

George A. Romero

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I'm like my zombies. I won't stay dead!

~George A. Romero

If I fail, the film industry writes me off as another statistic. If I succeed, they pay me a million bucks to fly out to Hollywood and fart.

~George A. Romero

I also have always liked the monster within idea. I like the zombies being us. Zombies are the blue-collar monsters.

~George A. Romero

When there's no more room in Hell, the dead will walk the Earth.

~George A. Romero

I always thought of the zombies as being about revolution, one generation consuming the next.

~George A. Romero

I've always felt that the real horror is next door to us, that the scariest monsters are our neighbors.

~George A. Romero

A zombie film is not fun without a bunch of stupid people running around and observing how they fail to handle the situation.

~George A. Romero

My stuff is my stuff. I do it for my own reasons, using my own peculiar set of guidelines. I'm not a student of the genre. I don't care what anybody else does.

~George A. Romero

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My zombies will never take over the world because I need the humans. The humans are the ones I dislike the most, and they're where the trouble really lies.

~George A. Romero

I'll never get sick of zombies. I just get sick of producers.

~George A. Romero

Just because I'm showing somebody being disemboweled doesn't mean that I have to get heavy and put a message behind it.

~George A. Romero

My opinion of a good zombie walk is to loll your head as if it's a little too heavy and the muscles have begun to atrophy.

~George A. Romero

Collaborate, don't dictate.

~George A. Romero

If one horror film hits, everyone says, 'Let's go make a horror film.' It's the genre that never dies.

~George A. Romero

Nothings ever real until its real.

~George A. Romero

Movies are about escape.

~George A. Romero

I don't think you need to spend \$40 million to be creepy. The best horror films are the ones that are much less endowed.

~George A. Romero

I think zombies would fit in anywhere. You can tell any story, and put

zombies in it. I don't know how I'd find the backing, but I think it'd be great to make a zombie gangster movie.

~George A. Romero

I like guys who are understandable and good guys who are flawed.

~George A. Romero

As a filmmaker you get typecast just as much as an actor does, so I'm trapped in a genre that I love, but I'm trapped in it!

~George A. Romero

I don't want a zombie society. I don't want to go that far.

~George A. Romero

I grew up on DC Comics, moral tales where the bad guys got their comeuppance. To me the gory panels or grotesque stuff just made me chuckle.

~George A. Romero

Ever since 'Lassie' and 'Old Yeller', I won't watch animal movies. Animals in movies always die.

~George A. Romero

The most realistic blood I've seen is when Marlon Brando gets beat up in *On The Waterfront*.

~George A. Romero

'The Thing from Another World' was the first movie that really scared me.

~George A. Romero

For a Catholic kid in parochial school, the only way to survive the beatings - by classmates, not the nuns - was to be the funny guy.

~George A. Romero

My stuff is my stuff. Sometimes it's not as successful as some of the other stuff. But it's my stuff.

~George A. Romero

Zombies are the real lower-class citizens of the monster world and that's why I like them.

~George A. Romero

Anybody who tunes into Rush Limbaugh already knows what he's going to say and is already inclined to agree. So it winds up creating tribes.

~George A. Romero

I keep a little notebook of things that I can do to the zombies that might be silly and fun.

~George A. Romero

When I was old enough to go to movies alone, I got to see 'Frankenstein' and 'Dracula' on the big screen. I just fell in love with them.

~George A. Romero

I've never been able to reuse characters, I've often wanted to. I've never been able to get people to cooperate. I can't get anyone together on any kind of deal.

~George A. Romero

Zombies are always moving fast in video games. It makes sense if you think about it. Those games are all about hand-eye coordination and how quickly can you get them before they get you.

~George A. Romero

I think you're only free if you're working on very low or huge money.

~George A. Romero

Collaborate, don't dictate. Every department head has something to offer. Listen and gratefully accept their offerings. They're moviemakers, too.

~George A. Romero

I really believe that you could do horror very inexpensively. I don't think it has anything to do with the effects, the effects are not the most important parts.

~George A. Romero

People called 28 Days and 28 Weeks zombie movies, and they're not! It's some sort of virus; they're not dead.

~George A. Romero

I go to conventions and universities and talk to young filmmakers and everybody's making a zombie movie! It's because it's easy to get the neighbors to come out, put some ketchup on them.

~George A. Romero

Everybody knows the rules, even though some break those rules.

~George A. Romero

I've gotten letters, but mostly from Bible-belt types who say, you must be Satan! They come right out and call me Satan and hope that I'm damned to hell.

~George A. Romero

I can't really make fun of zombies. They're not liars. They're not cheats.

~George A. Romero

I expect a zombie to show up on Sesame Street soon, teaching kids to count.

~George A. Romero

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