

Eli Wallach

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The big secret in acting is listening to people.

~Eli Wallach

I'd come out of the army after five years as a medic. I was a medical administrator and we ran hospitals, and I was a Captain in the Army at the end, in 1945.

~Eli Wallach

When you have to shoot, shoot, don't talk.

~Eli Wallach

If you work for a living, why do you kill yourself working?

~Eli Wallach

Having the critics praise you is like having the hangman say you've got a pretty neck.

~Eli Wallach

Well, I've maybe gotten 200 requests for interviews about Marilyn, and I just decided I'm gonna do my own.

~Eli Wallach

I don't act to live. I live to act.

~Eli Wallach

I've learned that life is very tricky business: Each person needs to find what they want to do in life and not be dissuaded when people question them.

~Eli Wallach

Recipe? Recipe? We don' need no stinkin' recipe.

~Eli Wallach

But Clint I love, because Clint was my mentor. I knew nothing about

making an Italian movie.

~Eli Wallach

My first Western was called The Magnificent Seven.

~Eli Wallach

I always end up being the evil one, and I wouldn't hurt a fly.

~Eli Wallach

One thing changes every evening: It's the audience, and I'm working my magic. I'm always learning from it.

~Eli Wallach

In the book, I tell the story of seeing old movies when I was young and acting out scenes at home. Now I get scripts, and I act them out.

~Eli Wallach

And that movie was underrated - Nuts - because it deals with a terrible subject, but it's very well done.

~Eli Wallach

I've worked with wonderful actors like Marlon Brando and Henry Fonda.

~Eli Wallach

The richest man is the one with the most powerful friends.

~Eli Wallach

So I wanted to show what I did with the money. So I got red silk shirts, beautiful hats, wonderful saddles, a great horse, and two gold teeth. So that was the way I did it.

~Eli Wallach

John Huston was a superb master. He knew how to make good films. I

did three things with him. One is called Independence. It plays in Philadelphia, for free. It's been playing there for 25 years.

~Eli Wallach

I've never lost my appetite for acting; it's innovative and challenging.

~Eli Wallach

And I did Batman, too. I did Mr. Freeze. I get more mail for him than anything I've ever done.

~Eli Wallach

But I went to the University of Texas in the 30s, and while there I learned to ride. Mostly polo ponies.

~Eli Wallach

I never dreamed I would do Westerns.

~Eli Wallach

Even if I don't want to slow down, I'm slowing down.

~Eli Wallach

From the age of four or five. I went to see a lot of Westerns then. But it was silent movies and I loved everything that happened then.

~Eli Wallach

What is it in my makeup that makes me grab any offer and fly around the world? Will I ever be satisfied? Can't I ever just rest?

~Eli Wallach

I love to tell stories and this is my way of getting them down on paper.

~Eli Wallach

Fifty million dollars is not to be sneezed at. Of course, I never catch cold.

~Eli Wallach

I was an original member of the Actors' Studio.

~Eli Wallach

All of these stories bounced around in my mind for a long time.

~Eli Wallach

Everyone thinks acting is easy. It's far from easy, but it's the most gratifying thing I do.

~Eli Wallach

I always wanted to tell stories and act.

~Eli Wallach

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