

Jesse Eisenberg

Quotes

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The first rule of Zombieland: Cardio. When the zombie outbreak first hit, the first to go, for obvious reasons ... were the fatties.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I had great difficulty in school interacting with others, and I took refuge in the contrived setting of play acting, which is what I still do.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I grew up in a secular suburban Jewish household where we only observed the religion on very specific times like a funeral or a Bar Mitzvah.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I have an iPad and I watch three things: 'The Daily Show,' '60 Minutes,' and 'Meet the Press.'

~Jesse Eisenberg

Every character I play has to be the hero of his own story, the way we're all heroes of our own lives.

~Jesse Eisenberg

No compliment is ever sufficient and every insult, of course, is true.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I have one female fan. But she lives with me. I'm not aware of any others.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Society will decide after the technology is created what we will and won't accept.

~Jesse Eisenberg

People ask me what my hobbies are in interviews, and I always say biking. But all I bike for is to get to rehearsal more quickly.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The happiest moments for me, creatively, are doing readings of a play around a table where there's no audience.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The more people say nice things about me, the more I feel it's false.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Poor people are gross and they 'smell bad

~Jesse Eisenberg

I'm not into music - the only music I like is musical theater, but I have every Ween album.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Often times, being in a popular thing means that you have to compromise your own acting.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I feel things can always be funny, but that's probably because I have some kind of leftover childhood need to make people laugh. For somebody like me, that's the thing you excel at.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I cried every day of first grade. In class. Which meant I ended up getting comfortable emoting in a place where it wasn't the norm.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I don't attribute an actor's great success to their own individual performance when it's something as collaborative as a movie.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I find it very difficult to do normal things without getting approached.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Any time you play a character for a long period of time, regardless of how close it is to you, it infiltrates your life. It's impossible for it not to.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Everyone's a geek in some way or other. Everyone's an outsider.

~Jesse Eisenberg

No one should be offended - that's not my style.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The old cliché in theater is, if you're nervous, pick up a prop, which will immediately take you outside of your mind.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I don't understand capri pants. They seem like neither here nor there.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I give credence to the worst things somebody writes about me, and if somebody writes something nice, I think they're wrong or false or lying or joking.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I live in New York City, so there's so much stimulation when you walk outside, it does not require a television in the home.

~Jesse Eisenberg

If you're acting, then there's a prescribed way to behave; whereas in life there's no prescribed way. So acting feels like a comfortable way to get through the day.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I just can't - I can't exist in normal group situations. A classroom, where

you have to sort of jockey for position, compete for attention - I would just withdraw.

~Jesse Eisenberg

If I get no sleep the night before a show, I feel that performance is the best one.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I don't watch the movies I've been in. I try to stay as little aware of the final product as possible, because my job doesn't really change.

~Jesse Eisenberg

In acting class, you're trained to express yourself as much as you can.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I feel like when I was 13 and I had to go to bar mitzvahs every weekend. This is the same feeling. You have to put on a suit every weekend to go meet with a bunch of Jews.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I am actually going to two therapists right now. I don't know, I actually feel like therapy has just made me more uncomfortable.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I think it's a room full of insecure actors, which is ultimately very comforting.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The ideal way to approach a character is to find something in yourself that relates in some way.

~Jesse Eisenberg

And I'm sure after Facebook it will be the little cameras that we have implanted into the palms of our hands and we'll be debating whether we

should get them, and then we'll all get them.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Devils don't come from hell beneath us, they come from the sky.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I purposefully isolate myself from anything that has to do with any press. I don't read any press about myself.

~Jesse Eisenberg

It's a struggle for me to watch things I've been in because I'm just distracted and self-critical.

~Jesse Eisenberg

All of my pleasures are guilty, but that's just the way I'm wired.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I think I'm an abstinence symbol. If I take my shirt off, people will not have babies.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Don't be a hero, live to fight another day.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I think there's nothing more wonderful than using fiction to reflect real-world cultural ideas.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I get very homesick, but otherwise it's a great privilege to get to travel for work.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I've never worked during the summer. I take summers off.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I view myself in the narrowest possible terms, but I don't watch anything I've been in, and I don't read reviews or analysis of movies I've been in, or my plays.

~Jesse Eisenberg

My hope is to never act again and just do press.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I write all the time because I'm lonely. When you're acting, you're working every day all day. But then you have long amounts of time off.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Im not on Page Six, because I dont have anything salacious happening in my life unfortunately.

~Jesse Eisenberg

If you look at the movies that come out, most of them are bad, so it's not as if achieving some level of success means you get offered better roles, because frankly they don't seem to exist.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I like driving; I don't drive since I live in New York. I don't have an opportunity to drive, like, ever.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Nothing is harder than working with an actor who doesn't take it seriously or show up in the same way that you are.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I personally don't feel the need to be radical for its own sake, but I probably couldn't if I tried anyway.

~Jesse Eisenberg

You can tell when you watch a movie, usually, what the actors'

experience was on the movie, because even the smallest of roles were interesting.

