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I find I have to be the sad clown: laughing on the outside, crying on the inside.

~James Gandolfini

I'm an actor... I do a job and I go home. Why are you interested in me? You don't ask a truck driver about his job.

~James Gandolfini

People don't know and they shouldn't know that you work incredibly hard as an actor.

~James Gandolfini

I love hearing people laugh.

~James Gandolfini

You know my feelings: every day is a gift. It's just, does it have to be socks?

~James Gandolfini

Llike idiotic comedies.

~James Gandolfini

Standing in public in other people's clothes, pretending to be someone else. It's a strange way for a grown man to make a living.

~James Gandolfini

Good writing will bring you to places you don't even expect sometimes.

~James Gandolfini

I don't think I will do a Mafia character again. I want to get away from the violence a little bit, because it is starting to bother me personally.

~James Gandolfini

For once I'm not the guy losing my temper all the time.

~James Gandolfini

It is a dark, dark world. If you're going to be in a dark world, I can't think of any better one to be in. I still think I'm very lucky to be in it.

~James Gandolfini

I've been very lucky, considering what I look like and what I do.

~James Gandolfini

I lost 30 pounds to play my character in 'The Mexican,' but people don't take to skinny mafia men, and I don't feel right when I'm thin.

~James Gandolfini

The Sopranos all came down to the writing. I wouldn't have been on for as long as I was if the writing weren't so good.

~James Gandolfini

I just don't think I'm that interesting. I don't think what I have to say is that interesting. To hear me go blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. I mean, who... cares?

~James Gandolfini

Those who want respect, give respect.

~James Gandolfini

Part of the fun of acting is the research, finding out about other people.

~James Gandolfini

Both my mother and father were very supportive of any career move any of us wanted to make.

~James Gandolfini

Work-do plays, learn your craft, and go to school. Keep working. Nobody is going to give you jobs for going to parties or any of that

nonsense. Go out, look around, do things.

~James Gandolfini

I'd love to live in New Orleans. I love the freedom of it - for good and for bad.

~James Gandolfini

All writers are vampires.

~James Gandolfini

What they say about TV shows is true. You're really a family. You laugh, you fight, you get close, you know? Movies are shorter. They're over quicker. You don't form the same bonds.

~James Gandolfini

Putting somebody else's pants on and pretending to be somebody else is occasionally, as you grow older, horrifying.

~James Gandolfini

I want nothing to do with privilege.

~James Gandolfini

I just think its the changes that age brings. You slow down a little bit ... the writers are smart enough to write all those changes that life gives you.

~James Gandolfini

I've never worked with an actor that I did not like.

~James Gandolfini

I find it hard to relax. I live in New York.

~James Gandolfini

You know, all writers are vampires and they'll look around and they

watch you when you're not even thinking they're watching you and they'll slip stuff in.

~James Gandolfini

Actors will say, 'My character wouldn't say that.' Who said it was your character?

~James Gandolfini

I have nothing but respect for HBO.

~James Gandolfini

I love doing theaters, cracking people up, hearing them physically roll in the aisles. But we need to get serious. These are serious times. No joke. No joke.

~James Gandolfini

I like the prop food so much that I eat it between takes as well as on camera.

~James Gandolfini

I was voted best-looking kid in high school but, as you can see, things changed. I used to say I was a 260-pound Woody Allen. You can make that 295-pound now.

~James Gandolfini

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