

Ethan Hawke

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I did one sci-fi movie. I did 'Gattaca.' I liked 'Gattaca' because that was always the kind of science fiction I really dug, the non-action oriented sci-fi.

~Ethan Hawke

Life's hard. It's supposed to be. If we didn't suffer, we'd never learn anything.

~Ethan Hawke

In New York, you've got Donald Trump, Woody Allen, a crack addict and a regular Joe, and they're all on the same subway car.

~Ethan Hawke

Read. It makes you more intelligent. It's that simple. We all see the universe through the tiny keyhole of our own eyes, and every book is another keyhole from which you can gaze.

~Ethan Hawke

Success isn't measured by what you achieve, it's measured by the obstacles you overcome.

~Ethan Hawke

Don't you find it odd," she continued, "that when you're a kid, everyone, all the world, encourages you to follow your dreams. But when you're older, somehow they act offended if you even try.

~Ethan Hawke

I met a lot of famous people when I was about 24. And none of them seemed very appealing. And so I didn't know why I would struggle to be that kind of person.

~Ethan Hawke

There is no trick to writing a believable love story, a heartbreaking scene or real-sounding dialogue. All you need is to tell the truth. It's

always heartbreaking.

~Ethan Hawke

The older I get, the more I realize how rare it is to meet a kindred spirit.

~Ethan Hawke

I'm horrified to admit that I just love Salinger. I was devastated to find out that other people feel the same way.

~Ethan Hawke

Time is what creates trust.

~Ethan Hawke

The Woodstock Film festival is among the finest of a dying breed: a festival that isn't trying to sell you anything, but simply and beautifully celebrating the art & craft of filmmaking.

~Ethan Hawke

I kill flies, I eat meat, you know, whatever.

~Ethan Hawke

Everyone has to pay their child support, and no matter if you're a Hollywood actor or anyone else, it's always a little bit more than you want to pay.

~Ethan Hawke

Give your heart to everybody you meet. The rest is pretense.

~Ethan Hawke

Happiness is in the doing not in getting what you want.

~Ethan Hawke

I really did Regression to work with Alejandro [Amenabar]. I found him very interesting. His movie, The Others, is one of the better scary

movies of the last period of time.

~Ethan Hawke

You don't need other people to affirm that you're a valuable person.

~Ethan Hawke

The more kind of head trippy sci-fi. I always like that. I was a big 'Twilight Zone' freak.

~Ethan Hawke

You need to be a good screen partner. It's very meaningful to me to be a part of great acting performances.

~Ethan Hawke

A good movie humanizes people.

~Ethan Hawke

And the joy of my job - and it's really true - is that it's constantly evolving and changing.

~Ethan Hawke

Some people burn out, and some people like Clint Eastwood, he was a wild, international movie star in his 30s, and he's doing the best work of his life now. Go figure.

~Ethan Hawke

It was never in my dreams to make my personal life anybody else's business.

~Ethan Hawke

When I see Lionel Messi play soccer, he lets the game come to him. He lets the game unveil itself to him, then like a lion he eats the whole thing.

~Ethan Hawke

The older I get, the more obvious it is that you're not really in control of your life, you're a part of a larger wave, no matter who you are.

~Ethan Hawke

The truth is that the more you get paid, the less freedom you have. They never pay you for nothing.

~Ethan Hawke

Nothing teaches you like getting leveled. And I got leveled in my early 30s. Nothing went exactly the way I thought it would.

~Ethan Hawke

Emma Watson is my kids' favorite actor on the planet. They never took me more seriously than when I was working with her.

~Ethan Hawke

A lot of American actors when they do Shakespeare put on a phoney English accent and it drives me crazy. You're always fighting against the idea that only the British know how to do Shakespeare.

~Ethan Hawke

We all have this fantasy of finding our one true love who's going to be the perfect fit. It's just not a reality.

~Ethan Hawke

Directing is like putting together a collage.

~Ethan Hawke

It just makes sense to remember gratitude and the place that gratitude should have in your life, and that none of us are owed these wonderful experiences, and we should always make the best of them.

~Ethan Hawke

I never thought that I would be labeled something like Generation X

because of that movie (Reality Bites). I had no idea going into it, and it wasn't a label I could relate to.