~Jesse Eisenberg

In New York, everybody is their own celebrity, so they're not so interested in other people.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I find people who want to help other people to be the most interesting. I come from a family of teachers, and my friends are teachers, often times in very difficult school situations.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I don't follow sports that much now, but I was a Phoenix Suns fanatic in the early '90s.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I don't go to movies, I don't own a television, I don't buy magazines and I try not to receive mail, so I'm not really aware of popular culture.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I hate watching me. I hate watching me. It just makes me feel awful. I think, 'I look stupid from that angle. I wish I didn't let them put that shirt on me.'

~Jesse Eisenberg

I feel very guilty doing magic because you're deceiving somebody.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I felt self-conscious going out in the street prior to ever even being in a movie. That's just me.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I have a job that requires me to be in the public eye in the way that

makes me extra careful about sharing information.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I write plays instinctively. I don't like writing movie scripts.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Depression, if it's an unconsciously elected experience, is a luxury.

~Jesse Eisenberg

In 'Zombieland,' it was such a freewheeling plot it almost didn't matter what the characters were doing scene to scene as long as there was a consistent banter.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I'm hardly the most notable person in 'Zombieland.' The other actors in it are way more famous than I am.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I prefer playing characters that are going through turmoil. Most movie characters are just in service to the story.

~Jesse Eisenberg

When you take on a role you try to do as much as possible beforehand to get your mind into it. Just to prepare because it's a daunting prospect to go six months or whatever.

~Jesse Eisenberg

To criticize Facebook is to criticize the telephone.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I think I prioritize other people's opinions of me very highly, which is not necessarily a good thing - it's a thing that causes a lot of anxiety.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Mother Teresa was asked what was the meaning of life, and she said to help other people, and I thought, 'What a strange thing to say' - but maybe it's the right thing to say.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I know some amazing actors who are not mortified every moment of the day, so my feeling is that maybe you don't have to be a wreck to be good.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I guess the more serious you play something, if the context is funny, then it will be funny and it doesn't really require you to be necessarily, explicitly humorous, or silly.

~Jesse Eisenberg

As an actor, you are in a unique position because you're not only memorizing dialogue but really embodying it. You naturally feel the rhythm of good writing.

~Jesse Eisenberg

As an actor, you have to be open to doing things where you look stupid, to be experimental.

~Jesse Eisenberg

As an actor, you try to bring as much of yourself to a part to try and create a feeling of authenticity and emotional truth and resonance.

~Jesse Eisenberg

When you take on a role, even if the character is somebody that you are dissimilar to, you have to identify with the role and look for an emotional connection even if there is not a biographical one.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The only suggestions I get on my plays is to make them more of what

they already are, and that's wonderful.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I did children's theater when I was younger, and then when I was about 14 I started doing theater in New York City.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I grew up in Queens and New Jersey. I started doing children's theater when I was seven to get out of school because I didn't fit in.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I feel equal parts lucky and scared anytime I get a job.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I can't watch myself in interviews. I feel like I look like a wreck. My mom is always calling me and going, 'Stop fidgeting,' and it's like, 'You have no idea what it's like, Mom.'

~Jesse Eisenberg

The joy of acting for me is to be able to experience emotions in a safe environment. You can't scream and cry in the street because everybody will look. If you do it on a movie set, you get applauded.

~Jesse Eisenberg

As an actor, if I show up late somewhere or I say something that's eccentric, it's totally acceptable - not only that, it's lauded in some perverse way.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Who walks around proud of things they've done? That's an obnoxious quality.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The only way to be turned off to being famous is to be famous.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The movies that are really big, at least in my experience, oftentimes don't have characters that I feel as personally connected to.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The frustrating part of being a movie actor is waiting in your trailer to do two takes of a scene you've prepared for two months.

~Jesse Eisenberg

It's very hard to be a playwright because it's very competitive.

~Jesse Eisenberg

The truth is people are very nice. The other truth is, it's very annoying to be constantly interrupted. I don't love myself enough to want to share myself with everybody.

~Jesse Eisenberg

A lot of times the character's experience is not in accordance with the tone of the movie and it's not really my job to account for the tone of the movie. That's the director's job.

~Jesse Eisenberg

It's a really unique acting opportunity to play two roles who are not only interacting with each other, but vastly different.

~Jesse Eisenberg

When you're on set you don't realize the way something is going to look since you're on the other side of the camera.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Everybody feels like they need a photograph because we're in a generation where, if you don't document it, it didn't occur. So you've got to stop and take a picture with everybody.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I tend to prefer the smaller movies because they shoot more efficiently and so you're able to maintain that momentum of the character a little more easily.

~Jesse Eisenberg

First rule of magic? Always be the smartest guy in the room.

~Jesse Eisenberg

If you're afraid of everything out there, you quit going out there.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I meet people who are in movies, and the stuff that they write is terrible, but nobody tells them that because they're famous. So I worry that my stuff might be like that, too.

~Jesse Eisenberg

I'm no good at really anything that involves motor skills.

~Jesse Eisenberg

It's so nerve-wracking to be on a set. They're the most stressful place in the world, because you're making something permanent, and there are so many people relying on you in a lot of ways.

~Jesse Eisenberg

Actors dread working with studios because they dictate what you do in a way that independent movies can't.

~Jesse Eisenberg

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