

# Geena Davis

## Quotes

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If you risk nothing, then you risk everything.

~Geena Davis

Archers are pretty focused.

~Geena Davis

Archery is something that I took up later and didn't know I had a natural aptitude for.

~Geena Davis

Kids need to see entertainment where females are valued as much as males.

~Geena Davis

The main thing about archery is a battle with yourself. You can ruin it all. Once you have learned the technique, the point is to recreate the perfect technique over and over and over.

~Geena Davis

Look at the number of cop shows and lawyer shows and forensics shows... I think there could be room for two quite different examinations of the same political office.

~Geena Davis

So many female characters are the girlfriend of the person having the adventure. I want to play baseball, I don't want to be the girlfriend of the one [who plays].

~Geena Davis

I wish I knew who said it, but my favorite quote is, "If a person can do it, I can do it."

~Geena Davis

Instead of trying to manufacture feelings, use the way you already feel.

Or at least add that in.

~Geena Davis

I drive [Susan Sarandon] nuts. I'm always talking about her being my hero. I'm sure she's probably sick of it.

~Geena Davis

It's partly because our culture so hyper-sexualizes females that if you don't measure up to whatever we're forced to think is the standard, then you feel inadequate.

~Geena Davis

Everything I do, I want to take it to the farthest possible degree. I can't just do something the plain way. I don't cook a bowl of pasta; it has to be puff pastry swans.

~Geena Davis

Women can feel inspired by the story. People who haven't been traditionally given a chance to use their skills or shine are given a chance, and they prevail.

~Geena Davis

We are in effect enculturating kids from the very beginning to see women and girls as not taking up half of the space.

~Geena Davis

Somebody warned me early on to be very careful about brushing up against the chocolate.

~Geena Davis

I had a deliberate plan to get into movies by becoming a model, so I went to New York and got a job pretending to be a mannequin in store windows.

~Geena Davis

The more hours of television a girl watches, the fewer options she thinks she has in life.

~Geena Davis

What are we doing that for in the 21st century? Why on earth would we teach kids that girls are less important than boys? It just made no sense to me.

~Geena Davis

It's really important for boys to see that girls take up half of the planet - which we do.

~Geena Davis

I was really lucky that I had an aunt who was very inspiring to me. She was different than anybody in my family on either side.

~Geena Davis

I played this character twice in live action, and now I've become an animated character. It was actually fun to see myself drawn - I've never been a drawn character before.

~Geena Davis

Something's like crossed over in me and I can't go back. I couldn't live.

~Geena Davis

The most common occupation for women in G rated films is royalty - which is a great gig, if you can get it.

~Geena Davis

I'm so not a party person. I'm so not social and don't go to parties.

~Geena Davis

A woman as the leader of the Free World is an impossibility. Muslim countries won't talk to you.

~Geena Davis

The only movies I saw till I was 17 were made by Disney. My parents had this thing. Disney was like, you know, "Ford is a good car. Disney makes good movies that are good for kids and safe."

~Geena Davis

Obviously, movies don't almost ever shoot in sequence.

~Geena Davis

My scripts are always filled with notes. I like to just analyze everything from the point of view of the whole picture, of the movie, my whole picture.

~Geena Davis

I watch very little television, actually. There's so many shows I want to watch and then I know I'll get hooked and I have to binge-watch the entire thing.

~Geena Davis

Ridiculously - fortunately - my first job was with Dustin Hoffman. I had a little part in this movie called Tootsie. And he taught me how to watch dailies. That it was very important.

~Geena Davis

On film, you can't do it over again. And you do have to stop shooting at a certain point.

~Geena Davis

The second I finish shooting something, I know I could have done it better if we started right then.

~Geena Davis

I was all limbs and I was very convinced that I must be uncoordinated,

so I didn't want to try any sports. And the girls' basketball team was constantly like, "Please, please just come play."

~Geena Davis

My thing in high school was being the tallest kid in class. Always. I was always the tallest kid in class.

~Geena Davis

I used to be very unathletic. I was always so gangly and self-conscious about my height. I had convinced myself I was uncoordinated. And as a result, I didn't want to try stuff.

~Geena Davis

All I wanted, to be petite and attractive. I was afraid I'd never stop growing.

~Geena Davis

I was tall from minute one. Always the tallest kid by a large margin. And my fantasy was to take up less space in the world.

~Geena Davis

I watched a lot of series. I didn't watch a lot of movies on TV. But I watched Gilligan's Island and Star Trek and all that stuff.

~Geena Davis

I really only did theater in school in college. I did summer stock a couple of times in the summer, and plays that the school put on. But I knew I wanted to be in movies.

