

# Jeff Daniels

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Television in the last few years has been where all the great writers are going. TV now is what indie film used to be.

~Jeff Daniels

Are we just pretending to be unhappy so that we can add drama to our lives, so that we seem more substantial?

~Jeff Daniels

Nothing seems to matter but ourselves. That's not how I was brought up. I don't recognize the country I live in anymore.

~Jeff Daniels

I was haunted by trainers going "Up, up, up, get up." You find yourself picking your head up and then realizing, They aren't talking to me.

~Jeff Daniels

I think we have the attention span of a gnat. You know, with cell phones and Twitter.

~Jeff Daniels

We're all capable of anything as human beings. Any emotion, any action. We really are.

~Jeff Daniels

Working with Jim Carrey is an absolute gas. I have never laughed so hard for so long. Had he been on-board for the sequel of Dumb & Dumber, I would've jumped on, with no hesitation.

~Jeff Daniels

Comedy is hard to do. All the cliches about it are true.

~Jeff Daniels

I just never did buy this idea that you have to live in Los Angeles to be an actor. I didn't see that as a requirement in my job description.

~Jeff Daniels

I think Michigan keeps you sane and on an even keel through the ups and downs. In Michigan, I do fireworks, shovel snow and live life.

~Jeff Daniels

You can't rewrite nothing, but you can rewrite 90 pages of sh\*t. Now you've got your sh\*t on the page, you can go work.

~Jeff Daniels

Give me good writing, and I'll play it all day.

~Jeff Daniels

I think the American electorate should work a little harder at getting informed. That includes hearing, truly listening, to what the other side is saying. Whether you're left or right.

~Jeff Daniels

I went to Walter Reed hospital a couple of times to visit wounded soldiers, kids with no legs and one arm. You start to question some things.

~Jeff Daniels

Everything's a story, kid. Stories are what help us make sense of the world.

~Jeff Daniels

There are so many projects that you go into hoping the story works, and here comes a new third act and that kind of thing.

~Jeff Daniels

I'm the guy to call. Look at the resume. I have kids of my own. I have dogs.

~Jeff Daniels

I don't watch dailies. I don't pretend not to read reviews, I just don't. I wait for it to come on the air, just like everybody else.

~Jeff Daniels

I never starved. And you know, whatever talent I have, I've relied on that, versus image or star.

~Jeff Daniels

I have done all of the genres, and the dramatic role is my favorite.

~Jeff Daniels

Well, the music industry is littered with actors who belatedly came to singing.

~Jeff Daniels

One of the more noble things the Oscars can do is pay attention to movies no one knows about. Blockbusters don't need much help.

~Jeff Daniels

I love the theater, but if I had to choose, I would choose a film at this time in my life. Something meaty, to sink my teeth into.

~Jeff Daniels

I think it's a style of acting that you trust. You trust the instincts.

~Jeff Daniels

On cable now, the writer is king. Any actor chases that.

~Jeff Daniels

Every actor just wants good writing.

~Jeff Daniels

And the actors tend not to want to watch themselves very often. I'm one of those guys.

~Jeff Daniels

I know I'm not bipolar or schizophrenic, but this career allows you to explore, to take some facets of yourself and spin it.

~Jeff Daniels

There's not a single job in this town. There's nothin', nada, zip. Unless you wanna work forty hours a week.

~Jeff Daniels

I also write plays, so I understand the writers mind, and how obsessed you can get writing.

~Jeff Daniels

I love living in Michigan, which has been great for my kids and my family.

~Jeff Daniels

The biggest compliment I think an actor can get is I can't imagine anyone else in the role.

~Jeff Daniels

I never said, 'I'm going to be a big star.' I said, 'I'm going to be a good actor.' And that took the pressure off.

~Jeff Daniels

Stars don't want to have flaws. Stars like to be likable.

~Jeff Daniels

There is no best anything in art.

~Jeff Daniels

You know, its really strange now with the Internet, with everyone having an unsolicited, anonymous opinion.

~Jeff Daniels

I learned a long time ago that the show you're going to see isn't the one you have in your head. As soon as you understand that, you're going to enjoy it a lot more.

~Jeff Daniels

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