

Gordon Willis

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A cinematographer is a visual psychiatrist, moving an audience... making them think the way you want them to think, painting pictures in the dark.

~Gordon Willis

There are a lot of cameramen but not so many photographers. And a lot of cameramen attack from a technical approach without much imagination. They look, but they don't see.

~Gordon Willis

Complexity is not good. People don't understand the elegance of simplicity.

~Gordon Willis

Don't get simple mixed up with simplistic.

~Gordon Willis

I'm a minimalist. I see things in simple ways...It's human nature to define complexity as better. Well, it's not.

~Gordon Willis

Grips and electricians have done more to help me shoot good movies than any other craft.

~Gordon Willis

The lack of perfection, that's the hardest quality of all, because you're fighting your instincts. You're trained to want to do things perfectly.

~Gordon Willis

A huge problem in movies or with people who work on movies is that two people can look at the same thing but they don't necessarily see the same thing.

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