~Geena Davis

It's okay if it takes two or three years for something really good to come along, but I don't want to wait ten years for something great to come along.

~Geena Davis

I was 16 or something. [My aunt] broadened my understanding of what women could be like and do and that there's a big world out there. So she had a huge impact on me.

~Geena Davis

We all know the huge problem there is with entertainment in general leaving out women. Especially as actors, we know there are fewer great parts for women.

~Geena Davis

Having a very complicated life, or a lot of problems, or a lot of flaws, is always great to play.

~Geena Davis

I don't think male characters are as one-dimensional as female characters.

~Geena Davis

I'm very competitive, I think.

~Geena Davis

If we show fictional characters doing cool stuff, then girls will want to be it in real life.

~Geena Davis

The creators of kids' media had no idea they were leaving out that many female characters. They were in utter shock that the worlds they were creating were so bereft of female presences.

~Geena Davis

One thing is a fairly simple and straightforward thing. I don't long to direct. I really want to get some good parts.

~Geena Davis

My knowledge of horror films is pathetic because I can't really watch them.

~Geena Davis

My parents are both from Vermont, very old-fashioned New England. We heated our house with wood my father chopped. My mom grew all of our food. We were very underexposed to everything.

~Geena Davis

I'm such a wuss. But I know that *The Exorcist* [1973] is one of the best and most famous of [horror movies].

~Geena Davis

My theory of everything is that we are training kids to have gender bias against girls, therefore when you are an adult, you don't see it. We think it's normal.

~Geena Davis

When it came time for college, I told my parents I was going to major in acting. And they were so removed from anything to do with show business - my dad built our house and my mom grew our food.

~Geena Davis

I had very, very bad self-esteem - that I was a fake, everybody was going to find out, that I didn't deserve to have success, just about my looks and really, really bad self-esteem.

~Geena Davis

I always want a challenge. My whole career has been based on trying to avoid female characters that don't get to do anything. And it's really hard to avoid those.

~Geena Davis

The most important thing is to change what children see from the



beginning. To not create a problem we have to fix later.

~Geena Davis

It's a horrible and wonderful battle with yourself, to stay calm, stay in the moment. My coach said, "Stay here, not at the target. Don't be down there." It's why they call it the Zen art.

~Geena Davis

Are you stupid or did you just take lessons?

~Geena Davis

I just love all the details about movies, and it's fun to be involved in everything. I just love it. It's just a little added fun thing to be consulted about stuff.

~Geena Davis

I almost never get nervous. I have ice water in my veins.

~Geena Davis

Once I fix what kids watch, I'll be moving on to everything else.

~Geena Davis

I had told my agents that I never wanted to do an hour-long TV show. I said, "I'm not that stupid." Because it's the worst lifestyle in Hollywood.

~Geena Davis

I do like the process of producing. Later in my career, like when I had the TV show, I was a producer and I've been on a few things.

~Geena Davis

My sons last summer, they won a trophy from their surfing camp and they came home and went right over to the shelf and put it up next to my Oscar. That's where we put our trophies.

~Geena Davis

I was lucky enough to be in some movies where I had powerful characters or I got to be the president on TV for a little while. Very short administration.

~Geena Davis

Women are in many ways second-class citizens in the United States in 2016, because of the way that we're portrayed in popular culture.

~Geena Davis

I think I always had joie de vivre. But I had pretty bad self-esteem growing up and much of my adult life.

~Geena Davis

I love theater. Just, it never spoke to me.

~Geena Davis

I do have a very chill - I can watch all my movies. A lot of people don't like to watch their work. I watch everything. All the time.

~Geena Davis

So many other countries have had female leaders, in fact the U.S. ranks 61st in female representation in government and I think it is startling and sign of a change that needs to be made.

~Geena Davis

I just read that 81 percent of Americans are ready to vote for a woman. So it sounds like America is ready.

~Geena Davis

I haven't ever gone to any Mensa meetings.

~Geena Davis

If it isn't a success, that still wouldn't be grounds for divorce.

~Geena Davis

People think of me in the same breath as Robert Redford and Robert De Niro.

~Geena Davis

I don't really bust anybody publicly. It's much more efficient if I can impact the creators. So that's what we do. It's had a great impact.

~Geena Davis

My point was the world is missing female characters. A lot of times there is one female character, maybe even a cool one, maybe even an important one. But where are all the rest?

~Geena Davis

I immediately noticed there were far more male characters than female characters in the programs, even now, in the 21st century.

~Geena Davis

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