

# Dustin Hoffman

## Quotes

*Thinking, Years, People, Acting, Actors, Stars, Believe, Girl, Successful, Kids,  
Waiting, Men, Long, Two, Mean, Jobs, Film, Writing, Failing, Trying*

The two basic items necessary to sustain life are sunshine and coconut milk.

~Dustin Hoffman

Somehow I think it was declared very early on that I was the - if not the black sheep of the family, not a very good student.

~Dustin Hoffman

Depressed, anxious, sad, frightened? Yes. But I've never been bored.

~Dustin Hoffman

Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce me... aren't you?

~Dustin Hoffman

This is your life. Now go make it the one you've always wanted.

~Dustin Hoffman

I believe - though I may be wrong, because I'm no expert - that this war is about what most wars are about: hegemony, money, power and oil.

~Dustin Hoffman

I don't like the fact that I have to get older so fast, but I like the fact that I'm aging so well.

~Dustin Hoffman

You spend so much of your life basing yourself on what you think other people think of you. Then you realise that maybe one of the purposes of life is not to care.

~Dustin Hoffman

There's a new medical crisis. Doctors are reporting that many men are having allergic reactions to latex condoms. They say they cause severe swelling. So what's the problem?

~Dustin Hoffman

What makes divorce happen is that you can't be in the same space any more, for whatever reason - but the love stays. And that's the killer. That's where the vehemence and anger and rage comes from.

~Dustin Hoffman

Blame is for God and small children.

~Dustin Hoffman

One thing about being successful is that I stopped being afraid of dying. Once you're a star you're dead already. You're embalmed.

~Dustin Hoffman

I love acting, and I'm not going to determine what I do based on what I fear other people might think. I do what I want to do.

~Dustin Hoffman

Many actors want to play Hamlet and Macbeth. Ever since I became an actor, from the very beginning I just wanted to play a Shetland pony. I cannot explain why

~Dustin Hoffman

If you can get out there and say I'm going to...I'm willing to fail at what I feel is right, that's it.

~Dustin Hoffman

I knew I finally made it as a performer when I began hearing rumors that I was gay.

~Dustin Hoffman

The Academy Awards are obscene, dirty . . . no better than a beauty contest.

~Dustin Hoffman

I got into acting so that I could meet girls. Pretty girls came later. First, I

wanted to start off with someone with two legs, who'd smile at me and look soft.

~Dustin Hoffman

If you have this enormous talent, it's got you by the balls, it's a demon. You can't be a family man and a husband and a caring person and be that animal. Dickens wasn't that nice a guy.

~Dustin Hoffman

I think the most insulting thing you can do to a director is to challenge when he or she is satisfied with your interpretation.

~Dustin Hoffman

To have a successful marriage, a man must, on a fundamental level be scared shitless of his wife.

~Dustin Hoffman

37 seconds, well used, is a lifetime.

~Dustin Hoffman

If you're waiting for the job, you're dead.

~Dustin Hoffman

I envy people who can just look at a sunset. I wonder how you can shoot it. There is nothing more grotesque to me than a vacation.

~Dustin Hoffman

We need to band together as a unit every day, especially to conquer the strength of the AIDS virus.

~Dustin Hoffman

I decided to become an actor because I was failing in school and I needed the credits.

~Dustin Hoffman

I feel cheated never being able to know what it's like to get pregnant, carry a child and breast-feed.

~Dustin Hoffman

A good review from the critics is just another stay of execution.

~Dustin Hoffman

I lived below the official American poverty line until I was 31.

~Dustin Hoffman

There's too many interesting women I haveâ€¦not had the experience to know in this life because I have been brainwashed.

~Dustin Hoffman

One of the things you can do as an actor, is compensate for the things you can't do in life.

~Dustin Hoffman

Now, I'm simply working with people I want to work with. I just want to have good working experiences and let the dice fall where they may.

~Dustin Hoffman

In my room as a kid... I'd play a fighter and get knocked to the floor and come back to win.

~Dustin Hoffman

There is something unnatural about marriage. These two people are not going to be the same people in a few years. The trick is to live your own life while sharing the same space.

~Dustin Hoffman

But I would reinvent myself if I could. As a sexy leading man! We all would like that, but I don't know how to.

