

# Hattie McDaniel

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As for those grapefruit and buttermilk diets, I'll take roast chicken and dumplings.

~Hattie McDaniel

A woman's gifts will make room for her.

~Hattie McDaniel

I'd rather make \$700 a week playing a maid than earn \$7 a day being a maid.

~Hattie McDaniel

I did my best, and God did the rest.

~Hattie McDaniel

The entire race is usually judged by the actions of one man or woman

~Hattie McDaniel

The only choice permitted us is either to be servants for \$7 a week or to portray them for \$700 per week.

~Hattie McDaniel

Always remember this: There are only eighteen inches between a pat on the back and a kick in the rump.

~Hattie McDaniel

Putting a little time aside for clean fun and good humor is very necessary to relieve the tensions of our time.

~Hattie McDaniel

I've played everything but a harp.

~Hattie McDaniel

You can best fight any existing evil from the inside.

~Hattie McDaniel

I sincerely hope that I shall always be a credit to my race and the motion picture industry.

~Hattie McDaniel

Faith is the black person's federal reserve system.

~Hattie McDaniel

I'd rather play a maid than be one.

~Hattie McDaniel

We all respect sincerity in our friends and acquaintances, but Hollywood is willing to pay for it.

~Hattie McDaniel

I'm letting no man handle my bank account.

~Hattie McDaniel

What is the thing that Hollywood demands most? Sincerity. No place in the world will pay such a high price for this admirable trait

~Hattie McDaniel

Why should I complain about making \$700 a week playing a maid? If I didn't, I'd be making \$7 a week being one.

~Hattie McDaniel

Every actor and actress is possessed of the absorbing passion to create something distinctive and unique.

~Hattie McDaniel

My desire for the part of Mammy was not dominated by selfishness for Hollywood has been good to me and I am grateful

~Hattie McDaniel

In playing the part of Mammy, I tried to make her a living, breathing

character, the way she appeared to me in the book

~Hattie McDaniel

When I was 8 years old, I knew what I was going to beâ€”an actress.

~Hattie McDaniel

I don't belong on this earth. I always feel out of place - like a visitor.

~Hattie McDaniel

When I was little, my mother taught me how to use a fork and knife. The trouble is that Mother forget to teach me how to stop using them!

~Hattie McDaniel

Bob Hope, Red Skelton, and Eddie Cantor... help us keep our balance.

~Hattie McDaniel

That's a powerful lucky rabbit's foot. I got the part in Gone With the Wind because of it. I got my Warner contract, thanks to it.

~Hattie McDaniel

Playing the Mammy of Miss Leigh was just about the biggest thrill I've ever had

~Hattie McDaniel

It sure looks good to see an honest-to-goodness audience after looking at you all for so long from the silver screen

~Hattie McDaniel

I am loathe to get married again. I've been married enough; I just prefer to forget it.

~Hattie McDaniel

I always have the best of everything.

~Hattie McDaniel

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