

# Hayao Miyazaki Quotes

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Numbers*

I like underwater life.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Reality is for people that lack imagination.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Always believe in yourself. Do this and no matter where you are, you will have nothing to fear.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I am an animator. I feel like I'm the manager of a animation cinema factory. I am not an executive. I'm rather like a foreman, like the boss of a team of craftsmen. That is the spirit of how I work.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Life is a winking light in the darkness.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I believe that fantasy in the meaning of imagination is very important. We shouldn't stick too close to everyday reality but give room to the reality of the heart, of the mind, and of the imagination.

~Hayao Miyazaki

The creation of a single world comes from a huge number of fragments and chaos.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Whenever someone creates something with all of their heart, then that creation is given a soul.

~Hayao Miyazaki

There are all kinds of values within the films but I don't make message films.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I do believe in the power of story. I believe that stories have an important role to play in the formation of human beings, that they can stimulate, amaze and inspire their listeners.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Those are shrines. Some people believe spirits live in them.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Nobody has the right to sit in judgment and decide what's good or bad for you.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Engineers turn dreams into reality.

~Hayao Miyazaki

No matter how many weapons you have, no matter how great your technology might be, the world cannot live without love.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I would like to make a film to tell children "it's good to be alive".

~Hayao Miyazaki

I think we should stop using nuclear power plants because it's an old system that we can't control.

~Hayao Miyazaki

It's disgusting. On trains, the number of those people doing that strange masturbation-like gesture is multiplying.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Prizes do not mean anything to me. I think it is more important to make a child aware of the existence of a weird creature like a water spider that breathes through its backside.

~Hayao Miyazaki

We live in an age when it is cheaper to buy the rights to movies than to make them.

~Hayao Miyazaki

We each need to find our own inspiration. Sometimes it is not easy.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I wanted to convey the message to children that this life is worth living.

~Hayao Miyazaki

See with eyes unclouded by hate.

~Hayao Miyazaki

We get strength and encouragement from watching children.

~Hayao Miyazaki

We are not trying to solve the world's problems... However, even in the midst of hatred and killing, there are things worth living for. A wonderful encounter, or a thing of beauty can still exist.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Actually I think CGI has the potential to equal or even surpass what the human hand can do.

~Hayao Miyazaki

It would be wonderful if I could see the end of civilization during my lifetime.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Animators can only draw from their own experiences of pain and shock and emotions.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I don't like games. You're robbing the precious time of children to be

children. They need to be in touch with the real world more.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Virtual reality is a denial of reality. We need to be open to the powers of imagination, which brings something useful to reality. Virtual reality can imprison people.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Airplanes are the most beautiful when they are in the air.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Do everything by hand, even when using the computer.

~Hayao Miyazaki

My process is thinking, thinking and thinking - thinking about my stories for a long time.

~Hayao Miyazaki

People in Japan have experienced many tsunamis and various earthquakes throughout the ages.

~Hayao Miyazaki

When a man is shooting a handgun, it's just like he is shooting because that's his job, and he has no other choice. It's no good. When a girl is shooting a handgun, it's really something.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I wish I was better at art. I love some of the great artists of the 19th century and, compared to them, I just feel I lack this technique that they had. They have so much skill.

~Hayao Miyazaki

The love of weaponry is often a manifestation of infantile traits in an adult.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Cut off a wolf's head and it still has the power to bite.

~Hayao Miyazaki

What you mean by 'peace' is nothing more than the endless repetition of human folly.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Is someone different at age 18 or 60? I believe one stays the same.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I get inspiration from my everyday life.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I'd like more of the world go back to being wild.

~Hayao Miyazaki

In order to grow your audience, you must betray their expectations.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Since I am a person who starts work without clear knowledge of a storyline, every single scene is a pivotal scene.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Modern life is so thin and shallow and fake. I look forward to when developers go bankrupt, Japan gets poorer and wild grasses take over.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Humans have both the urge to create and destroy.

~Hayao Miyazaki

But remember this, Japanese boy... airplanes are not tools for war. They are not for making money. Airplanes are beautiful dreams.

Engineers turn dreams into reality.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I make films as a business, not as a cultural endeavor.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I myself become terrified of death when I am in a negative state of mind. But the thought of death ceases to bother me once I become productive.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Any woman is just as capable of being a hero as any man.

~Hayao Miyazaki

When I say I get inspiration from my real life, I think of my real life as extending about 300 meters radius around me. So what I see in that area is what inspires me.

~Hayao Miyazaki

All my films are all my children.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I think it's really good for a family or children to have a dog, cat, bird or whatever to grow up with.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I create women characters by watching the female staff at my studio. Half the staff are women.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Maybe that's what these films are doing. They are my way of blessing the child

~Hayao Miyazaki

Plants exist in the weather and light rays that surround them - waving in the wind, shimmering in the sunlight. I am always puzzling over how to draw such things.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Chihiro, huh? Her real name's Chihiro? Can't beat the power of love.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I don't intentionally make deep movies.

~Hayao Miyazaki

There are so many ships in the animation sea that are computer driven, that I think we can have at least one that's just a log raft that we can row by hand.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I can't stand modern movies. The images are too weird and eccentric for me.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Currently computer graphics are used a great deal, but it can be excessive.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I've never studied psychology.

~Hayao Miyazaki

When I start creating a villain, I start liking the villain and so the villain is not really evil.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Some people spend their lives interested only in themselves.

~Hayao Miyazaki



We depict hatred, but it is to depict that there are more important things. We depict a curse, to depict the joy of liberation.

~Hayao Miyazaki

Rather than making that a good project, I like to make the kinds of films that children can understand in five minutes what the film is about.

~Hayao Miyazaki

You should despair and run away.

~Hayao Miyazaki

If you're going to retire, retire early.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I find it pointless sitting in my house not working, though I like to go on extended vacations from time to time.

~Hayao Miyazaki

I'm not going to make movies that tell children, "You should despair and run away".

~Hayao Miyazaki

Children understand intuitively that the world they have been born into is not a blessed world.

~Hayao Miyazaki

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