

John Hawkes

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My fear now is of cliché, of complacency, of not being able to feel authenticity in myself and those around me.

~John Hawkes

There's a lot of skeletons in my closet!

~John Hawkes

I generally play strong people and scary people.

~John Hawkes

I met Robert Rodriguez working on a movie called 'Roadracers.'

~John Hawkes

People have said unkind things and you kind of have to, if you happen to read it, you have to just, you know, move on.

~John Hawkes

I think we're all mysteries to ourselves.

~John Hawkes

I want people to believe me when I play a part and they are less apt to if they know a lot about me and have associations about me.

~John Hawkes

It's hard to get concert tickets.

~John Hawkes

It's probably odd for someone to read an interview where the interviewee is worried about exposure while they're talking in an interview.

~John Hawkes

It's tough being an actor making music, because even I have a knee-jerk reaction to that.

~John Hawkes

Part of the way that I work is to observe.

~John Hawkes

I lived in Texas for 10 years. There were a lot of people chewing, including my dad.

~John Hawkes

I don't think there are in life, pure darkness or pure light. Everyone's got a little of everything.

~John Hawkes

A lot of times, you just don't get the jobs you want to get.

~John Hawkes

Certainly I've had the experience of thinking a person was one thing, and finding out they were another.

~John Hawkes

Even the small amount of infamy I have makes me uncomfortable - on a personal level and on a professional level.

~John Hawkes

For me and for I'm sure any actor, each role is a different challenge to prepare for in a different way.

~John Hawkes

I don't have actor training, myself.

~John Hawkes

I don't mean to be highfalutin about it, but I try to limit my visibility.

~John Hawkes

I have to be careful of what TV shows I choose, particularly ones that have commercials in them, because it's going to be a different kind of television show.

~John Hawkes

I went to a performance of 'The Crucible' at the Guthrie when I was a sophomore in high school, and I knew right away that that's what I wanted to do

~John Hawkes

I had to go to Sunday school once or twice in my life, and that's where I commented someplace on hearing.

~John Hawkes

The only thing that exists is torment, lyricism, and the magnificence of language.

~John Hawkes

To be anywhere near an enormous ocean liner when you are just like a fish in the water is frightening.

~John Hawkes

It's hard to tell whether the ship or airplane - they're all the same, I'm convinced - is male or female; it may shift back and forth.

~John Hawkes

When we lived in Juneau, Alaska, it was a town of about 7,000 people, and totally isolated; the only way to get to it was by ship.

~John Hawkes

Really, I didn't like Alaska. It rained, almost every day, at least 300 days out of the year.

~John Hawkes

I do not feel an exile from America in any sense.

~John Hawkes

You never really forget who you are. If you did, you'd need to seek some professional help

~John Hawkes

Motive is never easy. Sometimes it occurs to one only later.

~John Hawkes

As an actor, I think a mistake that any storyteller can make is to play the ending.

~John Hawkes

If you're telling a story it's always best not to play the ending.

~John Hawkes

Starting in the mid-'80s, I played in a band called Meat Joy, and we made our own record, toured.

~John Hawkes

'The New York Times' thing... I think any actor would be thrilled to be profiled in that paper.

~John Hawkes

I've never had any delusions about being a leading man, and it's not sour grapes to say that in the best films that I've always enjoyed, the cliched leading man type isn't a part of the picture.

~John Hawkes

The writer should always serve as his own angleworm â€”and the sharper the barb with which he fishes himself out of blackness, the better.

~John Hawkes

It's nice to sometimes get things out of life, rather than stealing from other artists. I'm trying to steal from the real people.

~John Hawkes

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