

John Cusack Quotes

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The more you expose yourself as a celebrity, the less interesting you are to watch in your work, because if you're putting yourself out there all the time, you're not holding anything back.

~John Cusack

Being on a movie set is like one long financial crisis.

~John Cusack

Do I listen to pop music because I'm miserable or am I miserable because listen to pop music?

~John Cusack

Hitler was so modern, in that he was obsessed with being famous. He was caught up with this rush to be have achieved greatness before turning 30.

~John Cusack

Texas women have an amazing sense of purpose when they lose it. They're the best girls in the world - they're loyal and fun, but when they get mad, they'll try to kill you.

~John Cusack

I've seen the people who talk about their love lives in print invariably have doomed relationships with the person they're talking about.

~John Cusack

A lot of people are not meant to be together.

~John Cusack

I force people to have coffee with me, just because I don't trust that a friendship can be maintained without any other senses besides a computer or cellphone screen.

~John Cusack

Maybe the absence of signs is a sign.

~John Cusack

I have a bit of a rebellious nature.

~John Cusack

If I'm in something that I think is kinda good, it stays with me like a fever dream for a long time afterwards. I don't recall the finished product so much as the feeling of making it.

~John Cusack

Good actors can sort of see into people and immediately you have a chemistry with them or not. It's like an affair with no mess.

~John Cusack

If you're going to get into social criticism with absurdity and satire, you can't be politically correct when you do that.

~John Cusack

Sometimes you meet people and you feel like you've known them for a long time.

~John Cusack

If you're a movie star, there's a cycle you go through: adoration, adulation, you're used, and then you're discarded. And it happens again and again, always in that sequence.

~John Cusack

I was raised Catholic until I was old enough to say no.

~John Cusack

When applied to politics and taken to its extreme, kitsch is the mask of death. Fascism was all aesthetics. There was no core principle to it. There was no truth to it.

~John Cusack

Get your sense of outrage back, and your sense of defiance and spirit back, and try to put these pieces together and confront the excesses of empire at every turn.

~John Cusack

I was a teen star. That's disgusting enough.

~John Cusack

I was raised Irish Catholic, but I don't consider myself Irish Catholic: I consider myself me, an American.

~John Cusack

Of course, I think it is legitimate for the Commander-in-Chief to be concerned for the safety of his soldiers.

~John Cusack

Kitsch is more dangerous than it looks when taken to the extreme.

~John Cusack

I feel like I'm a filmmaker; I don't feel I need to yell 'action' and 'cut.'

~John Cusack

The film is not a success until it makes money. It's only good when there's a dollar figure attached to the box office.

~John Cusack

All my romantic stories are a scrambled version of that first one.

~John Cusack

Every role you do is kind of a side of yourself. That's why they give you the part.

~John Cusack

New York's like a boxing match. In Hollywood, it's like a Fellini movie or something.

~John Cusack

Radical Islam and US exceptionalism are in bed with each other. They're like lovers, methinks.

~John Cusack

Getting trapped back in the '80s, it's almost like a comic nightmare, which for me is a very real nightmare. Every time I flip through the cable, I have flashbacks.

~John Cusack

I never really saw myself as an activist but at some point the activist is the only moral position to take.

~John Cusack

Usually I play people who just keep babbling on and on and on.

~John Cusack

I like the George Romero films, which were really great, social satire movies; really twisted.

~John Cusack

In the future, there is no future.

~John Cusack

Usually I do everything reverse. I practice something in movies and then I try it in real life.

~John Cusack

Don't buy into the corporate mythology that's been rammed down our throats for all these years.

~John Cusack

It's a very frightening time when something as basic as due process is seen as somehow radical.

~John Cusack

I read Noam Chomsky. I like some of Gore Vidal's stuff.

~John Cusack

I try not to dwell on the past. I'm not a big go-back-and-try-to-relive-your-past kinda person.

~John Cusack

The elderly have so much to offer. They're our link with history.

~John Cusack

A lot of people know that something very drastic has happened to the very idea of America.

~John Cusack

The British keep employing me, and that makes me like them. It also makes me think they're very intelligent.

~John Cusack

I never wanted to come off as self-important.

~John Cusack

Most movies, once the action starts there's no more characters. You say a couple of dumb lines and then there's just explosions until the end.

~John Cusack

Not only is America a country where torture is now policy. It's now outsourced. It's given to companies at a cost-plus basis. It's a triple whammy of surreal, absolute madness.

~John Cusack

I think it's very important and healthy to tell different stories than the corporatist narratives we are being asked to swallow hook, line and sinker.

~John Cusack

The people who say they're for democracy want nothing to do with democracy.

~John Cusack

Satire is meant to have teeth; satire is meant to be dangerous. But it also happens to be fun because subversion and telling the right kind of people to go to hell is supposed to feel good.

~John Cusack

If you wanna give me an award, I'll take it. Just don't make me go to the party afterwards.

