

# Gloria Swanson

## Quotes

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Key West for me was a tropical island paradise.

~Gloria Swanson

I feel sure that unborn babies pick their parents.

~Gloria Swanson

Never say never Never is a long, undependable time, and life is too full of rich possibilities to have restrictions placed upon it.

~Gloria Swanson

I've given my memoirs far more thought than any of my marriages. You can't divorce a book.

~Gloria Swanson

Sam Wood, the director, made most of his money as a real estate agent; there was nothing of the temperamental artist about him.

~Gloria Swanson

Fame was thrilling only until it became grueling. Money was fun only until you ran out of things to buy.

~Gloria Swanson

I think all this talk about age is foolish. Every time I'm one year older, everyone else is too.

~Gloria Swanson

All creative people should be required to leave California for three months every year.

~Gloria Swanson

Your body is the direct result of what you eat as well as what you don't eat.

~Gloria Swanson

Nobody gets anything for nothing.

~Gloria Swanson

The major gossip columnists were more concerned with protecting the industry than with gunning down sinners.

~Gloria Swanson

When I die, my epitaph should read: She Paid the Bills. That's the story of my private life.

~Gloria Swanson

In a theater you can fool everyone past the tenth row if you're good, but on the screen you can't really fool anyone for a second.

~Gloria Swanson

Much as I cared for Joseph Kennedy, he was a classic example of that person in the arts with lots of brains and drive but little taste or talent.

~Gloria Swanson

I became a fanatic about healthy food in 1944.

~Gloria Swanson

As Daddy said, life is 95 percent anticipation.

~Gloria Swanson

My mother and I could always look out the same window without ever seeing the same thing.

~Gloria Swanson

Hollywood's old trick: repeat a successful formula until it dies.

~Gloria Swanson

Writing the story of your own life is a bit like drilling your own teeth.

~Gloria Swanson

Because I take care of my body, it doesn't look like the body of a woman of my years.

~Gloria Swanson

Life and death. They are somehow sweetly and beautifully mixed, but I don't know how.

~Gloria Swanson

If you're 40 years old and you've never had a failure, you've been deprived.

~Gloria Swanson

The fuss that actors began making about the difficulty of shifting to sound struck me as perfectly foolish.

~Gloria Swanson

I consider anybody who weighs over 200 pounds fat, and time was when I could not refrain from telling such people so.

~Gloria Swanson

After 16 years in pictures I could not be intimidated easily, because I knew where all the skeletons were buried.

~Gloria Swanson

At 26, I felt myself a victim rather than a victor in the realm of pictures.

~Gloria Swanson

Tennessee Williams was a gifted talker with a beautiful accent and we had lots of things in common.

~Gloria Swanson

I had starred in more than 30 successful films, six in a row directed by Cecil B. De Mille.

~Gloria Swanson

It's amazing to find that so many people, who I thought really knew me, could have thought that 'Sunset Boulevard' was autobiographical. I've got nobody floating in my swimming pool.

~Gloria Swanson

My greatest debt will always be to the movie-going public of yesterday and today, without whose love and devotion I would have had no story to tell.

~Gloria Swanson

The day I initiated divorce proceedings against Michael Farmer, I was ready to retire to a desert cave and rethink my life.

~Gloria Swanson

I was 25 and the most popular celebrity in the world, with the possible exception of my friend Mary Pickford.

~Gloria Swanson

One of the networks sent me a TV set to watch. I didn't care for the medium. It depressed me.

~Gloria Swanson

The Sennett system of making pictures was actually fun. You never knew what the person next to you was going to do.

~Gloria Swanson

I doubted that there were Communists hiding behind every corporation desk and director's chair.

~Gloria Swanson

I entered the cosmetics industry because I wanted more women to use cosmetics made with safe, healthful ingredients.

~Gloria Swanson

I always anticipated difficulties in order to avoid scenes.

~Gloria Swanson

I was married when I was 17. I knew nothing. I was full of romance.

~Gloria Swanson

The Paramount executives were so pleased with *Sunset Boulevard* that they asked me to do a publicity tour.

~Gloria Swanson

The first feminine feature that goes, with advancing age, is the neck.

~Gloria Swanson

*Sunset Boulevard* opened in August 1950, and it was pronounced the best movie ever made about Hollywood.

~Gloria Swanson

Never say never, for if you live long enough, chances are you will not be able to abide by the simplest of such injunctions.

~Gloria Swanson

All they had to do was put my name on a marquee and watch the money roll in.

~Gloria Swanson

My sculpture is very personal; for years my subjects were family and close, close friends.

~Gloria Swanson

By the time I was 15, my mother had turned me into a real clotheshorse.

~Gloria Swanson

The English press treated the world premiere of my first talking picture

as a major event.

~Gloria Swanson

I didn't want to spend the rest of my life playing Norma Desmond over and over again.

~Gloria Swanson

In two months Joseph Kennedy had taken over my entire life, and I trusted him implicitly to make the most of it.

~Gloria Swanson

Nobody gets something for nothing.

~Gloria Swanson

There was no place at all for me in my father's military world.

~Gloria Swanson

The only time I ever went hunting I remembered it as a grisly experience.

~Gloria Swanson

I was the first celebrity in pictures to be marrying a titled European.

~Gloria Swanson

From the first moment on the set I was consumed with curiosity about the technical side of shooting a sound picture.

~Gloria Swanson

I am a very pragmatic person.

~Gloria Swanson

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