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I'm terribly attention-seeking. It's very different once you get all this attention, though. Because then you want to control it. And you can't exactly.

~David Walliams

I was quite fat as a kid. And swimming is a sport you can enjoy whatever size you are. If you're fat, running is a pain. I'm not really built for running.

~David Walliams

All you can do in this life is follow your dreams. Otherwise you're just wasting your time.

~David Walliams

A bully can only make you feel bad about yourself if you let them.

~David Walliams

I love telling stories. I love the intimacy between the writer and reader. When you write sketches it's over in two minutes. When you write a book the characters have to have a bit of emotional depth.

~David Walliams

I thrive off the company of others, I love being sociable.

~David Walliams

I was the kind of person who got bullied and loved the attention of it.

~David Walliams

I've just swum the length of the Thames. I feel quite tired.

~David Walliams

People think writing a children's book is something you could do in an afternoon but it's actually really hard.

I am a huge fan of 'Doctor Who.'

~David Walliams

I was depressed as a child. I found it hard to make friends. My favourite thing was locking myself in the bathroom and practising comedy routines.

~David Walliams

Children's books are often seen as the poor relation of literature. But children are just as demanding as adult readers, if not more so. I should know. I'm a children's writer myself.

~David Walliams

It was impossible to sleep. Anxiety stopped me from falling asleep; depression woke me up.

~David Walliams

I think all those rules are boring. About what people can and can't wear. Surely everyone should be able to wear whatever they like?

~David Walliams

I would recommend that anyone who wants to do comedy on TV to do radio first.

~David Walliams

It's strange how sometimes you can be so happy it goes all the way round to sadness.

~David Walliams

Sometimes you meet people who can't swim. And I always think: 'Oh my God, that's extraordinary.' For me, it's always been a treat I just feel really happy in the water.

We sit in a room for months trying to think of funny things.

~David Walliams

I just want to be happy, have kids, enjoy my life, help others and create some good work.

~David Walliams

I have a pathological fear of being on my own. When I'm with my own thoughts, I start to unravel myself, and I start to think really dark thoughts, self-destructive thoughts.

~David Walliams

I don't get recognized much, and am very happy with that. The fans I have met have all been delightful.

~David Walliams

All human life can be found in an airport.

~David Walliams

There's something about being a comedian that means you have to not be scared of failing because failing is part of the process.

~David Walliams

Ricky Gervais would have you believe otherwise, but Sacha Baron Cohen is the most successful British comedian in the world.

~David Walliams

We sort of expect to see men in women's clothes. It's part of our culture. The key thing is, it has to be done quite badly.

~David Walliams

I'm not a political thinker, but I've just always thought of myself as a Labour supporter. I was a great fan of Tony Blair. He sent me a letter before I swam the Channel to wish me luck.

~David Walliams

I don't have a lot to share with other men. My heart sinks when I get into a taxi and someone starts talking to me about football.

~David Walliams

I know somebody from university who's called Phil Collins, and I think there's something terribly unfortunate about sharing a name with somebody who either is famous or becomes famous.

~David Walliams

I haven't traditionally been a family entertainer.

~David Walliams

TV has lost a lot of its self-confidence as its power has been eroded by the internet.

~David Walliams

We've got 12-year-old boys dressing up as transvestites.

~David Walliams

It was very exciting to see Alan Sugar, so I think I've peaked with excitement for the evening, because I'm a massive Apprentice fan.

~David Walliams

I don't think comedy is necessarily an attack. It's finding humour in life. I don't think if you're making a joke about something you're automatically demeaning it.

~David Walliams

I haven't put much effort into my personal life and blithely believe it will turn out all right in the end.

Definitely I love women, I love being around women, I find them incredible and intoxicating, and I've never had that feeling I get with women with a man.

~David Walliams

I think most people that do comedy write for themselves. I don't think there is any other way you can do it, really. Otherwise it would be quite cynical.

~David Walliams

Social satire has been around since people have been around.

~David Walliams

Reality always outstrips fiction. Whatever you make up, something more incredible always pops up in real life.

~David Walliams

There's a sort of magic and music to comedy. Some words, some numbers even, are funnier than others. A Caramac bar, for instance, is funnier than a Milky Way.

~David Walliams

American culture is kind of an international culture, isn't it? British culture is a bit more unique. I think funny things are sort of funny around the world, really.

~David Walliams

Writing for radio really focuses the mind, because you can't rely on thinking "Oh, just pull a funny face at the end of this sketch." You've got to try to work on the words.

~David Walliams

I don't know what I'll be like when I'm 60. I already have the traits of a retired gentleman.

~David Walliams

I can't see why anyone would want to be in politics because you get so much criticism.

~David Walliams

No more watching that show Small England or whatever it's called where those two idiots dress up as 'laydees'. It's a bad influence.

~David Walliams

I have always liked shows that have laughter in them.

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