

# Jeffrey Wright Quotes

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I like New York because you're kind of forced to smell everybody else's funk. So it keeps you biologically attached to the world around you.

~Jeffrey Wright

When you go to a restaurant, the less you know about what happens in the kitchen, the more you enjoy your meal.

~Jeffrey Wright

I like to do theater and hopefully be effective. Most actors, at least contemporary actors of my generation, can't do it. They don't have the chops.

~Jeffrey Wright

I think I was afraid of what I might say when I got onto someone's stage or in front of someone's camera.

~Jeffrey Wright

Shaft was a pop culture figure along the lines of, I guess, Dirty Harry - except that he wasn't as much of a racist. So yeah, I was always a fan.

~Jeffrey Wright

The reason why things work is because of love.

~Jeffrey Wright

Well, I like to be kept on my toes. I look for a challenge. I don't like to recreate steps that I've already walked. I like to see if I can create something new.

~Jeffrey Wright

As much as we teach our kids, the process teaches us. If we're being diligent, we're learning from our strengths as parents, but also from the mistakes that we make.

~Jeffrey Wright

New York is the greatest character actor ever. Any film that is shot in New York is elevated by the city.

~Jeffrey Wright

You're a master on blues piano. The real deal.

~Jeffrey Wright

The line between being a nurturing parent and an over-bearing, damaging parent is one that's very delicate.

~Jeffrey Wright

Having been born and raised in Washington, D.C., you kind of absorb politics when you grow up. And it continues to be a focus of mine, probably more than what is healthy for me.

~Jeffrey Wright

Some musicians play blues, others classical jazz or bluegrass. I like to play political roles because I can merge my political interests with my creative interests.

~Jeffrey Wright

For lack of any clearer idea, I just started acting one day. It had been in the back of my head for a while, but I think in some ways I was afraid to do it, and finally I just stepped up.

~Jeffrey Wright

I do have characters who are more well known than I am, which suits me fine.

~Jeffrey Wright

And it's one reason why I don't go to a lot of movies - they're more and more dominated by corporate values and fiscal concerns as opposed to cinematic concerns.

~Jeffrey Wright

The great thing about movies is that they're collaborative. And the worst thing is that they're collaborative.

~Jeffrey Wright

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