

# Ewan McGregor

## Quotes

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I never imagined it wouldn't work out for me. I had that absolute certainty in myself that has seen me through, I think, and my parents were absolutely behind me all the way.

~Ewan McGregor

Mainly I was able to perform with music - I played the French horn, I would sing, and I was a drummer in the pipe band. So I think it was a way to show off.

~Ewan McGregor

Above all things I believe in love.

~Ewan McGregor

My heart aches completely, every hour, every day, and only when I'm with you does the pain go away.

~Ewan McGregor

As a child I was taken to the pantomime or the theatre and I would always, always fall in love with somebody on the stage. And want to have sex with them.

~Ewan McGregor

Then, one day, when you least expect it, the great adventure finds you.

~Ewan McGregor

The beautiful thing about it is that no two directors or actors work the same way. You also learn not to be afraid of discussion and conflict.

~Ewan McGregor

I want to wear skinny jeans when I'm in my 70s. Why not? Who cares?

~Ewan McGregor

I really want to play Princess Leia. Stick some big pastries on my head. Now, that would be interesting.

~Ewan McGregor

...as an actor there`s nothing better than a great moody moment to play with nothing to say. It`s so much easier to do because you can really get inside your head.

~Ewan McGregor

I find politicians so desperately boring. I don't trust them and don't believe in them.

~Ewan McGregor

What matters most with any regimen, whether it's to lose weight or stop drinking or smoking, is your willingness to seek help and your desire to say 'no more.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm just looking for that moment to drop my Jedi knickers and pull out my real light saber.

~Ewan McGregor

Then I left school at 16 and worked in Perth Repertory Theatre, which was quite nearby where I lived. And I worked there for about six or seven months, as part of the stage crew.

~Ewan McGregor

I don't pay much attention to career or what other people think. I've always been quite arrogant.

~Ewan McGregor

Of course I voted for him. He wasn't a politician; he was a craze.

~Ewan McGregor

The script, I always believe, is the foundation of everything.

~Ewan McGregor

I've played in pipe bands in Scotland, and I've always played guitars and drums and stuff.

~Ewan McGregor

The thing about parenting rules is there aren't any. That's what makes it so difficult.

~Ewan McGregor

I love skiing, scuba diving and hang-gliding.

~Ewan McGregor

A tent, a roll mat, a little bit of food, a bit of petrol in your tank and a vague idea of where you're going and that's all you need.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm not really a blockbuster, I'm not a member of that audience really.

~Ewan McGregor

No, no I'm not, no, but I just think... when people are naked it tells you a lot about their relationships.

~Ewan McGregor

I've always like sort of, as an actor, I'm drawn to exploring how we are as human beings in given situations and how we act and how we react and what makes us tick.

~Ewan McGregor

It's just fantastic to go out and meet people in the world and get to really remote places.

~Ewan McGregor

I loved being in Trainspotting and having to dive into the filthiest toilet in Scotland.

~Ewan McGregor

I had extra thick light sabers because mine kept getting bent. I'd be halfway through a fight and it would be like 'Oops, sorry! Mine's bent again!

~Ewan McGregor

Conservative's the last thing I am.

~Ewan McGregor

If you want to produce really horrible, obnoxious kids, say yes to them all the time.

~Ewan McGregor

Starting with a party scene for 600 cast and end up singing on top of a giant elephant...does it get any better than this?

~Ewan McGregor

Isn't Halle Berry the most beautiful woman? I have a film I'd like to be in her with. I mean, I'd like to be with her in.

~Ewan McGregor

As fathers, we know what a force for life children can be. They represent all of our futures.

~Ewan McGregor

I left halfway through my third year to start Lipstick On Your Collar, which was the first thing I ever did.

~Ewan McGregor

I love romance. It goes back to the films I watched as a kid.

~Ewan McGregor

No, I'm putting it away, trying to buy a house for my family. The goal is to use the money to move into a big house, so my daughter can have a garden.

~Ewan McGregor

It's not my job to try and alter the director's style - he's in charge, and I'll always give him my trust.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm fiercely proud to be Scottish.

~Ewan McGregor

Producing good stuff can be quite tough, and it involves a lot of frustration, but I always like things to be jolly and happy, and I forget that's actually not the point at the end of the day.

~Ewan McGregor

My feeling about seeing the world is that it's going to change you necessarily, just the very fact of being out there and meeting people from different cultures and different ways of life.

~Ewan McGregor

The other two things are... well, I had a huge appetite for old black and white movies on BBC 2. At the weekends they used to run matinees, and the more romantic the better.

~Ewan McGregor

I like to dance, but it's not my weekend activity. I'm not a clubber.

~Ewan McGregor

I love acting and don't find it to be very hard. I recognize when I've nailed it, and I can be very proud of myself.

~Ewan McGregor

I like the idea of being a sculptor. Just me alone, making something - that solitary existence.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm a father of four girls and I know very much about the relationship between a father and his daughters.

~Ewan McGregor

I hate the word celebrity. I'm not a celebrity, I'm an actor.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm doing my bit for the women's movement. The women have always been naked in movies, and now I'm just desperate to take my clothes off as much as possible.

~Ewan McGregor

Everything you do on set is directly related to your imagination when you read the script for the first time.

~Ewan McGregor

I was determined to make working with UNICEF not just something that I did on the trip but something I'd do for the rest of my life

~Ewan McGregor

There's nothing worse than shooting a scene you haven't rehearsed.

~Ewan McGregor

It's important, that spirit of youth, and when you're 16 that can get you kickstarted.

~Ewan McGregor

From there I did a one year theatre acting course in Fife, and then three years of drama school in London.

