

# Francois Truffaut

## Quotes

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Love, Lying, Book, Agony, Fiction, Novelists, Hippie, Firsts, Theatre, Crazy,  
Busy, Travel*

Three films a day, three books a week and records of great music would be enough to make me happy to the day I die.

~Francois Truffaut

An actor is never so great as when he reminds you of an animal - falling like a cat, lying like a dog, moving like a fox.

~Francois Truffaut

All film directors, whether famous or obscure, regard themselves as misunderstood or underrated. Because of that, they all lie. They're obliged to overstate their own importance.

~Francois Truffaut

I demand that a film express either the joy of making cinema or the agony of making cinema. I am not at all interested in anything in between.

~Francois Truffaut

There are no good and bad movies, only good and bad directors

~Francois Truffaut

When I begin a film, I want to make a great film. Halfway through, I just hope to finish the film.

~Francois Truffaut

In love, women are professionals, men are amateurs.

~Francois Truffaut

The most beautiful thing I have ever seen in a movie theatre is to go down to the front and turn around, and look at all the uplifted faces, the light from the screen reflected upon them.

~Francois Truffaut

Film lovers are sick people.

~Francois Truffaut

I have always preferred the reflection of the life to life itself.

~Francois Truffaut

Taste is a result of a thousand distastes.

~Francois Truffaut

Some day I'll make a film that critics will like. When I have money to waste.

~Francois Truffaut

The man who thinks he can do without the world is indeed mistaken; but the man who thinks the world cannot do without him is mistaken even worse.

~Francois Truffaut

When humor can be made to alternate with melancholy, one has a success, but when the same things are funny and melancholic at the same time, it's just wonderful.

~Francois Truffaut

The film of tomorrow will not be directed by civil servants of the camera, but by artists for whom shooting a film constitutes a wonderful and thrilling adventure.

~Francois Truffaut

Life has more imagination than we do.

~Francois Truffaut

I am often asked at what point in my love affair with films I began to want to be a director or a critic. Truthfully, I don't know. All I know is that I wanted to get closer and closer to films.

~Francois Truffaut

Is the cinema more important than life?

~Francois Truffaut

I've always had the impression that real militants are like cleaning women, doing a thankless, daily but necessary job.

~Francois Truffaut

Everyone who works in the domain of fiction is a bit crazy. The problem is to render this craziness interesting.

~Francois Truffaut

Hitchcock loves to be misunderstood, because he has based his whole life around misunderstandings.

~Francois Truffaut

There's no such thing as an anti-war film.

~Francois Truffaut

I'd skip school regularly to see movies - even in the morning, in the small Parisian theaters that opened early.

~Francois Truffaut

We often forgive those who bore us, but never those whom we bore.

~Francois Truffaut

During the war, I saw many films that made me fall in love with the cinema.

~Francois Truffaut

The film of tomorrow will resemble the person who made it, and the number of spectators will be proportional to the number of friends the director has.

~Francois Truffaut

Purely cinematic film ... actually the purest expression of a cinematic idea.

~Francois Truffaut

Although men flatter themselves with their great actions, they are not so often the result of a great design as of chance.

~Francois Truffaut

At first, I wasn't sure whether I'd be a critic or a filmmaker, but I knew it would be something like that.

~Francois Truffaut

I warmly recommend to you the films of poets.

~Francois Truffaut

I prefer to be busy all day long, and when you work for someone else, you're not busy enough.

~Francois Truffaut

I had thought of writing, actually, and that later on I'd be a novelist.

~Francois Truffaut

What switched me to films was the flood of American pictures into Paris after the Liberation.

~Francois Truffaut

Airing one's dirty linen never makes for a masterpiece.

~Francois Truffaut

A film is a boat which is always on the point of sinking-it always tends to break up as you go along and drag you under with it.

~Francois Truffaut

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