

Ernest Borgnine

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You get kicked around long enough, you become a professor of pain.

~Ernest Borgnine

Everything I do has a moral to it.

~Ernest Borgnine

I'm what you call a Depression sailor.

~Ernest Borgnine

It was my mom who told me, "Ernie, if you make even one person happy with your smile or a funny thing you did every day, you'll have accomplished a great deal." And that's all I've ever tried to do.

~Ernest Borgnine

I don't chart out the life histories of the people I play. If I did, I'd be in trouble. I work with my heart and my head, and naturally emotions follow.

~Ernest Borgnine

Writers used to make such wonderful pictures without all that swearing, all that cursing. And now it seems that you can't say three words without cursing. And I don't think that's right.

~Ernest Borgnine

If John Wayne were alive, he'd be rolling over in his grave!

~Ernest Borgnine

Every time I step in front of a camera I feel young again. I really do. It keeps your mind active and it keeps you going.

~Ernest Borgnine

It's not your word that matters, it's who you give it too.

~Ernest Borgnine

The Navy has changed a great deal. Not that the officers of my day were bad, because I served under a lot of good officers, believe me. But there were a few bad ones, too.

~Ernest Borgnine

Gary Cooper - the greatest listener in the world! And he used to answer in kind, which is wonderful because you don't see that anymore. People don't listen. They really don't.

~Ernest Borgnine

I think we all have the urge to be a clown, whether we know it or not.

~Ernest Borgnine

I wouldn't trade those 10 years for anything. The Navy taught me a lot of things. It molded me as a man, and I made a lot of wonderful friends.

~Ernest Borgnine

Three quarters of producers don't even know who I am. The other quarter think I am dead.

~Ernest Borgnine

You got to keep your hand in your craft, otherwise you can rot at the roots and first thing you know, you got nothing.

~Ernest Borgnine

The Oscar made me a star, and I'm grateful. But I feel had I not won the Oscar I wouldn't have gotten into the messes I did in my personal life.

~Ernest Borgnine

I got a job immediately after leaving high school; I was lucky - three dollars a week and all I could eat, working on a vegetable truck.

~Ernest Borgnine

I call myself a character actor all my life. I've done a certain amount as a leading man, but character actors in my estimation - it's a lost art these days.

~Ernest Borgnine

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