

Jessica Lange

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I never felt like I belonged in Minnesota when I was growing up there. That's why I was out the door as soon as I turned 18.

~Jessica Lange

When you learn not to want things so badly, life comes to you.

~Jessica Lange

The natural state of motherhood is unselfishness. When you become a mother, you are no longer the center of your own universe. You relinquish that position to your children.

~Jessica Lange

I regret those times when I've chosen the dark side. I've wasted enough time not being happy.

~Jessica Lange

Moments of pure happiness...come upon you unexpectedly. Don't be too preoccupied to experience them.

~Jessica Lange

Everything is transient. Everything is constantly changing. The only thing we have is now.

~Jessica Lange

One of the things I love about acting is that it reveals a certain something about yourself, but it doesn't reveal your own personal story.

~Jessica Lange

Don't be absent from your own life.

~Jessica Lange

I've never been a sunny personality. I've never been outgoing. I'm a solitary person.

~Jessica Lange

Acceptance and tolerance and forgiveness, those are life-altering lessons.

~Jessica Lange

I love men. I've always been drawn to poets, artists, and madmen. Sometimes all three in one

~Jessica Lange

I am tortured when I am away from my family, from my children. I am horribly guilt-ridden.

~Jessica Lange

If I've got a clean pair of jeans and a T-shirt, that's usually a good day for me.

~Jessica Lange

To work with a director that has emotional commitment and passion toward the characters, and the piece, and the experiences, it only enriches your work.

~Jessica Lange

It's easy to judge, to think we know for certain the right thing to do. Sometimes, it just isn't so clear.

~Jessica Lange

I have a life that's just been a well of loneliness.

~Jessica Lange

I've got nothing left to lose at this point. The work I've done is out there.

~Jessica Lange

To work on the actual location I think is great. This thing of going to

Canada and pretending you're in New York, it's terrible.

~Jessica Lange

For me, nothing has ever taken precedence over being a mother and having a family and a home.

~Jessica Lange

I love being a mother. I loved being a daughter, a sister, a wife. I love being a woman with men. I love having given birth.

~Jessica Lange

I worked on my voice for 'Sweet Dreams' but only to match my speaking voice to Patsy's actual singing voice. That was my way into that character.

~Jessica Lange

I've been thinking a lot about next year, which will be the first time in 25 years that I don't have a child at home.

~Jessica Lange

It is an embarrassing time to be an American. It really is. It's humiliating.

~Jessica Lange

There was that feminist myth that we can do everything. I don't think you can.

~Jessica Lange

Allow the diversity to exist. There is nothing wrong with it. Hell, we put up with the religious right-we can put up with transgendered human beings.

~Jessica Lange

Sometimes the odds are against you-the director doesn't know what the

hell he's doing, or something falls apart in the production, or you're working with an actor who's just unbearable.

~Jessica Lange

I want to live my life with no goals anymore, but just completely free, like I did when I was younger.

~Jessica Lange

Successful model? That's a myth. The year I modeled was the most painful year of my life. Editors would always talk to you in the third person as though you were merely a piece of merchandise.

~Jessica Lange

Families survive, one way or another. You have a tie, a connection that exists long after death, through many lifetimes.

~Jessica Lange

This idea of selfishness as a virtue, as opposed to generosity: That, to me, is unnatural.

~Jessica Lange

All through life I've harbored anger rather than expressed it at the moment.

~Jessica Lange

I do love acting. But to work as a photojournalist would have been extraordinary.

~Jessica Lange

Digital doesn't interest me. It's too many steps removed from the actual tactile thing. I still read books. I don't read online.

~Jessica Lange

I have been a waitress, and I was a damn fine waitress too, let me tell

you.

~Jessica Lange

I never think of the future. I never imagine what comes next.

~Jessica Lange

I never just slide through anything. I explore everything to the fullest, whether good or bad.

~Jessica Lange

If I had to start over, I'd pursue photography - probably to the exclusion of acting.

~Jessica Lange

To stay interested in acting, I have to keep trying stuff I've never done before.

~Jessica Lange

It took Sydney Pollack a long time to get me to do Tootsie. I asked myself if I wanted to play some frothy, ditz character after I had just done Frances. Obviously, I'm thrilled that I did.

~Jessica Lange

There can be no better measure of our governance than the way we treat our children, and no greater failing on our part than to allow them to be subjected to violence, abuse or exploitation.

~Jessica Lange

The thing with psychoanalysis is I know basically what happened in my childhood. I know where things went wrong and I know what my mother said at one point and what my father said at one point.

~Jessica Lange

Box office success has never meant anything. I couldn't get a film made

if I paid for it myself. So I'm not 'box office' and never have been, and that's never entered into my kind of mind set.

~Jessica Lange

I have made decisions based from purely an actor's point of view.

~Jessica Lange

To my mind the election was stolen by George Bush and we have been suffering ever since under this man's leadership.

~Jessica Lange

I like to work in costumes, makeup, and hair that allow me tremendous freedom.

~Jessica Lange

I take a jazz class and I also take just a regular exercise class with a man who gives me acupressure treatments. It's just stretching and elongating the muscles.

~Jessica Lange

I had never done Shakespeare before, but I don't think you can be an actor and not do it. There were moments when I thought, I'm just not going to be able to pull this off.

~Jessica Lange

I could be making a lot more money now if I had chosen a different kind of movie, but none of that matters to me... I've done the parts I wanted to do.

~Jessica Lange

At a certain age, death becomes familiar to you-or a loss becomes familiar-the tragedies that are more commonplace in life.

~Jessica Lange

I have always followed the most passionate course.

~Jessica Lange

At certain times you really feel as though you have to do something.

~Jessica Lange

There are no explanations, there are no answers.

~Jessica Lange

Sometimes parts just come along when it's the perfect time for you to do them.

~Jessica Lange

I like playing characters who are out there on the edge, where they can explode at any moment or fall off the precipice.

~Jessica Lange

When you think about it there's never really been a realistic exposition of Hollywood, I mean - from the inside - showing Hollywood what it can do, what it has done, to people.

~Jessica Lange

It [military action on Iraq] makes me feel ashamed to come from the United States. It is humiliating.

~Jessica Lange

TV is sort of the only way to go for an actress my age to make a decent salary; with independent films, you just can't.

~Jessica Lange

It was easier to do Shakespeare than a lot of modern movie scripts that are so poorly written.

~Jessica Lange

If I didn't have children I'd be a much better actress. I wouldn't be so distracted. I could pour 100 percent of my energies into it, to promote the investigation which acting is.

~Jessica Lange

In families there is always the mythology. My father died when my kids were quite young still, and yet they still tell his stories. That is how a person lives on.

~Jessica Lange

Yes, and you should question your government.

~Jessica Lange

Photography was a blessing because it filled my time.

~Jessica Lange

It comes down to something really simple: Can I visualize myself playing those scenes? If that happens, then I know that I will probably end up doing it.

~Jessica Lange

When I am home for like a two-year stretch, I get antsy, because I want to work.

~Jessica Lange

I've worked with some teachers and coaches over the years, but I didn't really study theater or technique or voice or any of that stuff extensively.

~Jessica Lange

I had a big family - two older sisters and a younger brother. My family was like moving around a lot so I lived in a lot of small towns. My father was very restless.

~Jessica Lange

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