~Ewan McGregor

I believe that unless it's a scene where I'm alone, then of course I could do what I want but I think good acting is about what happens between people, not on your face and my face.

~Ewan McGregor

I certainly have no plans to leave London. It's a great town.

~Ewan McGregor

I love film people and actors and I am in the right world because I am one of those people.

~Ewan McGregor

I wanted to go and explore the world, I guess. And I suddenly thought well, I'll just do it.

~Ewan McGregor

I would tend to be drawn to independent cinema as a viewer, probably more than the big blockbuster.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm sometimes asked 'Can you lose the accent?' and I say 'No, but I can put on another one'.

~Ewan McGregor

I've been waiting nearly twenty years to have my own light saber. Nothing's cooler than being a Jedi Knight.

~Ewan McGregor

I don't want to make decisions about what I'm going to do before I'm doing it because I base my acting off my partner and off the other people in the scene.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm sent a script. I read the script. If I love it, I want to do it. And that's it I don't care who's in it, how much money is behind it, really to an extent who's directing it.

~Ewan McGregor



I trained in the theatre and I love the theatre. I get such a thrill seeing anything in the theatre.

~Ewan McGregor

I worked as a waiter when I was 15 and got a chance to appreciate good, simple food. There's nothing better than a boiled egg with toast.

~Ewan McGregor

Success is tricky to deal with, both professionally and in your personal life.

~Ewan McGregor

I think my home is in that sort of the part of cinema that's disappeared is where I lived, that sort of mid-budget you know, drama. I suppose that's what I am known for.

~Ewan McGregor

It is always a nice feeling when you are challenged by a scene and you walk out of trailer and you go on set going I don't know. And then half an hour later you're walking back.

~Ewan McGregor

I can't know what I'm going to do before I'm in front of the lens. And I think that sort of makes it exciting.

~Ewan McGregor

I was spending a lot of time in trailers, you know, on film sets surrounded by film people.

~Ewan McGregor

I was getting in trouble at school. I wasn't happy. The school was very much a school that created people for commerce and it wasn't an arty school.

~Ewan McGregor

I wanted to make sure that I was making films about the world. So I thought well, I should go and see it. I'm spending a lot of time in - we call them caravans in Britain.

~Ewan McGregor

I wanted to be an actor since I was nine years old.

~Ewan McGregor

I especially love my Moto Guzzi.

~Ewan McGregor

I've never worked with an acting coach, no.

~Ewan McGregor

I think if you're going on thinking oh, I can do this with my eyes shut, then it's probably not the right thing to be doing, you know.

~Ewan McGregor

For the actors, there's something very important about that first showing of the scene to the crew, becomes like a little performance.

~Ewan McGregor

This middle-budget drama movies are just gone.

~Ewan McGregor

Actors don't like to read what they're supposed to do.

~Ewan McGregor

I would encourage you as a screenwriter to trust your story and don't make notes for the actors or don't make notes for the reader.

~Ewan McGregor

If you're not engaged in the writing and it doesn't grab you then you just don't want to do it.

~Ewan McGregor

I was born in '71, so I remember bits of glam rock on 'Top of the Pops' toward the late '70s, but I had no idea what kind of world it was. I didn't like the music, either.

~Ewan McGregor

I played music all through school and I kind of performed that way.

~Ewan McGregor

He`s quite extraordinary with his moves and spins. I think he was a baton girl in a past life [on his co-star Hayden Christensen].

~Ewan McGregor

I won`t buy into the Hollywood thing...I want to be in good movies.

~Ewan McGregor

I find that the acting's getting easier - with experience, everything is more instinctual.

~Ewan McGregor

Once you've agreed the script, you must be willing to go as far as it needs to go on set.

~Ewan McGregor

I don't do things lightly, I don't take a job then just phone it in, I've never done that.

~Ewan McGregor

There is some really good crack when I come back here. This is where I learned to swear.

~Ewan McGregor

I remember in Shallow Grave I remember a few times when we'd only

have to do one take. But when you did have to do more than one, you'd build on the one you'd done.

~Ewan McGregor

I'm not really attracted to action sequences, because my experience is that it's quite a slow process to shoot them, and often we're not involved as actors.

~Ewan McGregor

There are people who are younger than I who are more uptight than I am. It's not necessarily an age thing. I mean nobody is offering me 20-year old leads any more.

~Ewan McGregor

When you've got a date on your calendar saying that you will be putting this in front of people in four weeks, that will get your nerves good, yeah.

~Ewan McGregor

I've sort of done a play every four or five years I guess if I look back in my career. And I think that's good.

~Ewan McGregor

I have worked with a lot of great directors but my favorites are all entirely different from one another. They don't go about it the same way.

~Ewan McGregor

My wife's French. I mean I speak a bit of French but I've lived amongst French, you know, most of my adult life.

~Ewan McGregor

When you take the R sound out of French accent, and you just replace it with an R, it sounds Mexican.

~Ewan McGregor

If I want to do the kind of work that I like to act in, I need to open my mind to it.

~Ewan McGregor

I love music and I always seem to have a tune in my head.

~Ewan McGregor

I got married because I fell in love with this woman. I had a baby with her because we wanted to have children. But that's not because of some philosophical ideal at all, no.

~Ewan McGregor

At school there was no acting to be had other than school plays which I did now and again.

~Ewan McGregor

I think rehearsal can be important if it's done in a way that works. Often, rehearsal can be a waste of time.

~Ewan McGregor

I don't think having separate bathrooms is a key to a successful marriage, if you love one another.

~Ewan McGregor

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