

Jodie Foster Quotes

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Part of me longs to do a job where there's not a gray area.

~Jodie Foster

It's an interesting combination: Having a great fear of being alone, and having a desperate need for solitude and the solitary experience. That's always been a tug of war for me.

~Jodie Foster

I already did my coming out about a thousand years ago, back in the stone age.

~Jodie Foster

Normal is not something to aspire to, it's something to get away from.

~Jodie Foster

Being understood is not the most essential thing in life.

~Jodie Foster

I've always had this idea that I wanted movies to make people better not worse.

~Jodie Foster

Love and respect are the most important aspects of parenting, and of all relationships.

~Jodie Foster

Let how you live your life stand for something, no matter how small and incidental it may seem.

~Jodie Foster

Privacy above all else. Some day, in the future, people will look back and remember how beautiful it once was.

~Jodie Foster

Knowing what paint a painter uses or having an understanding of where he was in the history of where he came from doesn't hurt your appreciation of the painting.

~Jodie Foster

Ninety-five percent of women's experiences are about being a victim. Or about being an underdog, or having to survive... women didn't go to Vietnam and blow things up. They are not Rambo.

~Jodie Foster

I think *Anna and the King* is a look at Asia from the Asian perspective, reflecting the Asian experience, which is very rare.

~Jodie Foster

Being an artist is a way of saying, I am here, and this is what I stand for.

~Jodie Foster

My definition of a friend is somebody who adores you even though they know the things you're most ashamed of.

~Jodie Foster

Look, it's terrible, I know, but weakness really, really bugs me, to the point that if there is a wounded bird on the sidewalk, I look at it and I go: I think I'll just kick it.

~Jodie Foster

The best reason to make a film is that you feel passionately about it.

~Jodie Foster

I didn't have any ambition to produce big mainstream popcorn movies.

~Jodie Foster

People are always surprised when I say that I'm an atheist.

~Jodie Foster

I'm a technician. I don't go for the get-into-the-role stuff. I read the lines and play the scenes.

~Jodie Foster

In the end, winning is sleeping better.

~Jodie Foster

It's very hard for me to get a new car. It's really hard for me to get a new house. It's really hard for me to move on from the things that give me stability.

~Jodie Foster

Otherness is a big thing for me. I'm always drawn to characters that live lives that I couldn't lead.

~Jodie Foster

If I fail, at least I will have failed my way.

~Jodie Foster

I think an artist's responsibility is more complex than people realize.

~Jodie Foster

I'd like to be Dakota Fanning when I get young.

~Jodie Foster

I wish people could get over the hang-up of subtitles, although at the same time, you know, that's kind of why I'm kind of pro dubbing.

~Jodie Foster

Cruelty might be very human, and it might be very cultural, but it's not acceptable.

~Jodie Foster

The movies I made when I was 14 or 15, I have a hard time looking at those. Those were the awkward years. I don't know if anybody can look at something they did when they were 14 and not wince.

~Jodie Foster

I've only been to Dublin once, and I had a great time. I got completely soaked because it was rainy.

~Jodie Foster

I fantasize about having a manual job where I can come home at night, read a book and not feel responsible for what will happen the next day.

~Jodie Foster

But the reason I became, why I wanted to be in the business was because there was *Midnight Cowboy*.

~Jodie Foster

So, yes, there's nothing I love more than listening to directors talk about their movies.

~Jodie Foster

I am the luckiest filmmaker I know.

~Jodie Foster

I think "destiny" is just a fancy word for a psychological pattern.

~Jodie Foster

I wish that I spoke more languages. I speak a couple languages, but not well enough to really dub myself. French is really the only one, and it's a difficult thing.

~Jodie Foster

I don't know why people think child actresses in particular are screwed up. I see kids everywhere who are totally bored. I've never been bored

a day in my life.

~Jodie Foster

I cannot believe in God when there is no scientific evidence for the existence of a supreme being and creator.

~Jodie Foster

There is no doubt that each of us is born an individual. Why is it then that so many of us die carbon copies?

~Jodie Foster

I have, in some ways, saved characters that have been marginalized by society by playing them - and having them still have dignity and still survive, still get through it.

~Jodie Foster

By the first week of shooting, you know exactly where your film is heading based on the psychology of your director.

~Jodie Foster

I'd always need a creative outlet. But sometimes, I do fantasize what my life would be like if I weren't famous.

~Jodie Foster

I prefer to commit 100 per cent to a movie and make fewer films, because it takes over your life.

~Jodie Foster

I had to take my makeup off at work every night. I wasn't allowed to do it at home because my mom said that when your work day is done, you're done with work.

~Jodie Foster

What do I do to live? What do I do to be vital? The answer is always

creativity; the answer is always art.

~Jodie Foster

I want to change the system from within the system. And that means focusing and specializing.

~Jodie Foster

Everybody reads for me. I was never weird about that. I never minded coming in and reading. They should know if I'm the right person, and I should know if I want to do a movie.

~Jodie Foster

Well, I certainly was exposed to and learned to appreciate the work of great directors early on. As a kid, my mother used to take me to see really interesting arty films in Los Angeles.

~Jodie Foster

I'm really not a clothes person. To me, that's just work. It's the thing I hate to do the most. I don't want to be judged in that way.

~Jodie Foster

Just to set the record straight, a salary for a given on-screen performance does not include the right to invade anyone's privacy, to destroy someone's sense of self.

~Jodie Foster

Now apparently I'm told that every celebrity is expected to honour the details of their private life with a press conference, a fragrance and a prime-time reality show.

~Jodie Foster

There are lots of futurists that spend their whole life trying to figure out who we're going to be in 40, 50, 60, 100 years. That's the great thing about science fiction.