~Dustin Hoffman

Canada is like a nice family living over a biker bar . . . They keep telling the downstairs neighbors to keep down the noise, people are trying to sleep.

~Dustin Hoffman

Life stinks, but that doesn't mean you don't enjoy it.

~Dustin Hoffman

Peter Pan, prepare to meet thy doom.

~Dustin Hoffman

That's what we're all looking for, the place where the work leads us.

~Dustin Hoffman

If there is no direct threat why are we invading?

~Dustin Hoffman

I decided a long time ago but sometimes it takes you 40 years to get around to doing something - and that's the truthful answer.

~Dustin Hoffman

A "take" is an opportunity to fail ... and we think that we have to get it right all the time.

~Dustin Hoffman

It isn't a big jump in the imagination to see yourself living alone like Mr Hoppy.

~Dustin Hoffman

The better you are as a parent, the richer the nest you've built, the more difficult it is for your kids to leave. So they have to invent things to dislike about you. And they're brilliant at it.

~Dustin Hoffman

Lightbulbs die, my sweet. I will depart.

~Dustin Hoffman

Next to that kid, we all look like onions.

~Dustin Hoffman

Myth is supposed to bring us together, but fantasy alienates us.

~Dustin Hoffman

I'm sixty-eight, I cry every chance I can.

~Dustin Hoffman

I don't believe in hell. I believe in unemployment, but not hell.

~Dustin Hoffman

I'd like to thank my parents for not practicing birth control.

~Dustin Hoffman

Life is an occasion...rise to it.

~Dustin Hoffman

It's true what they say about failure. You don't learn from success.

~Dustin Hoffman

I did a movie called Marathon Man and it was one of my best memories.

~Dustin Hoffman

It's very painful for us to feel we deserve a life. That's the toughest thing. That we deserve to have a life. That can take a lifetime.

~Dustin Hoffman

Humanity seized to exist when Israel was established.

~Dustin Hoffman

I like to mimic my grandkids. I'm trying to understand the intensity of fixation on a leaf. Kids don't need anything else in their life.

~Dustin Hoffman

I wanted to find my limitations so I decided to do Shylock. And if I fail? I've never been afraid of that. I have other fears - doing bad work knowingly is the worst fear.

~Dustin Hoffman

I did some writing and bought a book, and have been working on that as a film to act and direct in.

~Dustin Hoffman

The truth is, I've made about 30 movies in 30 years, and I've been criticized for 30 years for not making more movies.

~Dustin Hoffman

Euthanasia is legal in Hollywood. They just kill the film if it doesn't succeed immediately.

~Dustin Hoffman

We're all a little nit autistic.

~Dustin Hoffman

I hope to God I don't win an Oscar tomorrow night. It would really depress me if I did. I really don't deserve it. It wasn't that important a part anyhow.

~Dustin Hoffman

God knows I've done enough crap in my life to grow a few flowers.

~Dustin Hoffman

There's nothing that I love more than predawn. I'm with the dogs, I make coffee, and there's no one up.



~Dustin Hoffman

For me as an American, the most painful aspect of this is that I believe that administration has taken the events of 9/11 and has manipulated the grief of the country and I think that's reprehensible.

~Dustin Hoffman

Well, 45-odd years of doing it, so we all pile up the things we like about directors and the things we don't like about directors. And sometimes they're very similar.

~Dustin Hoffman

So, they had this 40-odd year friendship with each other and with Mr Harwood. So, when I came on it Albert, Tom and Maggie were in the cast. But then Albert wasn't up for it, so he had to withdraw.

~Dustin Hoffman

Well first of all, it's hard to shoot a movie and break for a long time and then come back and do, in a sense, one of the biggest scenes that each character had.

~Dustin Hoffman

I stopped working a few years ago because I just lost a spark that I'd had before. I thought I'd just try writing, and maybe start directing, but I did it very quietly.

~Dustin Hoffman

I think right now television is the best that it's ever been, and I think that it's the worst that film has ever been.

~Dustin Hoffman

I love working, I'd be dead if I hadn't found myself as an actor I didn't have to be successful.

~Dustin Hoffman

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