

# Frank Langella

## Quotes

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Needs, Matter, Want, Three, Believe, Sexy, Trying, People, Long, Kids*

Intelligence is enormously sexy.

~Frank Langella

The last few years have been pretty hectic.

~Frank Langella

One of the safest places to be in the world is the stage.

~Frank Langella

I always signed autographs when I could and always stayed and chatted with them when I could.

~Frank Langella

Getting old is not for sissies, kid.

~Frank Langella

But I think one of the reasons I tend to stay in the water most of the time is I distrust the comfort.

~Frank Langella

But in order to be the thing you want to be, you have to work like a dog at the thing you love.

~Frank Langella

But I firmly believe that you can't be emotionally free until you are emotionally committed.

~Frank Langella

There's a certain secret every actor must have in his work. If you reveal it, you're letting the audience in on the wrinkles and convolutions of your brain. All I want them to do is to see the effect.

~Frank Langella

Vampires are sexy to a woman perhaps because the fantasy is similar

to that of the man on the white horse sweeping her off to paradise.

~Frank Langella

The best kind of kinky sex is to have kinky sex with your wife or husband, the person you love

~Frank Langella

I grew up in a household where everybody lived at the top of his lungs.

~Frank Langella

Revelations come when you're in the thick of it, pitting yourself up against something larger than yourself

~Frank Langella

I just feel that no matter what comes in a career - and mine has been all over the map - you must stay at the table, pick up the cards you're dealt and play them.

~Frank Langella

If you're lucky as you get older, you respect the craft and it becomes a skill.

~Frank Langella

It's a living, breathing thing, acting.

~Frank Langella

The only thing you have then to believe in is your craft.

~Frank Langella

I have a list a mile long of faults that sometimes bring me to my knees in self-hatred.

~Frank Langella

I have always felt the basis of everything in life is sexual, and I will

maintain that to my dying day

~Frank Langella

I'm a firm believer in absolute honesty.

~Frank Langella

It's interesting to fantasize having a man sink his teeth into your neck for sustenance, knowing that it isn't going to be terribly painful but rather very exciting

~Frank Langella

Absolutely. I can produce. I can write. I can direct.

~Frank Langella

I would rather spend one night with Dracula dead than with my husband alive.

~Frank Langella

I'm hardly disinterested totally in my appearance

~Frank Langella

What helped me most were my failures and slumps - when I couldn't get work, people weren't interested in me or had written me off.

~Frank Langella

Then, for a hot three or four weeks I wanted to be a concert pianist.

~Frank Langella

I now want to be playing parts more interesting to me and more exciting to me.

~Frank Langella

When I closed in "King Lear" I went into a period of depression for about three weeks, and every actor I've talked to who's ever played a

major, major Shakespeare role has done this.

~Frank Langella

But when I was seven or eight, I did my first little piece of acting.

~Frank Langella

I have a good friend who says, "We're all just dodging bullets." It seems to me the trick to living a good life is to try to move away from the gun you turn on yourself.

~Frank Langella

I had to face within myself all the things I didn't do and wasn't while I was wearing my own crown.

~Frank Langella

You can only lead by example.

~Frank Langella

I always choose to do the thing that scares me.

~Frank Langella

My last kids were born when I was in my forties, so I still had little kids around me, which gave me the illusion of feeling younger.

~Frank Langella

It's my job to try to communicate with as little showiness as possible. I was a really showy actor as a young man.

~Frank Langella

All of our health is basically genetics.

~Frank Langella

And the test for any actor is whether you stay at the table or go away.

~Frank Langella

My body of work means nothing to me

~Frank Langella

I watch actors destroy themselves by trying to get it right.

~Frank Langella

Where you are is where it's at.... Don't ever give up & don't ever give in.

~Frank Langella

Physical qualities don't really matter much.

~Frank Langella

I just always thought, I love acting and I love writing. And when I haven't got any more good breath and good energy, then I'll write.

~Frank Langella

It's also easy to fall back into what's familiar, what feels safe, what you've done before.

~Frank Langella

We do most of what we do out of our sexual energy and our sexual needs.

~Frank Langella

At this point in my career, I can stand shoulder to shoulder with an actor my age who has chosen to do really awful things, and he will get a job over me.

~Frank Langella

A five-year-old Chinese girl knows more about football than I do.

~Frank Langella

You start acting in spite of your neuroses, not because of them.

~Frank Langella

There's nothing like the bravery and the strength and the extraordinary optimism of a five-year-old child in a cancer hospital, fighting to live. It's there inside the spirit.

~Frank Langella

When asked what it takes to succeed in the acting profession, Bette Davis would answer, "The courage to be hated."

~Frank Langella

Actors want to show off and dance in front of you and get your love, because they don't think they're worthy of it in any other way.

~Frank Langella

There are no taboos in bed, and there shouldn't be any taboos in bed.

~Frank Langella

There's a great deal of attention paid and books written about this change of life in a woman, and really very little written about a man's change of life.

~Frank Langella

Each of us needs something - food, liquor, pot, whatever - to help us survive. Dracula needs blood.

~Frank Langella

However, I don't by any means suggest that I'm always playing myself.

~Frank Langella

As a matter of fact, I rarely ever play myself.

~Frank Langella

I'd always felt a man should marry later in life.

~Frank Langella

**There is no right in acting.**

~Frank Langella



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