~Jodie Foster

Cruelty might be very human and very cultural, but it is not acceptable and it is not an option.

~Jodie Foster

I aspire to be able to appreciate and review a director based on their accomplishments and based on who they are and what they bring to the material, regardless of their gender.

~Jodie Foster

What I didn't realize is how completely consumed I would be by my sons. I didn't know that the rest of my life would become so little a priority.

~Jodie Foster

As time goes on, I will play characters who get older: I don't want to be some Botoxed weirdo.

~Jodie Foster

People say as a woman actor your career is over at 40. But then they told me I would never work again after I was 16.

~Jodie Foster

I suppose that's my one little secret, the secret of my success.

~Jodie Foster

You hold all of our futures in your hands. So you better make it good.

~Jodie Foster

I don't think there is anything good about fame. 'Tables in restaurants.' People say that but, then again, why don't you just call the day before? Or go eat somewhere else?

~Jodie Foster

There is no direct evidence, so how could you ask me to believe in God.

~Jodie Foster

I will always love psychology, and the basis of psychology is family.

~Jodie Foster

I was a literature major in college and that was my thing, books.

~Jodie Foster

Where I have problems is when I am in the midst of doing something that I am completely focused on, and then I am asked to buy shoes or something.

~Jodie Foster

I'm interested in directing movies about situations that I've lived, so they are almost a personal essay about what I've come to believe in.

~Jodie Foster

I've worked with Neil Jordan, who I really adore. We did *The Brave One* [2007] together.

~Jodie Foster

Julia Roberts and Sandra Bullock do romantic comedies. I do dark dramas. I do these movies well.

~Jodie Foster

I make movies about people in spiritual crisis because it's a way for me to spend the time, the energy, the focus and the obsession to come to terms with my own spiritual crisis.

~Jodie Foster

It's a skill that people are born with. Either you're a focuser or you're a multitasky person. I am a full-focus person.

~Jodie Foster

I'm not interested in being perfect when im older. Im interested in having a narrative. It's the narrative that's really the most beautiful thing about women.

~Jodie Foster

I saw leaving college as an opportunity to do something different with my life. I always thought that becoming an academic was going to be my path.

~Jodie Foster

When I go into the stores, I pet the saddles. Until security comes and takes me away.

~Jodie Foster

I was never the ingenue or the pretty girlfriend of Tom Cruise in a movie. I didn't have that career, so I don't have to compete on that level.

~Jodie Foster

With 'Taxi Driver,' I had this eureka moment. I realized that acting could be much more than what I had been doing. I had to build a character that wasn't me.

~Jodie Foster

I guess I've played a lot of victims, but that's what a lot of the history of women is about.

~Jodie Foster

I don't find acting and directing schizophrenic, in any way. I find it completely easy to move between the two.

~Jodie Foster

I want to be inspiring to myself, to my kids, my family, and my friends.

~Jodie Foster

Adolescence is a tough one to be a child actor.

~Jodie Foster

I love more than anything looking at a movie scene by scene and seeing the intention behind it.

~Jodie Foster

'Taxi Driver' was the best thing that ever happened to me, and I didn't become a weirdo and squawk like a chicken.

~Jodie Foster

Going back and forth between the press and something like The Crucible must be really crazy and intense.

~Jodie Foster

I look back at my career when I was younger and can connect what I was going through at the time with the characters I was playing. I see the similarities in them reflecting on my life.

~Jodie Foster

I didn't grow up really wanting to be an actor. I don't remember ever not being an actor.

~Jodie Foster

I made, like, five movies while I was in college. I think they just weren't memorable movies. I've taken breaks as the years have gone on - I burn out every once in a while.

~Jodie Foster

I did a couple of plays in junior high school, maybe high school, and then I did a play in college.

~Jodie Foster

I've got that Irish thing going on. Lots of Irish in my background.

~Jodie Foster

Acting just happens to be my skill, but I think I would probably be just as happy being a technician or entering into the film business in some other way.

~Jodie Foster

I don't know if I see myself as really an action hero, but I like doing physical movies and I like doing movies where the writing is very lean.

~Jodie Foster

I like dramas. I've always liked dramas. And I'm a pretty light person. I don't consider myself a very dramatic person. But I do like doing that onscreen.

~Jodie Foster

I like to nap. I do like to sleep. Sometimes I sleep in between takes.

~Jodie Foster

Caitriona Balfe, who is Irish, is also in my movie. I asked her to play her Irish accent in the movie, but her own brogue is so faint that I had to keep pumping it up.

~Jodie Foster

My earliest memories are doing commercials and TV.

~Jodie Foster

I love European movies and I kind of grew up on European films.

~Jodie Foster

It's hard to get personal films off the ground, and it's hard developing

them.

~Jodie Foster

I make dark dramas, movies about people living in desperate fear who then overcome that fear and find a heroic side to themselves.

~Jodie Foster

Acting, for me, is exhausting. I'm always more energized by directing. It's more intense to direct. I can pop in and express myself, then pop out again. It's a huge passion for me.

~Jodie Foster

As an actor, I'm always playing solitary characters. But as a director, I'm always making ensemble movies, which focus on lots of people's lives and how they intertwine.

~Jodie Foster

But now I really don't want to work unless I really, really care about a project.

~Jodie Foster

All the movies that I make in some ways have to be the story of my life. There are different chapters in my life.

~Jodie Foster

There's absolutely no sort of acknowledgment or reward for this - except for the intangible of my kids growing up to be wonderful people.

~Jodie Foster

Most actors don't really have a director's sensibility. They have an actor's sensibility.

~Jodie Foster

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