

# Gene Hackman

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The difference between a hero and a coward is one step sideways.

~Gene Hackman

I was trained to be an actor, not a star. I was trained to play roles, not to deal with fame and agents and lawyers and the press.

~Gene Hackman

Like a duck on the pond. On the surface everything looks calm, but beneath the water those little feet are churning a mile a minute.

~Gene Hackman

Things parents say to children are oftentimes not heard, but in some cases you pick up on things that your parent would like to see you have done.

~Gene Hackman

I do not like assassins, or men of low character.

~Gene Hackman

Dysfunctional families have sired a number of pretty good actors.

~Gene Hackman

Seventy-five per cent of being successful as an actor is pure luck. The rest is just endurance.

~Gene Hackman

Honesty isn't enough for me. That becomes very boring. If you can convince people what you're doing is real and it's also bigger than life - that's exciting.

~Gene Hackman

Hollywood loves to typecast, and I guess they saw me as a violent guy.

~Gene Hackman

My wife and I take what we call our Friday comedy day off. We watch standup comics on TV. The raunchier the better. We love Eddie Izzard.

~Gene Hackman

Don't piss in my ear and tell me it's raining.

~Gene Hackman

If you look at yourself as a star, you've already lost something in the portrayal of any human being.

~Gene Hackman

The worst job I ever had was working nights in the Chrysler Building. I was part of a team of about five guys, and we polished the leather furniture.

~Gene Hackman

My grandfather had been a newspaper reporter, as was my uncle. They were pretty good writers and so I thought maybe somewhere down the line I would do some writing.

~Gene Hackman

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~Gene Hackman

I'm disappointed that success hasn't been a Himalayan feeling.

~Gene Hackman

I have trouble with direction, because I have trouble with authority. I was not a good Marine.

~Gene Hackman

That's the great thing about plankton. It pretty much keeps to itself.

~Gene Hackman

Nothing counts so much as family, the rest are just strangers. (as Nicholas Earpp in Wyatt Earp, 1994)

~Gene Hackman

I'm not a sentimental guy.

~Gene Hackman

I left home when I was 16 because I was looking for adventure.

~Gene Hackman

I don't like to talk about myself that much.

~Gene Hackman

If I start to become a star, I'll lose contact with the normal guys I play best.

~Gene Hackman

I don't see myself as a violent guy.

~Gene Hackman

I lost touch with my son in terms of advice early on. Maybe it had to do with being gone so much, doing location films when he was at an age where he needed support and guidance.

~Gene Hackman

I went in the Marines when I was 16. I spent four and a half years in the Marines and then came right to New York to be an actor. And then seven years later, I got my first job.

~Gene Hackman

Five players on the floor functioning as a single unit: team, team, team-no one more important than the other.

~Gene Hackman

My early days in Broadway were all comedies. I never did a straight play on Broadway.

~Gene Hackman

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