

John Carpenter Quotes

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It's a very good time for horror. This business certainly has changed, but there's still room for serious horror films. Look at 28 Days Later, that's not a tongue-in-cheek picture.

~John Carpenter

The strongest human emotion is fear. It's the essence of any good thriller that, for a little while, you believe in the boogeyman.

~John Carpenter

Directing is all about storytelling. It's not about equipment, or anything else.

~John Carpenter

Evil hiding among us is an ancient theme.

~John Carpenter

To make Michael Myers frightening, I had him walk like a man, not a monster.

~John Carpenter

Movies are pieces of film stuck together in a certain rhythm, an absolute beat, like a musical composition. The rhythm you create affects the audience.

~John Carpenter

We all question our sanity. Everyone has had an experience of loss of control of something.

~John Carpenter

A lot of it [success] is luck. That's a huge part of it that no one wants to talk about. You just got to be in the right place at the right time.

~John Carpenter

Horror found me. I got into the movie business to make westerns.

~John Carpenter

I can play just about any keyboard but I can't read or write a note.

~John Carpenter

I enjoyed 'The Avengers.' I couldn't do that kind of movie though. Superheroes aren't my deal.

~John Carpenter

To make movies you just have to want it enough. You have to have the passion for telling stories. You have to get by the love-of-movies aspect. You can't just be a movie fan.

~John Carpenter

I made a decision back in 1978 that, in a trade off for money when I directed Halloween, I would have my name above the title in order to basically brand these movies my own.

~John Carpenter

One could make money and get a career going with a low-budget horror film about killers attacking on holidays. It is always flattering to have somebody copy you.

~John Carpenter

You play with everything you've got. I'm not a lover of cheap tricks. I've always loved playing with people, but there's no rule about it. You try everything you can.

~John Carpenter

Way back in the '70s, I was approached to talk about the story I'd write for a Spider-Man movie. They also talked to me about Batman. I had to think about it, but that was way, way back when.

~John Carpenter

Halloween put me on the map, and I'm very sad to hear of his death.

~John Carpenter

I'm always involved with casting my movies. I have final word on it.

~John Carpenter

I had a talent for scoring films; I just developed it.

~John Carpenter

I think there are certain subjects I don't want to tackle, that I don't think I could do a good job with. I don't think I'd be good with... broad comedy? I don't know. Maybe I would.

~John Carpenter

I just aim for basketball season to start. I don't really care about anything else in life.

~John Carpenter

You have to fight really hard for a private life, and sometimes you don't have one. It just gets to you after a while. It's tough.

~John Carpenter

From a will: And to my communist nephew Oswald, I leave the sum of 10,000 pounds - to be shared equally with his fellow Britishers.

~John Carpenter

Remakes, in general, are a result of necessity being the mother of invention. They can't open movies consistently and break through the advertising clutter that's out there.

~John Carpenter

As a filmmaker, it's about surviving and lasting. So many talented people that I've known in my life - directors and writers - just haven't made it and haven't had a chance.

~John Carpenter

Horror is a reaction; it's not a genre. Somebody's life would have to be in danger for it [story] to be a horror story.

~John Carpenter

First of all, I was a wrestling fan when I was young. Even when I figured out what wrestling was, I was still a fan.

~John Carpenter

There's nothing better than being in an asylum, if you're going to have a bunch of crazy people in an asylum, and they're all beautiful Hollywood actresses.

~John Carpenter

There are a lot of movies that I don't care about, especially not remakes.

~John Carpenter

Fears are all psychological. Being afraid of death, loss of a loved one and disfigurement are all powered by your mind, and that's very powerful stuff.

~John Carpenter

When you have no money, you need invention.

~John Carpenter

I don't watch my films. I've seen 'em enough after cutting them and putting the music on. I don't ever want to see them again.

~John Carpenter

Anybody can make a movie, if you have the will. The digital revolution has made it very inexpensive to make a film. Anybody who wants to can do it.

~John Carpenter

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