

# Jack Nicholson

## Quotes

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There's only two people in your life you should lie to... the police and your girlfriend.

~Jack Nicholson

People who speak in metaphors should shampoo my crotch.

~Jack Nicholson

My whole career strategy has been to build a base so that I could take the roles I want to play. I'd hate to think that a shorter part might not be available because I was worried about my billing.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm Irish. I think about death all the time.

~Jack Nicholson

Beer, it's the best damn drink in the world.

~Jack Nicholson

With my sunglasses on, I'm Jack Nicholson. Without them, I'm fat and 60.

~Jack Nicholson

The minute that you're not learning I believe you're dead.

~Jack Nicholson

Human beings are always going to find interesting ways of making a mess of their lives. It's human nature.

~Jack Nicholson

I don't think many people have a very good understanding of leisure and the importance it plays in our lives.

~Jack Nicholson

Men dominate because of physicality, and thus they have mercy where

women do not.

~Jack Nicholson

I don't want to be a product of my environment. I want my environment to be a product of me.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm very contra my constituency in terms of abortion because I'm positively against it. I don't have the right to any other view. My only emotion is gratitude, literally, for my life.

~Jack Nicholson

I mean, it's real hard to be free when you are bought and sold in the marketplace.

~Jack Nicholson

I learned a long time ago in Hollywood that the only person I should vote for is myself.

~Jack Nicholson

It's very easy to go down, so always live up. Incline yourself upward.

~Jack Nicholson

Son, we live in a world that has walls and those walls have to be guarded by men with guns. Who's gonna do it? You!?

~Jack Nicholson

When we make mistakes they call it evil. When God makes mistakes they call it Nature!

~Jack Nicholson

You can call me Joker. And as you can see, I'm a lot happier.

~Jack Nicholson

I usually don't get too bogged down with my personal problems because that's a one-way street if you get yourself into a negative frame of mind and only see the dark side of life.

~Jack Nicholson

I don't have any plugs or tucks but people do what they want. I look at it as mutilation.

~Jack Nicholson

In my last year of school, I was voted Class Optimist and Class Pessimist. Looking back, I realize I was only half right.

~Jack Nicholson

I've always had an urge to feed my need to have fun and feel free. I don't see any interesting alternatives.

~Jack Nicholson

Women -- a mistake, or did He do it to us on purpose?

~Jack Nicholson

You can't handle the truth!

~Jack Nicholson

Early on, if I was alone two three nights in a row, I'd start writing poems about suicide.

~Jack Nicholson

There's no point dwelling on what might or could have been. You just have to go forward.

~Jack Nicholson

The only way to break a bad habit was to replace it with a better habit.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm against cronyism, and I had to learn that early on. Like, I don't have an entourage, because I saw the negative effects of those things.

~Jack Nicholson

I have never lied to you, I have always told you some version of the truth.

~Jack Nicholson

No issue is more compelling than the air we breathe, be it hot or cold, be it hawk or human.

~Jack Nicholson

I would never want to vilify somebody who considered abortion murder. I was an illegitimate child myself. I may not have existed today.

~Jack Nicholson

Have you ever danced with the Devil in the pale moonlight?

~Jack Nicholson

[on the birth of his son after having had two daughters] I finally got it right.

~Jack Nicholson

A lot of people in the middle of their lives have a secret yearning for more romance.

~Jack Nicholson

I only take Viagra when I'm with more than one woman.

~Jack Nicholson

I always knew there wasn't going to be anybody to help me and emotionally support me, that whatever I did I'd have to do on my own.

~Jack Nicholson

Time keeps no measure when true friends are parted, No record day by day; the sands move not for those who, loyal-hearted, friendship's firm laws obey.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm content with the fact that I made a decent effort. That's what I've always worried about: that I wouldn't try hard enough.

~Jack Nicholson

Once you've been really bad in a movie, there's a certain kind of fearlessness you develop.

~Jack Nicholson

You're anachronistic when you know that your feelings aren't going to have any effect on anything.

~Jack Nicholson

We live, we die, and the wheels on the bus go round and round.

~Jack Nicholson

Do you think God knew what he was doing when he created woman?

~Jack Nicholson

I've never been able to say I've been influenced by a list of artists I like because I like thousands and thousands and I've been influenced in some way by all of them.

~Jack Nicholson

I think the Greeks invented sports as an antidote to philosophy.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm definitely still wild at heart.

~Jack Nicholson

It's not like I'm starved for company - I have a few very good lady friends - but there's only a certain amount of times a woman wants to see you and never go out for dinner.

~Jack Nicholson

We learn how to kiss, or to drink, talk to our buddies-all the things that you can't really teach in social studies or history-we all learn them at the movies.

~Jack Nicholson

If you think you're attractive, you're always attractive.

~Jack Nicholson

There is one thing I know about creative conflict: once my argument is exhausted, I am not going to be unhappy whether it moves in my direction or away.

~Jack Nicholson

Everybody's old enough for a beer, ain't that right, Mule?

~Jack Nicholson

A star on a movie set is like a time bomb. That bomb has got to be defused so people can approach it without fear.

~Jack Nicholson

Everyone pretty much acknowledges that he's the man, and I still feel that underrates him.

