

Emma Thompson

Quotes

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Its unfortunate and I really wish I wouldn't have to say this, but I really like human beings who have suffered. They're kinder.

~Emma Thompson

We need men and women to sit down and talk to each other about sex honestly and openly. That would help us fight Aids so immediately. But our lack of communication is hugely problematic.

~Emma Thompson

Being disabled should not mean being disqualified from having access to every aspect of life.

~Emma Thompson

I think books are like people, in the sense that they'll turn up in your life when you most need them.

~Emma Thompson

I hate the way market forces try to separate us out in to the appropriate demographic - basically in order to sell us things. We need to find stories that we can enjoy together, not separately.

~Emma Thompson

Any problem, big or small, within a family, always seems to start with bad communication. Someone isn't listening.

~Emma Thompson

I was brought up by very witty people who were dealing with quite difficult things: disease and death... I was brought up by people who tended to giggle at funerals.

~Emma Thompson

Maybe I don't take myself so seriously any more. And I don't care how I'm judged. I'm past all that.

~Emma Thompson

When husbands and fathers leave, their wives and daughters tend to value themselves less as a result.

~Emma Thompson

You can't imagine what satisfaction can be gotten from throwing a pie into someone's face.

~Emma Thompson

During an election, it's like they're doing my job: they're going around banging the drum for their party and selling their movie. You know, it's the same thing.

~Emma Thompson

Just write. It doesn't matter what you write. Just sit at your desk and write.

~Emma Thompson

A lot of very beautiful women can be a pain because all they're thinking about is how they look.

~Emma Thompson

Children don't need much advice but they really do need to be listened to and not just with half an ear.

~Emma Thompson

What was important was trying to create something that families could watch together and enjoy together

~Emma Thompson

Sometimes you'll have some things, and sometimes you'll have other things. And you do not need it all at once; it's not good for you.

~Emma Thompson

The fact is that young people are going to have sex whether you like it

or not.

~Emma Thompson

Constantly worrying about your reflection and criticizing your body, shape and size is an act of violence against yourself.

~Emma Thompson

The trick is to age honestly and gracefully and make it look great, so that everyone looks forward to it.

~Emma Thompson

Children are the most wonderful audiences. What's struck me most is that that they watch it so silently, until the end when they shriek and shout and clap.

~Emma Thompson

The insanity of consumption bothers me. Talk about the opiate of the masses. It ain't religion anymore. It's stuff.

~Emma Thompson

There is a painful difference between the expectation of an unpleasant event and its final certainty.

~Emma Thompson

If you've got to my age, you've probably had your heart broken many times. So it's not that difficult to unpack a bit of grief from some little corner of your heart and cry over it.

~Emma Thompson

My worst quality is impatience.

~Emma Thompson

If you don't want women to do whatever they need to do then you must provide them with food, you must provide them with shelter and their

basic human rights.

~Emma Thompson

Without the ice, the earth will fall

~Emma Thompson

We have to reinvest, I think, in the idea of articulacy as a form of personal human freedom and power.

~Emma Thompson

My appearance has changed a lot over the years, but it has far more to do with how I feel about being a woman.

~Emma Thompson

Once you're a mom, you've been split into two people. It's like Peter Pan and his shadow.

~Emma Thompson

We belabour, I think, under a very heavy crust of consumerism really

~Emma Thompson

Indeed - judicious, consistent parenting is a dream of mine. No judgements, learning space and listening carefully are my goals.

~Emma Thompson

The best way [to survive] the red carpet is by wearing Ugg boots. But unfortunately, I have not yet managed to persuade the people who style me at these times to let me do that.

~Emma Thompson

I am who I am, and there is nothing I can do about that.

~Emma Thompson

Laughter is a celebration of our failings. That's what clowns are for. And

that's what I am.

~Emma Thompson

A lot of people in my world - in the acting world - have either lost friends to Aids or live with HIV because its origin in our culture, in New York for instance, was in the gay community.

~Emma Thompson

I've a problem with the word charity because I think that NGOs, as I prefer calling them, really do take the work of moral and social responsibilities that ought to be taken on by governments.

~Emma Thompson

It is remarkable how many misconceptions there are here about life in the developing world and I think that that knowledge gap has done a lot to contribute to the imbalance quite frankly.

~Emma Thompson

I don't have technique because I never learnt any.

~Emma Thompson

Well, I met Sandy Bullock at an awards thing a couple years ago, and she said to me, "If I were gay, you'd be the one." I said, "I'm there!"