~Ethan Hawke

But the truth is, I've never wanted to be a movie star - and I've been pretty clear about that.

~Ethan Hawke

It is quite rare to find people who are really dedicated to a level of excellence. Most of us are really quite lazy most of the time.

~Ethan Hawke

In all of our society, but especially in Hollywood, there is an obsession with perfection that can lead to self-loathing and neurosis and all that kind of stuff.

~Ethan Hawke

If you don't risk doing something foolish, you'll never do anything special.

~Ethan Hawke

Everything is so finite but that's what makes our time and specific moments so important.

~Ethan Hawke

I think that as soon as you think of yourself as a famous person or anything like that, you're objectifying yourself in some weird way.

~Ethan Hawke

Friends can hurt you, but the possibility of pain with lovers is so much greater because your expectations are so high. You don't ask as much of your friends.

~Ethan Hawke

With this sunrise somehow I felt I was exactly where I was supposed to be... Have faith, the light seemed to announce.

~Ethan Hawke

I did this movie, Predestination, and it's one of my favorite movies I've ever made, because sci-fi really lets you talk about ideas in a way that's not pretentious.

~Ethan Hawke

I remember being a kid and sleeping over at my friend's house and staying up late and watching 'Nosferatu.' Vampire movies are supposed to be secret and bad. They should be rated R.

~Ethan Hawke

My process differs... my process for a Richard Linklater film is very different than a process for Training Day.

~Ethan Hawke

One of the hardest things about my job is that there kind of is no one rulebook that applies to all situations.

~Ethan Hawke

When you make a movie with Alejandro Amenábar, he very quickly... it was very clear you're kind of operating in his dream universe.

~Ethan Hawke

If you can understand the inner life, then you can wear the uniform, the tattoos, or whatnot and realize that the things that are different about us become superficial.

~Ethan Hawke

The constant buzz and pressure and noise and static of the Internet, and the way it makes young people feel makes it difficult to grow up and develop the way one might want to.

~Ethan Hawke

It's so hard for every young person, trying to figure out the adult you want to be.

~Ethan Hawke

I believe in the healing restorative power of art and communication. And so that's probably my rule. But that doesn't apply to bedtimes. And stuff like that.

~Ethan Hawke

Your development as a person should coincide with your development in all aspects of your life.

~Ethan Hawke

Sometimes people, their creative drive comes from an energy to try to heal themselves.

~Ethan Hawke

People are conditioned to just you know, like, you know we're like little birdies going to the bird feeder you know, or the little cows going to the salt lick. We just like what we've seen before.

~Ethan Hawke

Sometimes people save the best part of themselves for their art.

~Ethan Hawke

I can't tell you how many times in the '90s I'd meet somebody, we'd be having a nice time, and they'd sigh and go, 'This is exactly like Before Sunrise.' And I'd have to get up and leave.

~Ethan Hawke

'Brooklyn's Finest,' this is the kind of movie that's why I want to be an actor, to tell real-life stories. This is where I feel my job is, to interpret

life.

~Ethan Hawke

I thought I was so much smarter than everybody. And I'm not.

~Ethan Hawke

If you don't give inspiration an opportunity, it will never arrive.

~Ethan Hawke

Whenever a really passionate, talented filmmaker seems to have an interest in me, I take it very seriously because I like to work.

~Ethan Hawke

There's something about knowing life is finite that makes it so precious.

~Ethan Hawke

I have had so many bad auditions.

~Ethan Hawke

I'd be lying if I said I had confidence in every choice I've made, that I have faith in every film I do on every shot.

~Ethan Hawke

To get to be somebody who gets to love what they do for a living, that's so rare, and so there must be some kind of price you have to pay.

~Ethan Hawke

I feel like everyone I meet is an imaginary friend. I don't know. The older I get the more I wonder what's real.

~Ethan Hawke

I've turned down good directors before because I knew the part didn't speak to me and I've worked with less talented directors before

because the part I had such passion for.

~Ethan Hawke

I've always been drawn to the best writing that I can find. I don't care if it's in movies or theater or whatever - if you want to be in front of an audience, you have to do writing you believe in.