~Jack Nicholson

Sometimes a bit of distance can be very healthy. You can go away by yourself on a trip and come back very glad to be with your partner because you've cleared your head out of all the negativity.

~Jack Nicholson

Frankly, I got into the movies because I like the movies a lot.

~Jack Nicholson

You make me want to be a better man.

~Jack Nicholson

Life doesn't have to be about finding Osama bin Laden or becoming the president of the United States. Life is about the little things, which is one of the things you learn when you get older.

~Jack Nicholson

When you look at life retrospectively you rarely regret anything that you did, but you might regret things that you didn't do.

~Jack Nicholson

If men are honest, everything they do and everywhere they go is for a chance to see women.

~Jack Nicholson

There were points in my life where I felt oddly irresistible to women. I'm not in that state now and that makes me sad.

~Jack Nicholson

I didn't know that my sister was really my mother until I was thirty-seven years old. But life has taught me that there have been a lot of things that I didn't know.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm the age where we didn't have television as kids. So when I saw my nieces and nephews watching Howdy Doody, Kukla, Fran and Ollie, and so forth, I thought the world had gone mad.

~Jack Nicholson

Just let the wardrobe do the acting.



~Jack Nicholson

Before I moved into the mainstream of American movies, I wrote a script as an experiment. I wanted to get very far away from the clichés about the three-act play - structure, development.

~Jack Nicholson

We are going as fast as we can as soon as we can. We're in a race against time, until we run out of money.

~Jack Nicholson

When they say I'm a great actor, I close my ears because it's not good for you to think that way.

~Jack Nicholson

I have a lot of vanity.

~Jack Nicholson

Just because you're perfectionist doesn't mean you're perfect.

~Jack Nicholson

Even in the most sophisticated person, it is the primitive eye that watches the film.

~Jack Nicholson

Well, a girlfriend once told me never to fight with anybody you don't love.

~Jack Nicholson

When I was in high school, I earned the pimple award and every other gross-out award.

~Jack Nicholson

I don't have any fear of intimacy, but rather thrive on it, which is rare in

a public person.

~Jack Nicholson

My point of view, while extremely cogent, is unpopular. . . . That the repressive nature of the legalities vis-a-vis drugs are destroying the legal system and corrupting the police system.

~Jack Nicholson

In this industry, there are only two ways up the ladder. Rung by rung or claw your way to the top. It's sure been tough on my nails.

~Jack Nicholson

I want my kids to have a deep, inner feeling that it's alright to be happy, that you don't have to be constantly manufacturing problems that you don't really have.

~Jack Nicholson

I wanted to be the best actor possible. I worked very hard at the craft of it.

~Jack Nicholson

You look at someone long enough, you discover their humanity.

~Jack Nicholson

I envy people of faith. I'm incapable of believing in anything supernatural.

~Jack Nicholson

I used to think that one of the great signs of security was the ability to just walk away.

~Jack Nicholson

My motto is: more good times.

~Jack Nicholson

I'll tell you one thing: Don't ever give anybody your best advice, because they're not going to follow it.

~Jack Nicholson

Age is the first limitation on roles that I've ever had to encounter, and I hit that awhile ago.

~Jack Nicholson

Because you know, down deep in my heart, when all is said and done, I still live under the illusion that basically people think of me as an up-and-coming young actor.

~Jack Nicholson

I goddamn near lost my nose. And I like it. I like breathing through it.

~Jack Nicholson

I never had a policy about marriage. I got married very young in life and I always think in all relationships, I've always thought that it's counterproductive to have a theory on that.

~Jack Nicholson

Played tennis for years. But you can't improve at tennis after you're 50. You get to be in your 40s, and suddenly you're a doubles player.

~Jack Nicholson

I know I can act. There aren't too many other jobs I know how to do

~Jack Nicholson

The average celebrity meets, in one year, ten times the amount of people that the average person meets in his entire life.

~Jack Nicholson

Women are sort of like motorcycle gangs with me. They get really shy and polite. I don't know why.

~Jack Nicholson

I assume most of the characters I play are exactly like me.

~Jack Nicholson

Staying together is a challenge. We all have to accept qualities in other people that aren't always exactly what we want or need.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm very fortunate in the sense that outside of cohabitating relationships and so forth, I've always got on just as well with women.

~Jack Nicholson

Through all permutations and youthful poetry, I came to believe that the film actor was the great "literateur" of his time.

~Jack Nicholson

I believe in making all movies at their most reasonable. That I get a lot of money as an actor is because nobody else will get it if I don't.

~Jack Nicholson

I've spent more time playing golf than anything else the last 18 years. Just wanted to be an 80s-shooter. Got there, too.

~Jack Nicholson

I think of a man and I take away reason and accountability.

~Jack Nicholson

Now comes the part where I relieve you, the little people, of the burden of your failed and useless lives. But remember, as my plastic surgeon always said: if you gotta go, go with a smile.

~Jack Nicholson

I'm the last guy in the world to feel overlooked by the Academy.

~Jack Nicholson

Never rub another man's rhubarb.

~Jack Nicholson

I don't even own a cell phone.

~Jack Nicholson

The blues and jazz will live forever... So will the Delta and the Big Easy.

~Jack Nicholson

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