~Emma Thompson

The trouble is it's very difficult to pin-point the most important thing because Aids affects everyone in different levels of society, differently and you have to respond to it differently.

~Emma Thompson

The flashbacks are parallel for me. You experience two storylines at the same time, and I'm not switching from one time to another.

~Emma Thompson

Don't ever go on a diet. Just don't. Walk away. Diets are the spawn of Satan.

~Emma Thompson

There is that thing about not working with animals and children - I don't think that's true. Although you should never work with donkeys.

~Emma Thompson

It's about time a 55-year-old British woman is the heroine of an action movie. I may have to write it.

~Emma Thompson

I think our hearts are very chemical and we change the way we see people according to how we feel about them. That's what love is, in a way.

~Emma Thompson

London has always been a haven for victims of cruelty, and been improved by them. Yet I can see it changing now. Outsiders are demonised, there are little bits of legislation, people are scared.

~Emma Thompson

Anyone who tries to deny #ClimateChange looks a little bit bonkers.

~Emma Thompson

Piracy is our only option.

~Emma Thompson

Can he love her? Can the soul really be satisfied with such polite affections? To love is to burn - to be on fire, like Juliet or Guinevere or Eloise.

~Emma Thompson

It's such a cold night and it's the only time I've actively been grateful for

menopause. I've been entirely comfortable.

~Emma Thompson

The films I've made for children have been my hardest work, my best, because kids deserve the best.

~Emma Thompson

Marianne Dashwood looks at gray skies and sees blue. That's all very well, and it's not something you ever want entirely to lose. But you must lose a little of it; otherwise you're going to get wet.

~Emma Thompson

I firmly believe there are books whose greatness actually enable you to live.

~Emma Thompson

We all need somewhere where we feel safe

~Emma Thompson

I Don't Need the nicotine patch, Penny - I smoke cigarettes.

~Emma Thompson

British aren't really known for their physical loveliness but firemen, generally speaking, are gorgeous.

~Emma Thompson

I ask Laurie if it's possible to get trained fish. Lindsay says this is how we know I've never produced a movie.

~Emma Thompson

I think people say you shouldn't work with children or animals, but you must only work with children.

~Emma Thompson

Lindsay Doran goes round the table and introduces everyone - making it clear that I am present in the capacity of writer rather than actress, therefore no one has to be too nice to me.

~Emma Thompson

I've never been on the cover of Empire. I'm very bitter. I've got an award but now I feel sad and cross.

~Emma Thompson

Film is so much to do with perfection and how differently you can feel about someone at the beginning of the film and the end of the film.

~Emma Thompson

Tell him I mind having to look pretty, that's what I mind, because it is so much more of an effort.

~Emma Thompson

I have to write for everyone. What really fascinates me is how you make films or make stories that can genuinely be shared by different groups.

~Emma Thompson

We've got people looking at our seamy side and our sad side a lot of the time because that's easier. It's much more difficult to make a film about happiness with lots of jokes in it.

~Emma Thompson

I present the nominees, well, not me the Voice of God, for Best Screenplay.

~Emma Thompson

Difficult for actors to extemporise in nineteenth-century English. Except for Robert Hardy and Elizabeth Spriggs, who speak that way anyway.

~Emma Thompson

Let's stop feeling so guilty about global warming

~Emma Thompson

Got up this morning and could not find my glasses. Finally had to seek assistance. Kate [Winslet] found them inside a flower arrangement.

~Emma Thompson

I've realized that in all the great stories, even if there's a happily-ever-after ending, there's something sad.

~Emma Thompson

I have a lot of people to thank but they're none of them here so I'm not going to bother.

~Emma Thompson

My mother has never approved of high heels. As a result, I have never been able to walk in high heels - and they were all I ever wanted. So of course, my daughter has two pairs.

~Emma Thompson

Is love a fancy or a feeling.... or a Ferraris?

~Emma Thompson

Girlfriends are vital ... Maggie [Gyllenhaal] and I will always see each other when Maggie's in London or I'm here. We'll always make time to sit and catch up properly.

~Emma Thompson

It doesn't matter how good the movie is. What matters is what it takes during the opening weekend. It's slightly distressing sometimes but that's how it works.

~Emma Thompson

Why do we wear them? They're so painful.

~Emma Thompson

If there's a role you're playing and there's a great deal of material to explore because the person was real then it's a completely different preparation time and message to playing someone fictional.

~Emma Thompson

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