

Isabella Rossellini

Quotes

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Daughter, Independent, Want, World, Men, Beautiful, Writing, Love, Roles,
Radical*

True elegance is for me the manifestation of an independent mind.

~Isabella Rossellini

But my mother loved The Elephant Man, and my father gave David Lynch a scholarship to study in Rome.

~Isabella Rossellini

If we are completely honest with ourselves, everyone has a dark side to their personalities.

~Isabella Rossellini

From the time I was a child I wanted to be like my mother. Not necessarily an actress - I never dreamed I'd have the courage. But an active, volatile woman like she was.

~Isabella Rossellini

I believe in a set of values I cannot live by.

~Isabella Rossellini

A lot of the advertisement is done by saying: first of all, have a complex about who you are.

~Isabella Rossellini

These same people seem to forget that mother also took a lot of chances with the type of roles she played.

~Isabella Rossellini

The reason of my life is not to be the most beautiful woman in the world.

~Isabella Rossellini

To me, it is very important to have perfume in which it is hard to recognize a particular flower or scent. That gives a touch of mystery.

~Isabella Rossellini

Although Dorothy in Blue Velvet was humiliated and hurt by men, basically I could react to how she felt.

~Isabella Rossellini

My father used to say that you could only access culture before cinema by learning to read and write, but that once cinema was invented, knowledge was available to anybody.

~Isabella Rossellini

I have the most fun writing and directing. And I always choose myself as the lead actor.

~Isabella Rossellini

But I don't really see myself as a role model. I'm not a dictator, or someone who wants to be adored!

~Isabella Rossellini

I am the daughter of Mr. Neo-realism: I should gravitate towards narrative simply told, character, the truth. And I do love those movies.

~Isabella Rossellini

You don't do an experimental film to become rich, so the people who are involved are involved because they enjoy the creative aspect of it.

~Isabella Rossellini

I didn't want to become an actress because the competition with my mother would have been too much to live up to.

~Isabella Rossellini

I am much more radical in my beliefs than my products represent me to be.

~Isabella Rossellini

I don't think a Hollywood actor is safe from acting in the rain: it all

depends on the film.

~Isabella Rossellini

When I took my clothes off in *Blue Velvet*, I wanted to convey the brutality of sex abuse. I wanted to look like a quartered cow hanging in a butcher shop as well as disturbingly appealing.

~Isabella Rossellini

I was always fascinated by the infinite, strange and 'scandalous' ways that insects copulate.

~Isabella Rossellini

If you're sad and you like beer, I'm your lady, ... *The Saddest Music in the World*.

~Isabella Rossellini

Food is a big part of my culture, so everyone knows how to cook. When I came to America and asked a babysitter to softboil an egg for my son and she didn't know how, I was shocked.

~Isabella Rossellini

I always loved experimenting in film.

~Isabella Rossellini

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