

Gary Oldman Quotes

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Any actor who tells you that they have become the people they play, unless they're clearly diagnosed as a schizophrenic, is bullshitting you.

~Gary Oldman

My favorite meal would have to be good old-fashioned eggs, over easy, with bacon. Many others, but you can't beat that on a Sunday morning, especially with a cup of tea.

~Gary Oldman

You choose your friends by their character and your socks by their color.

~Gary Oldman

I had a guitar when I was 6 or 7, a plastic guitar with the Beatles' faces on it. It would be a collector's item now. It would fetch a hefty sum, I imagine.

~Gary Oldman

I enjoy playing characters where the silence is loud.

~Gary Oldman

My passion and energy get mistaken for anger.

~Gary Oldman

Reality TV to me is the museum of social decay.

~Gary Oldman

We're given a code to live our lives by. We don't always follow it, but it's still there.

~Gary Oldman

Change is vital to any actor. If you keep playing lead after lead, you're really gonna dry up. Because all those vehicles wean you away from the truths of human behaviour.

~Gary Oldman

I applaud anything that can take a kid away from a PlayStation or a Gameboy. That is a miracle in itself.

~Gary Oldman

How many movies do you see when you can say this director really knew what film he wanted to make? I can count them on the fingers of one hand.

~Gary Oldman

Getting sober was one of the three pivotal events in my life, along with becoming an actor and having a child. Of the three, finding my sobriety was the hardest thing.

~Gary Oldman

So Harry Potter came in and it is nice that I have kids of the right age. I took them to London and they walked around the set and met Harry Potter and that is thrilling.

~Gary Oldman

Overall I enjoy a certain anonymity. I live a very normal, very ordinary life.

~Gary Oldman

Wanting to be a good actor is not good enough. You must want to be a great actor. You just have to have that.

~Gary Oldman

The thing a drama school can't give you is instinct. It can sharpen instinct but that can't be taught, and you have to have intuition. It's an essential ingredient.

~Gary Oldman

People who know me , they know I have a sense of humor, I'm a bit of a joker, a bit of a clown really, and I would love someone to exploit that side of me and send me a romantic comedy.

~Gary Oldman

I like these calm little moments before the storm, it reminds me of Beethoven

~Gary Oldman

Political correctness has become a straightjacket.

~Gary Oldman

Speaking very generally, I find that women are spiritually, emotionally, and often physically stronger than men.

~Gary Oldman

To be honest, Im a little tired of playing bad guys. I long to do a comedy. But it was fun knocking Indiana Jones around.

~Gary Oldman

You take what you know, and you put it through your own prism. If I play characters that break down or cry, it's Gary Oldman crying; it's not the character crying.

~Gary Oldman

What other people think of me is none of my business.

~Gary Oldman

I don't think Hollywood knows what to do with me. I would imagine that when it comes to romantic comedies, my name would be pretty low down on the list.

~Gary Oldman

I want my weekends off and I want to put my kids to bed. Those are

good reasons to want to be in 'Batman 2'.

~Gary Oldman

People have an idea that one is in control of a career, a lot more than you really are. You can engineer things to an extent. But you are at the mercy of what comes in across the desk.

~Gary Oldman

You always hope that the cloak of inspiration will fall, and you'll be O.K.

~Gary Oldman

To be able to do this job in the first place you've got to have a bit of an ego.

~Gary Oldman

Being a good director is knowing sometimes when not to say something.

~Gary Oldman

It's been said that alcoholics are egomaniacs with low self-esteem. It's the perfect description. Being larger than life and yet your pride is crushed with self-loathing.

~Gary Oldman

I drank for about 25 years getting over the loss of my father, and I took the anger out on myself. I did a good job at beating myself up sometimes.

~Gary Oldman

The script is your map of the world, isn't it? And if someone knows that if it's well-written, you get all of the beats, it will tell you everything you need to know.

~Gary Oldman

Well, I needed the work - that's the honest answer. I haven't worked for a while, a couple of years. So I thought it would be nice to get back to work and earn some money.

~Gary Oldman

I got obsessed with classical music, I got obsessed with Chopin, with playing the piano.

~Gary Oldman

Interesting things come your way but as you get older, your lifestyle changes. I don't want to travel; I don't want to be in a hotel room away from my family.

~Gary Oldman

People imagine that actors are being offered everything and you are not. So things come in and sometimes there are things that I want and can't get a meeting on, or go to a different actors.

~Gary Oldman

At the Oscars, if you didn't vote for '12 Years a Slave' you were a racist.

~Gary Oldman

Shakespeare doesn't really write subtext, you play the subtext.

~Gary Oldman

How do you remember all those lines? By forgetting everything else.

