

# John Boorman

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I only storyboard scenes that require special effects, where it is necessary to communicate through pictures.

~John Boorman

You can't get an actor to do something that is beyond his range, so you have to be aware of the range of the actor and, if necessary, alter the part to suit the actor.

~John Boorman

All the great legends are Templates for human behavior. I would define a myth as a story that has survived.

~John Boorman

The more extreme and the more expressed that passion is, the more unbearable does life seem without it. It reminds us that if passion dies or is denied, we are partly dead.

~John Boorman

Black and white is much closer to the condition of dreaming. It links you to the subconscious and I think that was part of the great appeal of movies originally.. this strange otherness.

~John Boorman

I was in Japan, and my assistant director had worked with Kurosawa. I used quite of number of Kurosawa's crew.

~John Boorman

Movie-making is the process of turning money into light. All they have at the end of the day is images flickering on a wall.

~John Boorman

It's so easy to manipulate an audience, but it's nearly always clear that you are being manipulated. I think even people that are not critically attuned are aware of cynical manipulation in film.

~John Boorman

What is passion? Passion is surely the becoming of a person.

~John Boorman

Black-and-white gives you that sort of parallel world. Also, it's very close to the condition of dreaming, to the unconscious.

~John Boorman

The resistance to black-and-white is huge, in the way that you have to sell the film. It's difficult to distribute around the world.

~John Boorman

I think most films are too predictable. They follow familiar patterns. I suppose audiences like to know where they stand but I like films that take me by surprise, take unexpected turns and twists.

~John Boorman

When actors are being defensive and defending their position, that is when you get less than good acting.

~John Boorman

There's always been this strand of filmmaking in Britain which is like socialist neo-realism. That's always been there. I've never been part of that, really; I've been much closer to fantasy.

~John Boorman

I love green. Green is the color of nature, trees. I'm a tree freak. I spend a lot of my time planting trees, nurturing them, and studying them. It's one of the colors I couldn't live without.

~John Boorman

I'm trying to suggest a kind of Middle Earth, in Tolkien terms. It's a contiguous world; it's like ours but different.

~John Boorman

And you poor creatures--who conjured you out of the clay? Is God in show business, too?

~John Boorman

What we need is someone to abolish the House Of Lords, get rid of the Royal Family.

~John Boorman

There are always forces at work in a society, which are really forces of censorship - either religious bodies or zealots who are always putting pressure on things, whether it's books or art or film.

~John Boorman

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