~Ethan Hawke

My relationship to reality has been so utterly skewed for so long that I don't even notice it any more. It's just my reality.

~Ethan Hawke

It's always a unique challenge when you're working with somebody where English is their second language.

~Ethan Hawke

In your mid-twenties, the paint is still wet on who you are.

~Ethan Hawke

I love working on scripts. I love coming up with ideas about what people would dress like or talk like. I love all that.

~Ethan Hawke

Alejandro Amenábar has a unique way of approaching movies and thinking about something which was new to me. It was different. I have a lot of respect for him so I just took a gamble.

~Ethan Hawke

In fact, I think my life is always going to be difficult, because I am trying to do something... "original" is a big word. It's kind of pathetic, but I have to love what I'm doing.

~Ethan Hawke

I've always been interested in directing. I started acting when I was

thirteen years old, so I've had some desire to do something else in my life.

~Ethan Hawke

One of the things that's really lousy about making movies is that you have such little interaction with your audience.

~Ethan Hawke

The idea that a film is created in the editing room - it's only a certain kind of movie that's made in the editing room and it's not one that I really want to see.

~Ethan Hawke

I'm magically delicious.

~Ethan Hawke

I've had a lot of experience in independent film, and about how to choose. You've got to be very discerning about where you put your five bucks, and where you cut and what you don't cut.

~Ethan Hawke

As a young man... you don't know anything about yourself. And add on to that, you're on the cover of magazines. People are interviewing you about what you think. You feel like a real phony.

~Ethan Hawke

Set designers, costume designers, actors, writers, music, that's what is beautiful.

~Ethan Hawke

Time is so much a part of what makes you close to people.

~Ethan Hawke

I started acting when I was 13 years old and I feel like I really admire

actors who are these kind of amazing shape-changing people, that they almost can turn themselves into other people.

~Ethan Hawke

The only thing I can point to of why I survived is I have a family that loves me and never wanted any money from me.

~Ethan Hawke

You can't keep wanting to be 20 years old. Everybody knows that, but what's in the next room?

~Ethan Hawke

The girls who like me aren't the ones I like. Or, if I do and they want to commit, I suddenly need tons of time with my friends.

~Ethan Hawke

At every turn, when humanity is asked the question, 'Do you want temporary economic gain or long-term environmental loss, which one do you prefer,' we invariably choose the money.

~Ethan Hawke

The writing process was some of the most exciting and rewarding moments of my life. It felt a lot like being in a band.

~Ethan Hawke

Sometimes in the life of an actor you're not getting offered any jobs that speak to you. The trouble with acting is that you're only as good as your opportunities.

~Ethan Hawke

When I woke up I was naked. I have this one oddball idiosyncrasy: Sometimes in my sleep I take off all my clothes.

~Ethan Hawke

And the best films feel like a fist punching you in the solar plexus and all elements of the filmmaking process - the acting, the design, the cinematography, the music, is all working to one end.

~Ethan Hawke

There's only so often you're going to have an opportunity to contribute at a high level and that you should be grateful whenever one presents itself and not take it lightly.

~Ethan Hawke

It's a really unique job that is a little schizophrenic and you have to kind of do it with a sense of humor. The trick is figuring out what each job is asking of you and what it's not asking of you.

~Ethan Hawke

Most of us float with the river and there are a few people who move the river. Robert DeNiro is definitely one of them.

~Ethan Hawke

Often you see a famous actor who says they produced something, when all they did was claim to have an idea at a dinner party and make three phone calls.

~Ethan Hawke

In truth, the world is a complicated place.

~Ethan Hawke

Right now the only people I can really fall in love with are people who don't really, truly want me around. Now why do I do that?

~Ethan Hawke

I don't think Emma Watson needs any advice. She's an incredibly smart young woman who knows what she wants out of life and she has some great parents.

~Ethan Hawke

It's certainly an interesting moment to try to talk about, 'cause you could make a great show about the police force right now, with all that's happening in the news and Ferguson and all of it.

~Ethan Hawke

My favorite stories are human, so I'm always looking for...

~Ethan Hawke

I'm always trying to look for how I can find human stories that aren't just dramas.

~Ethan Hawke

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