

John Huston Quotes

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The directing of a picture involves coming out of your individual loneliness and taking a controlling part in putting together a small world.

~John Huston

I don't try to guess what a million people will like. It's hard enough to know what I like.

~John Huston

A work of art doesn't dare you to realize it. It germinates and gestates by itself.

~John Huston

Hollywood has always been a cage...a cage to catch our dreams

~John Huston

A picture is made. You put a frame around it and move on. And one day you die. That is all there is to it.

~John Huston

Most people never have to face the fact that at the right time and the right place they're capable of anything.

~John Huston

What to do when inspiration doesn't come; be careful not to spook, get the wind up, force things into position. You must wait around until the idea comes.

~John Huston

I prefer to think that God is not dead, just drunk.

~John Huston

Once you have found the right shot to introduce the scene-written your first declarative sentence-then the rest flows. You've found the key to

the whole scene.

~John Huston

I relieve myself from the rigours of directing by casting the movie correctly.

~John Huston

Critics have never been able to discover a unifying theme in my films. For that matter, neither have I.

~John Huston

Crime is a left-handed form of human endeavor.

~John Huston

What you try to become is a bringer of magic, for magic and the truth are closely allied and movies are sheer magic ... when they work, it's, well, it's glorious.

~John Huston

I don't approve of censorship. I like the French theatre idea. Put on the play, and if the audience doesn't care for it, or feels offended by it, they rip up the seats.

~John Huston

Marilyn was one step from oblivion when I directed her in *The Asphalt Jungle*. I remember she impressed me more off the screen than on it. There was something touching and appealing about her.

~John Huston

For sheer strength of character, I wouldn't have dared to cross swords with Callas. I would rather have gone six rounds with Jack Dempsey.

~John Huston

I am more lost in wonder than ever.

~John Huston

Whenever something is convenient or was modified after 1970, you probably shouldn't use it as root.

~John Huston

You're good, you're real good.

~John Huston

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