~Gary Oldman

I still don't have a publicist. If I'm in a film, you have an obligation to promote it, I'll do as much as I can.

~Gary Oldman

At 23 it was all about acting. Today it's getting my kids to school,

making sure that they've done their homework. I'm in my fifties, and I'm turning into a square.

~Gary Oldman

I think filmmaking should be a wonderfully free collaborative process, and it so very rarely is. I often see directors as jailers of my talent.

~Gary Oldman

I was brought up by my mother and my two sisters, although they're older than me and fled the nest very young, so I was technically raised as an only child, but I was very much loved.

~Gary Oldman

My big love was the Beatles. I was more into music.

~Gary Oldman

The great thing about Google is that you type in neuro-surgery and somehow you end up with Peter Sellers or watching Frank Sinatra. Google is a great resource.

~Gary Oldman

On set I keep myself to myself; I'd rather the director speak up. I'm not gonna direct a younger actor. I think the power of example works best, actually.

~Gary Oldman

I like celluloid, I like film, I like the way that when a movie is projected it sort of breathes a little in the gate. That's the magic of it to me.

~Gary Oldman

If one could have a wish, or an alternative life, I would've liked to have been John Lennon.

~Gary Oldman

By the way, the Harry Potter series is literature, in spite of what some people might say. The way J.K. Rowling worked that world out is quite something.

~Gary Oldman

I know I'm pretty, but I ain't as pretty as a couple of titties.

~Gary Oldman

Growing up in a particular neighborhood, growing up in a working-class family, not having much money, all of those things fire you and can give you an edge, can give you an anger.

~Gary Oldman

I wasn't ever a huge fan of comics. Just not one of those kids, you know?

~Gary Oldman

I took a bit of a back seat, I had kids and I wanted to focus on them. There's that period in the late '90s, the early 2000s, where I didn't do a great deal.

~Gary Oldman

Over the years, I have been asked to play these sort of scary frenetic characters that express their emotions physically.

~Gary Oldman

'Nil By Mouth' was a bit autobiographical, but as I always pointed out at the time, that's not my dad.

~Gary Oldman

It's funny: I'm a lifelong musician, but because I principally play the piano it's been a solitary thing.

~Gary Oldman

I tend to read non-fiction.

~Gary Oldman

The industry has changed. Two years ago I could tell a company I've got Russell Crowe and that would get the film made. Now they'd ask 'And who's the girl?' Just one famous face isn't enough any more.

~Gary Oldman

I'm not the best audience for that because I'm not a great science-fiction fan. I just never got off on space ships and space costumes, things like that.

~Gary Oldman

Rather like Batman, I embody the themes of the movie which are the values of family, courage and compassion and a sense of right and wrong, good and bad and justice.

~Gary Oldman

There will always be spies. We have to have them. Without them we wouldn't have got Osama bin Laden - it took us years, but it happened.

~Gary Oldman

I did have a knack for playing weirdos. There's still sort of this perception of me out there as being this crazy guy.

~Gary Oldman

I like a cheese and pickle. Nice cheese and pickle on a real old-fashioned bread. Ploughman's lunch.

~Gary Oldman

As an actor, you people-watch, you observe. And the more famous you become, the sad thing is you lose the ability to do that. Instead of people-watching, you become the focus of attention.

~Gary Oldman

There are roles that you chase sometimes.

~Gary Oldman

I was never really that interested in the punk movement. I was a blues guy: I liked Motown, James Brown.

~Gary Oldman

As a drama student I got into Thirties and Forties suits.

~Gary Oldman

I'm almost incapable of lying. I'd be a terrible spy.

~Gary Oldman

The building of America has had its fair share of mistakes, but it's a constitution that's the jewel of democracy, the envy of many, and it's the most generous nation in the world.

~Gary Oldman

I'm rarely asked to play the smartest man in the room.

~Gary Oldman

But you see, I have played more good guys than I have played villains.

~Gary Oldman

I'm still a member of the Empire! Although I sometimes feel like an American with a British accent - you get contaminated after so long.

~Gary Oldman

I went and lived in Chicago for a year , and I studied at the police academy.

~Gary Oldman

The book tells you everything you need to know. The book is the map of the world that you're in with the character.

~Gary Oldman

The work I enjoy is when the camera rolls, and I like the work in the moment.

~Gary Oldman

Sometimes directors feel like they have to justify that hat that they are wearing they've got on as a director, and they come in and they tweak and interfere.

~Gary Oldman

Each role you play, they set a bar of challenges that you meet. And in the past, I've played characters that emotionally expressed themselves a bit more in a physical way. It was a joy, actually.

~Gary Oldman

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