

Eli Roth Quotes

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Much of my youth was spent in the parking lot or inside a Dunkin' Donuts.

~Eli Roth

I've always dreamed of having a year-round haunted house.

~Eli Roth

You know, I'm from Boston, and in Boston, you are born with a baseball bat in your hand.

~Eli Roth

The scariest people are usually the sweetest.

~Eli Roth

Life is a series of avoiding horrible situations until ultimately you're dead. That's how I feel about things.

~Eli Roth

'Hostel' is that's how I feel about what's going on in Iraq. There's people that just want money and people are being sacrificed for it.

~Eli Roth

I've always been fascinated by the idea that there's no such thing as evil; it's all in your point of view. To one group a suicide bomber is the antichrist and to one he's a hero.

~Eli Roth

Anytime you're the first to speak out against something, there's going to be a backlash.

~Eli Roth

I think horror should never be safe, whether it's violent or non violent.

~Eli Roth

You know, the best thing you can say about a horror film is, 'Don't see it.'

~Eli Roth

What is important to me is that people know I respect the business of making movies.

~Eli Roth

I have no tattoos. There's nothing I've even been that into to get a tattoo of it.

~Eli Roth

If I don't come home covered head to toe in fake blood then I haven't done my job as a horror director.

~Eli Roth

When I was 22, I had this horrible psoriasis outbreak. It was all over my legs, I couldn't walk because my legs were cracked and bleeding. Weird things like that can happen to your body.

~Eli Roth

For a long time, I had a crazy girl dating habit.

~Eli Roth

I think you should make movies as long as the story dictates.

~Eli Roth

One of the great joys of life, now that you can afford a nice suit, is getting one for free. That's why I like to do press tours - I always say making movies is just an excuse to get free clothing.

~Eli Roth

Everybody has to know where they're coming from, what they're doing, why they're doing it, who they are. These are essentials.

~Eli Roth

When I go see an R-rated horror movie, I want lots of violence. I want nudity. I want sex and violence mixed together. What's wrong with that? Am I the only one? I don't think so.

~Eli Roth

I want it to be able to hold up in 30 years' time. So, I'm really thinking about everything.

~Eli Roth

When I was filming the death scene [in *Inglourious Basterds*], and I'm killing somebody, I had to work myself up.

~Eli Roth

I knew how to act and had studied acting and enjoyed it, but I'd never pushed myself to really perform as an actor, and create a role, and have the whole character's backstory.

~Eli Roth

Imagine trying to relive your worst break-up, your worst fight, the most painful death of a loved one, and just really relive it step by step, and bring it up and apply it to the scene you're in.

~Eli Roth

Sometimes you have this tragedy which turns into an incredible opportunity.

~Eli Roth

Horror movies are the best date movies. There's no wondering , 'When do I put my arm around her?'

~Eli Roth

When people direct insults at me, I can take it.

~Eli Roth

Horror audiences don't need to see some TV actor they're familiar with.

~Eli Roth

I think in life we get very caught up in the minutia and, unfortunately, it generally takes some sort of tragedy in your life to put things in perspective.

~Eli Roth

As a kid, I was the neighbourhood baby-sitter - very responsible, always in charge.

~Eli Roth

Even the European critics... They said Hostel is the smartest film they'd seen on capitalism and how it's gone too far.

~Eli Roth

Believe it or not, but I was a camp councilor for three years. I love kids.

~Eli Roth

I've always been a fan of 3D, going back to movies in the '50s. I was part of the early '80s 3D craze, which was coming at you in Jaws 3D, so I've always wanted to make a 3D film.

~Eli Roth

Chile could work as a double for L.A.; it's very production-friendly and there's terrific talent down there.

~Eli Roth

Creative writing and shooting are muscles that atrophy. But when you work them, you become a self-generator who can branch out.

~Eli Roth

Even post-WWII, nobody talked about the Holocaust. It wasn't until the '50s that people started talking about it.

~Eli Roth

One of the great elements of the supernatural is having that mystery and letting people's imaginations run wild with it.

~Eli Roth

Everyone is so terrified of being labeled a racist.

~Eli Roth

I generally follow my own compass and make films about what's scaring me.

~Eli Roth

I love movies that have that resonating scare, that really get under your skin and make you think.

~Eli Roth

I can think of endless horrible things to do to people!

~Eli Roth

I feel like in the '90s, horror just lost its way and everything became so safe and watered-down.

~Eli Roth

I get a little too obsessive with work.

~Eli Roth

I hear what people say, I read all the reviews, all the blogs, and I am always curious to hear it, because you can't always listen to the good press, you have to hear the bad press, too.

~Eli Roth

I look at careers like Ben Stiller and think that's a great career to have where you're doing movies that you write and direct, and also act in films, although he's primarily an actor.

~Eli Roth

I think filmmakers, in general... There are some awesome, really great filmmakers - but on the whole, filmmakers, actors, I think they are the biggest bunch of whiny, over-paid babies on the planet.

~Eli Roth

'Beatrice Cenci' was an amazing film. If it were released today it'd win Best Picture. It's so well done, it's so contemporary, and the filmmaking is so smart.

~Eli Roth

'Troll 2' is one of the rare sequels where you don't have to waste time watching the first one, since the films have absolutely nothing to do with one another.

~Eli Roth

I'll direct any movie starring a monkey or the Olsen Twins. Preferably both.

~Eli Roth

As a kid, my idols were Sam Raimi and Peter Jackson, and I get into crazy races with myself. Raimi was 21 when he made movies, and when I didn't get 'Cabin Fever' made that fast I thought I'd failed.

