

James L. Brooks

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[Screenwriting] is no more complicated than old French torture chambers, I think. It's about as simple as that.

~James L. Brooks

I took some time out for life.

~James L. Brooks

I had a marketing idea that everybody hated, decency is sexy.

~James L. Brooks

Things get very distorted when you do a movie, weirdly so.

~James L. Brooks

You become so obsessed, and that's not a bad thing for a movie. Serve it with that sense that it's the whole world.

~James L. Brooks

I love romantic comedy, but I think you have to have another idea that you're chasing along with romantic comedy.

~James L. Brooks

I value comedy. I value somebody who can be funny.

~James L. Brooks

Kids in general make things fresh and alive and they have this great appreciation for, Holy mackerel, we're making a movie!

~James L. Brooks

A lot of things just aren't true any more.

~James L. Brooks

It never stops, accepting that fact is difficult. I took some time out for life.

~James L. Brooks

I've done it with Broadcast News-where there was no finish line, there was no agenda that I had to move all the characters to this point, that I was sort of open to what happens.

~James L. Brooks

I think you have a pact with an audience in every picture, and I think the pact is to try and be truthful and to be real.

~James L. Brooks

The thing that usually gets me through the writing is that my feelings of wretched inadequacy are irregularly punctuated by brief flashes of omnipotence.

~James L. Brooks

Once you read the script, it's the only way it can be.

~James L. Brooks

I always believe you can't kill good movies, because somebody's in some room and will die unless it gets made.

~James L. Brooks

Great things that can happen when you're doing a movie.

~James L. Brooks

When you produce and direct your own film you have the somewhat consoling feeling that the producer will kill for you.

~James L. Brooks

Media reporting denied privacy to anybody doing what I do for a living. It was no longer possible to work on your picture in privacy.

~James L. Brooks

I have a lot of nightmares.

~James L. Brooks

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