

# David Fincher

## Quotes

*People, Thinking, Way, Want, Movie, Film, Fighting, Mean, Play, Light, Believe,  
Responsibility, Use, Simple, Interesting, Ideas, Hands, Dvds, Cameras,  
Medicine*

You have a responsibility for the way you make the audience feel, and I want them to feel uncomfortable.

~David Fincher

People will say, 'There are a million ways to shoot a scene,' but I don't think so. I think there are two, maybe. And the other one is wrong.

~David Fincher

Everything seems really simple on paper until you take a camera out of the box.

~David Fincher

People go to the movies to see things they haven't seen before. Call me a radical.

~David Fincher

I don't know how much movies should entertain. To me I'm always interested in movies that scar. The thing I love about JAWS is that I've never gone swimming in the ocean again.

~David Fincher

I don't think that digital technology will ever take away the humanity of storytelling, because storytelling is entirely, in and of itself, a wholly human concern.

~David Fincher

I think intelligence is totally subjective; it's like sexiness.

~David Fincher

In film, we sculpt time, we sculpt behavior and we sculpt light.

~David Fincher

I like characters who don't change, who don't learn from their mistakes.

~David Fincher

My idea of professionalism is probably a lot of people's idea of obsessive.

~David Fincher

If I could be anyone, it would be Brad Pitt.

~David Fincher

It's a bad day when you don't get the work done that you need to get done or you don't get it done to the satisfaction.

~David Fincher

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~David Fincher

I want people to flourish. I want them to walk away from the experience going, "That's what it should be like."

~David Fincher

I think title sequences are an opportunity to sort of set the stage or to get people thinking in different terms than maybe whatever they understand the movie to be going in.

~David Fincher

I do agree you can't just make movies three hours long for no apparent reason. For a romantic comedy to be three hours long, that's longer than most marriages.

~David Fincher

Human beings are amazing at finding ways to waste their own time.

~David Fincher

People always ask why I don't make independent movies. I do make independent movies - I just make them at Sony and Paramount.

~David Fincher

Take ownership of every decision you make because you will be hold responsible for the film, whether good or bad.

~David Fincher

How do you shoot a 150-day movie? You shoot it one day at a time.

~David Fincher

Movies aren't finished, they're abandoned. And you have to make your peace with that.

~David Fincher

You know, I don't think I've ever listened to someone's commentary. Ever.

~David Fincher

I've never been to Harvard, I've never been to college, so I don't know what dorm life is like.

~David Fincher

Hire the right people and get the hell out of the way.

~David Fincher

I'm totally anti-commercialism.

~David Fincher

I was a disinterested student.

~David Fincher

The simple-minded always look for something - if it's not pornography, it's DVDs or the Internet or video games - but I don't think there's anything inherently evil about Facebook.

~David Fincher

I don't have the Tom Hanks fans. When you make the kind of movies I

make, you get weird letters from people.

~David Fincher

Perfume is pretty good because nobody has to hold the product by their face or use it.

~David Fincher

Oh, yeah, I love DVD's. I don't have what you'd call an extensive collection, maybe a couple of hundred or so. But I have something on almost all the time.

~David Fincher

Entertainment has to come hand in hand with a little bit of medicine.

~David Fincher

For me, the scariest thing about a serial killer is that there's somebody who lives next door to you, running power tools late into the night, and you don't know he has a refrigerator full of penises.

~David Fincher

I have demons you can't even imagine.

~David Fincher

I like the idea of R-rated franchises.

~David Fincher

I want people to surprise themselves. Instead of saying "Oh, god, didn't we already do this 17 times?"

~David Fincher

Hollywood is great. I also think it's stupid and small-minded and shortsighted.

~David Fincher

Awards movies are normally sort of... life-affirming and noble. It's probably too much of an intellectual conceit and, you know, people don't like it when you don't lead the bad guy off in cuffs.

~David Fincher

There are some movies I can watch over and over, never get sick of.

~David Fincher

A movie is made for an audience and a film is made for both the audience and the film-makers.

~David Fincher

If you read the good reviews you gotta read the bad reviews. I kind of think of it as like being a quarterback: you get way too much blame when it's bad and way too much credit when it's good.

~David Fincher

I have great appreciation for people who do anything well. I think that it's very difficult to do what you do well.

~David Fincher

I like people that like to work the way that I like to work.

~David Fincher

I loved Luke Skywalker and I loved Darth Vader and I loved watching them work it out.

~David Fincher

Every child is different. Every child responds in a different way.

~David Fincher

I always say everyone was lucky enough to be in a Cate Blanchett movie.

~David Fincher

And I love shooting football.

~David Fincher

You can do something that walks a line, and invariably, whatever that line is, it will be crossed by people who don't know any better and want to ape the success.

~David Fincher

I learn the most from making my own mistakes.

~David Fincher

I don't know how to depict intelligence.

~David Fincher

It's a very American thing to hide away from death.

~David Fincher

I want to make a movie that has enough impact that it's going to do what it needs to do. But I don't want to make a film that serial killers masturbate to.

~David Fincher

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