~John Cusack

A lot of powerful people in Washington may think it's a crazy-leftist-fringe position to think the intellectual authors of a torture regime should be investigated and prosecuted.

~John Cusack

I don't walk around talking about my life and spouting my philosophy to people I don't know. I mean, if I get to know them, I'll talk for hours. I guess I like a lower-key scene.

~John Cusack

I was never interested in being an overly public person.

~John Cusack

I think when you get to the point where you don't need to be in love, then you could be in love. You have to just be OK with yourself-and that's a long process.

~John Cusack

I'm a paranoid schizophrenic. I am my own entourage!

~John Cusack

My job is to just express something that I want to express. And if I'm ahead or behind the curve, that's for others to decide.

~John Cusack

I don't tend to think in terms of a moral authority - be a good boy, do good things - more in terms of what feels right.

~John Cusack

I don't agonize over decisions as much these days. The criteria of what's important to me is clear.

~John Cusack

Justice always has context.

~John Cusack

I think poets tell better history than historians. Historians lie all the time but the poets can get to truth of it.

~John Cusack

I think any actor can probably identify with being a professional liar. You don't always look at yourself that way, but I know a lot of days I do.

~John Cusack

All the choices we make in our life are pointless. There's no escaping the inevitable.

~John Cusack

No, actors go out with actresses as a form of self-flagellation.

~John Cusack

I just love the process of working with other actors.

~John Cusack

I feel close to Lloyd in 'Say Anything'. He was like a super-interesting version of me. Only I'm not as good as him. Whatever part of me is romantic and optimistic, I reached into that to play Lloyd.

~John Cusack

It never hurts to be involved in any political or activist organization. I can never see how participation would be a bad thing. The key is being true to what you participate with and who.

~John Cusack

If you help manufacture an enemy that's really evil, you can point to the fact that it's really evil, and say, "Hey, it's really evil."

~John Cusack

In the United States, we can talk about ISIS, but we can't talk about Palestine.

~John Cusack

I love these movies where it's just about the film. You don't have my face on the poster. It's all about the movie. I like that.

~John Cusack

If people are constantly reading about you, and you're overexposed, they've got no reason to go see your movies. Also, it's not pleasant or nice to have your privacy invaded.

~John Cusack

The ages two to 15 I spent at different stages of shortness. I didn't become a tall person until I was 16.

~John Cusack

People try to keep their past, like kind of holding on to their past. Every Springsteen song talks about that.

~John Cusack

I remember the '80s being about the Cold War and Reagan and the homeless problem and AIDS. To me, it was kind of a dark, depressing time.

~John Cusack

You can only really judge yourself in comparison to other people. How bad you are, but you're not as bad as someone else. So it's degrees of losing.

~John Cusack

The movies have got more corporate, they're making fewer movies in general, and those they are making are all \$200-\$300m tent-pole releases that eat up all the oxygen.

~John Cusack

I was never into the popular school or clique or anything. Then I started doing movies when I was in high school, so then I got popular. Then the girls paid attention to you who didn't before.

~John Cusack

My point was that it's hard to make good films, but I'm not under any illusion that you do all the time.

~John Cusack

Acting can be pretty challenging. I can't say making a romantic comedy is challenging, but to do anything well, you have to put yourself into it.

~John Cusack

Hollywood is just a bunch of people going around in Learjets to other people asking them if they've got any money? Well, they might have if

they didn't spend it all on jets.

~John Cusack

But no, I don't really like romantic comedies, so I don't really care. I never go see 'em.

~John Cusack

I think everything has some politics to it. It's just whether or not it admits to it. Politics is weird. I don't even know what that means any more.

~John Cusack

These guys who talk about free markets, they're not ideologues; they're crooks.

~John Cusack

I guess maybe I'm idealistic.

~John Cusack

Any time you stop looking at evil as a black and white thing, it's helpful. So the fact that there won't be any obligatory Islamic terrorist stereotypes in movies any more, that'd be helpful.

~John Cusack

The minute you realize that your options are unlimited, things just start falling into place all around you.

~John Cusack

The situation in the film is like me going out to Venice Beach and talking to a homeless guy on the boardwalk, and 13 years later he's the president.

~John Cusack

Well, any time you do anything good, it's man versus himself, right? That's the art, the challenge.

~John Cusack

We've got to force the Democrats to get a spine. If they don't want to have a spine, we should throw them out. If they don't want to stand up for the rule of law, then I'm not a Democrat.

~John Cusack

Hopefully as you get older you get more selfless. That would be probably a good goal. I don't know if we do, though.

~John Cusack

I'm not making any plans. I'm just going to let the universe surprise me.

~John Cusack

I have a good friend who's a Texas girl; Texas girls are a whole different breed.

~John Cusack

I was only in one of the John Hughes films, and I never saw the other ones. I didn't understand them. I kept hearing a really hip 40-year-old person talking in teenagers' mouths.

~John Cusack

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