield

Physical rehab is often very, very hard work.

~David Copperfield

Never stop listening to your audience.

~David Copperfield

I discovered Musha Cay and the islands around it in the Exumas.

~David Copperfield

What I've tried to do in my stage magic is to take a trick and give it an emotional hook.

~David Copperfield

I used to fly around the stage without strings or camera tricks. That took seven years to create.

~David Copperfield

Magic has been something I've been really good at since I was really young. The ability has always come easy to me, I'm not sure why.

~David Copperfield

Demonic figures and occult themes have disappeared from modern magic.

~David Copperfield

The first trick I bought at Macy's was a little wooden board where a quarter would appear and disappear.

~David Copperfield

Magic came very easy for me when I was a kid. When I was 8 years old I started doing it, and by the time I was 12, I was already published in magic books

~David Copperfield

Magic is used in espionage, all the time, for clandestine things. I've got a whole library from a gentleman who was hired by the CIA to create magic technology for the use of anti-terrorism.

~David Copperfield

Normally, I do magic on the stage. But I can make magic credible and

resonate through a TV screen.

~David Copperfield

All my TV shows are done live in front of audiences, and all the material I take on the road and travel with them test them for hundreds and hundreds of shows before I shoot them for TV.

~David Copperfield

Magic was a thing that, when I did it, it made all the kids go, "Ah, that's cool."

~David Copperfield

When you see me do a five-minute thing, there's been about two years of preparation behind that. You know, I find that's what it takes to really make it the level of quality I prefer.

~David Copperfield

For one of my specials, I said, "I'm going to make an airplane disappear." Okay! And the next day, everything went crazy - it was like breaking the internet before the internet.

~David Copperfield

As I did more of that, I realized, "Well, maybe I should do more magic."

~David Copperfield

I fell in love with magic acts and bridged into that.

~David Copperfield

I'm a magician, not a singer.

~David Copperfield

If I was gay, why would I hide it?

~David Copperfield

When you're a guy and meet a girl the first time, you do whatever it takes.

~David Copperfield

In magic, it takes two or three years for me to create a 5-minute illusion for me to get it to the level I want.

~David Copperfield

I record that I was born (as I have been informed and believe) on a Friday, at twelve o'clock at night. It was remarked that the clock began to strike, and I began to cry, simultaneously.

~David Copperfield

I act like I'm 14, if you haven't figured that out yet.

~David Copperfield

I find revealing the secrets of magic quite reprehensible.

~David Copperfield

I have always been interested in pushing magic forward.

~David Copperfield

I will now make a scorpion appear in Osama bin Laden's pants

~David Copperfield

But when I go off stage I don't have a deck of cards with me all the time.

~David Copperfield

I was an only child. We were so poor, my parents and I had the same room.

~David Copperfield

There is a safe spot within every tornado. My job is to find it.

~David Copperfield

For my father, being kind was natural... I have to really work at it. I love competing and winning, conquest - not words you usually associate with kindness.

~David Copperfield

I'm really trying hard not to do anything that has been done before. So knowing everything I can about the legacy of magic challenges my team and I to invent new illusions.

~David Copperfield

The audiences are what keep me enthusiastic.

~David Copperfield

Magic and new technology have always walked hand in hand - even back in the days of Robert Houdin.

~David Copperfield

I invented magic stuff; it came very easily. Now, I sucked at everything else, but I was good at magic as a kid.

~David Copperfield

Tommy Chong connects to the pipe a lot.

~David Copperfield

I really wanted to succeed. I wanted to be accepted. I read every magic book that I possibly could, studied every move, and by the time I was 12, they really accepted me, they embraced me.

~David Copperfield

All of the [Bob] Fosse-esque movements and point of view informed years and years of what I would do.

~David Copperfield

To make [parents] happy, I went to Fordham University for three weeks, while at the same time running ads in Variety, "magician-actor David Copperfield."

~David Copperfield

Later on, towards the end of their lives, I thanked her. I said, "Mom, you were really tough." She said, "I wasn't tough! I always believed in you."

~David Copperfield

When I started doing magic as a kid, my parents had no problem.

~David Copperfield

I'm really happy that I had the foundations of knowing where I came from.

~David Copperfield

I'm a big fan of the Pixar movies, and Ed Catmull, who wrote a book about his experiences producing them, talks about how it takes three or four years to get it right.

~David Copperfield

The more educated you get, the better shot you have to get it right, but if you're really trying something different, it's a challenge every time.

~David Copperfield

I'm inventing new principles. The audience has a point of view that no one can predict.

~David Copperfield

[Gil Cates] said, "You've got a point of view with your magic. There's this comedy to it, there's drama. You're telling stories with magic."

~David Copperfield

It's okay for me to be gay, but God didn't make me that way.

~David Copperfield

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