

# Derek Cianfrance

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A lawyer actually has to see all sides of a situation. Lawyers actually might be the most understanding human beings.

~Derek Cianfrance

There's one rule that I have on my movies, which is that anything that you want to do, you can do. But! There's a flip side to that, which is that anything I want you to do, give it a try also.

~Derek Cianfrance

You can never maintain just pure happiness. In my life, I want full emotion. I want equal parts happiness and sadness.

~Derek Cianfrance

There's something so glorious in giving control to the world. I think that's what I'm trying to do in my films-control the world but also let it be chaotic, let there be life.

~Derek Cianfrance

I always say writing is like dreaming, shooting is like living, and editing is like murder, because you take all these gifts that actors give you, and you cut them.

~Derek Cianfrance

It happens sometimes that when someone has a camera, they change; sometimes they change for the better.

~Derek Cianfrance

When I made my student film, a feature, nobody wanted to talk to me and I was, like, in the desert for 12 years.

~Derek Cianfrance

I tell the actors that the biggest gift they can give me is to fail. And that the second gift they can give me is to surprise me.

~Derek Cianfrance

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