~Eli Roth

The film, 'Aftershock,' for me is really about how the minor problems in life that we think are so major ultimately mean nothing when a tragedy happens, when a real problem happens.

~Eli Roth

It's very flattering to feel like you actually helped create a sub-genre.

~Eli Roth

Lucio Fulci is such a massively underrated director. Everyone knows him as the Godfather of Gore.

~Eli Roth

You have to write scenes and design scenes that are scary and horrific, but that are also watchable. I didn't want people to just feel like they got punched in the stomach.

~Eli Roth

Look at comic books. It used to be something that only geeks were into. And now it's everywhere.

~Eli Roth

Las Vegas is a 24-hour city. It never stops.

~Eli Roth

I saw Alien when I was 8 years old. To me, it was like a combination of Jaws and Star Wars and that's the movie that made me want to be a director.

~Eli Roth

We live in an age now where so many people watch movies based on what Netflix recommends. It learns your taste and they really understand viewer habits.

~Eli Roth

I'm not interested in going after a part. I think if someone wants me for a part and approaches me then I'll take it on a case-by-case basis and see what that part is.

~Eli Roth

I want people to see my name on a movie, pay money and know they're going to be entertained for 90 minutes.

~Eli Roth

I love historical movies. I want to make a violent medieval epic.

~Eli Roth

I have so many different projects, I hear voices in my head - the characters talking all at once - and I have to write to make them stop.

~Eli Roth

I have a strong art-history background.

~Eli Roth

In musical theater, if you have a song, it has to advance the plot. If you have a song in a musical and it does not advance the plot, it gets dropped.

~Eli Roth

Well, anytime I make a movie, I like to load it up with more things than you could ever catch on the first viewing.

~Eli Roth

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I've realized that I can't multitask in the writing department; I can only kind of do one thing at a time.

~Eli Roth

I never put out a vanilla edition of a DVD.

~Eli Roth

Anytime you make a movie, the goal is a wide theatrical release, with

the right distributor.

~Eli Roth

I think characters are most terrifying when they're relatable. It's best when your most horrible characters make sense, and are believable. That's when a movie is most terrifying.

~Eli Roth

There's fear in everything, but we can't just succumb to that. We have to suppress it, so we get used to suppressing fear to make it through the our day. Otherwise, we'd become paralyzed by them.

~Eli Roth

My phobias worsen as I get older. I'm scared of flying, driving. I'm terrified of sharks. I'm a germaphobe. But I try to face my fears; I do. Well, most of them.

~Eli Roth

You can't help but be influenced by the things you love. Read more at: <https://tr.im/ezGbq>

~Eli Roth

Movie stars need to retain some of that mystique if you are a big movie star.

~Eli Roth

People want to be disturbed when they go see a horror movie.

~Eli Roth

I have control issues. For sure, no question.

~Eli Roth

When I'm filming a kill scene [as a director], I just get happier and happier as we chop up body parts.

~Eli Roth

I love movies. I mean, I really, really love movies.

~Eli Roth

If you are having fun on the set, you are not getting things done.

~Eli Roth

I like movies like 'Mother's Day', where you watch it, and you've liked it for years as a horror movie.

~Eli Roth

What's important for me is staying healthy.

~Eli Roth

I'd love to see us get to a point where you can make a movie and not worry about the limits of the violence. Then I think they'd get so violent that people would get bored of it.

~Eli Roth

Twitter is wonderful. You can kill rumours instantly.

~Eli Roth

If someone gets up and walks out of the movie, it means it's really affected them.

~Eli Roth

I have the infinite galaxy from '2001 as my screensaver - so if I space out while I'm writing and it goes to screensaver, I can just stare off into the stars.

~Eli Roth

I felt people responded to two things. One, obviously, is the gore and the scenes like the eye gauging.

~Eli Roth

I want to have an ending where people say: "That's the most shocking ending I've ever seen in a mainstream horror film."

~Eli Roth

I think in the late '80s and early '90s horror was dead.

~Eli Roth

All the copycat movies were always PG-13 and people said: "Nobody wants violence."

~Eli Roth

Quentin Tarantino faced the same backlash when his films came out until eventually people felt they were actually much smarter.

~Eli Roth

I always feel that there's no violence in a movie - it's not real, it's a magic trick. Nobody is really dying. In fact, the people that die in my movies have gone on to become extremely successful!

~Eli Roth

Borat shows American stereotypes of Eastern Europe but it's an accurate depiction of what a certain type of American is. They think they can buy and sell these girls and then they get bought and sold.

~Eli Roth

Hopefully we'll get to a point where people realize movies don't cause violence. It just reflects the violence going on in the culture.

~Eli Roth

I need to eliminate 'like' from my vocabulary. I begin sentences with, 'That's seriously like ' I hear myself talking in this Los Angeles high-school student kind of way, and I hate it.

~Eli Roth

If you don't want to be scared in a horror film, don't close your eyes.
Close your ears.

~Eli Roth

When you're making a television show, it's about the story and arc of the show rather than any particular episode or director.

~Eli Roth

The best movies now are called 'thrillers.' Because if you use the word 'horror,' people's associations are straight-to-video crap.

~Eli Roth

It's just assumed that a horror sequel is going to be bad. It's never going to be as good as the first one.

~Eli Roth

I want a movie that 30 years from now, people can look back and see it as a reflection of where the culture was at - as a barometer of the culture.

~Eli Roth

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