

James McAvoy

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I take a lot of pride in being myself. I'm comfortable with who I am.

~James McAvoy

I'm probably more dangerous in a car than I am on a motorbike; on a bike I'm very mindful of the fact that if you make a mistake you're dead.

~James McAvoy

Filmmaking is a miracle of collaboration.

~James McAvoy

The minute you start to strategize too much, the more you start to think you're in control of your own fate. And you're not, really.

~James McAvoy

The world seemed less scary and I started to like myself a little bit more.

~James McAvoy

I think the most romantic thing you can do is just turn up. Turn up when it's difficult for you. Travel halfway around the world or just up the road. Whatever it is, just be there.

~James McAvoy

For me, Charles Xavier is a monk. He's like a selfless, egoless almost sexless force for the betterment of humanity and mortality.

~James McAvoy

A story about my life would be utterly dull.

~James McAvoy

I think I'm losing my hair finally. And, yeah, that's kind of all I know.

~James McAvoy

[Macbeth] is historically set in a place depicted by Shakespeare as

brutal and violent, incredibly superstitious, and that's something that I do believe is Scottish.

~James McAvoy

When I was 15 or 16 - I slept really well then. Now I sleep on a bed of anxiety-tipped nails.

~James McAvoy

Our intellect, our awareness, and our consciousness is the most powerful form of life on this planet.

~James McAvoy

Because technically actors are just public servants really. They just tell stories because people need to be told stories. That's all it is. And yet we get treated as though we're important.

~James McAvoy

A cry-wanking scene is the struggle to live, in a single moment.

~James McAvoy

Passing my motorcycle theory test gave me a disproportionate feeling of greatness.

~James McAvoy

I look at the Christian Bale movies, the Batman films, and that shows you that superhero movies don't just have to be about men in tights.

~James McAvoy

I want to be like Matt Damon and do a hugely successful thinking-man's action franchise like Bourne.

~James McAvoy

Shakespeare's stories are still very strong. He structured fantastic stories about things that were fundamental to the human being and

psyche.

~James McAvoy

I judge people very quickly.

~James McAvoy

Kids audience is a brilliant audience. If you've got an audience of adults standing up and clapping, or you've got an audience of kids standing up and clapping, I know which one I'd choose.

~James McAvoy

People come up to me and they're usually nice, but as it goes on you realise that some people aren't nice. Some people are not nice at all.

~James McAvoy

I don't know why I get cast in a lot of period pieces. Stephen Fry told me that I had a face for period, that I look like someone from 1920.

~James McAvoy

Basically, every character I've ever played, I've based entirely on internal conflict. And I love doing that, because I think it's very human.

~James McAvoy

Fear is really powerful; it's really useful to me.

~James McAvoy

I don't know if anybody's ever ready for another award season. It's kind of like Christmas.

~James McAvoy

I've never worked as hard as when I was at drama school. It's the most professional environment I've ever been in.

~James McAvoy

I wanted to join the navy to get some perspective on the world and explore.

~James McAvoy

I'm 5 foot 7, and I've got pasty white skin. I don't think I'm ugly, don't get me wrong, but I'm not your classic lead man, Brad Pitt guy.

~James McAvoy

I wanted to be a missionary and work abroad, but girls started to become a bigger part of my life around the time I lost interest in the priesthood.

~James McAvoy

It's weird when you're watching yourself in a film - you can't really detach yourself from the experiences you've had that day. You're never watching the film as a proper punter.

~James McAvoy

The better the script is the more you can commit, but you can only really commit with full confidence when you know the material is as strong as your level of commitment to it and it frees you up.

~James McAvoy

I try to keep my life low key, and I don't like going to parties unless they're thrown by a friend of mine, or they're to do with a project I'm in, or it's because I've been nominated for an award.

~James McAvoy

I've seen beautiful actresses get spat at or just someone trying to get a rise out of them so they can get an extra hundred bucks for a photo. It's really rough.

~James McAvoy

I play football once or twice a week. I eat pretty healthy. I'm in fairly

good shape most of the time.

~James McAvoy

I think fear is one of the natural states of most actors, to be honest.

~James McAvoy

Playing somebody who's obsessed. Playing somebody who is transgressing, and who is really crossing moral lines and ethical lines. That's always interesting.

~James McAvoy

As I get older, I want to do more films for kids because they're the best audience around. Just putting a smile on a kid's face is the best thing.

~James McAvoy

I've been in a few fights and I know what it's like to get punched in the face.

~James McAvoy

It's quite liberating to have a director stand beside the camera and say: "Do this now, and do that now..." It's also a bit sordid but it liberates an actor, I think.

~James McAvoy

Next year, if no one gives me any work, that's fine. I'm not going to do well anyway. I'm not an actor, I'm just exploiting this industry.

~James McAvoy

It's nice to be in a movie that hasn't been absolutely slaughtered by the press.

~James McAvoy

I don't want to be all worthy about it, but I don't do red carpets, I don't do events and I don't accept freebies that much.

~James McAvoy

I also really liked playing Mr. Tumnus in 'Narnia'. I got to play my favorite character in children's literature, which I loved. You don't get the chance to do that in other jobs.

~James McAvoy

Leading man seems to quite often be an idealized figure.

~James McAvoy

I did 'Narnia' because it was a good opportunity and all that, but really? I wanted to play Mr. Tumnus because he's my favourite children's character. That was awesome.

~James McAvoy

I kind of embarked on a fruitless search to find information about my character, Frederick Aiken. And it was fruitless, unfortunately, because there's so little about him.

~James McAvoy

That's the main thing that attracts me - characters who have big journeys. I like playing those people.

~James McAvoy

I don't mind playing somebody who's not likable, or makes the audience feel slightly conflicted.

~James McAvoy

As an actor sometimes you can be a bit emotional and forceful, and that's not always the way to be.

~James McAvoy

I always believed that I never wanted to be an actor. I only did it because I was allowed to do it and I had to do something.

~James McAvoy

I'd like to have stayed in the Scouts beyond the age of 12.

~James McAvoy

I am a nerd, but I don't dive head-first into any fiefdom of nerdiness, except for maybe 'Star Trek.'

~James McAvoy

Every time I do a movie, especially an animated movie, I just seem to scream and shout and hyperventilate for money.

~James McAvoy

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