

# Josh Radnor

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I like movies that are about real people in real time with real problems.

~Josh Radnor

It really shocks me when I encounter people who think kindness doesn't matter. Because I think it's pretty much the only thing that matters.

~Josh Radnor

In college, you're kind of designing who you want to be. And I wanted to be a big reader.

~Josh Radnor

I kicked college nostalgia in my late 20s. As much as I loved college and treasure the memories, I no longer want to go back.

~Josh Radnor

I care about reading, a lot. It's a big part of my life.

~Josh Radnor

Even though I occasionally appear on it, I don't watch television.

~Josh Radnor

Kindness is not about instant gratification. More often, it's akin to a low-risk investment that appreciates steadily over time.

~Josh Radnor

Film allows me to ask some really big questions with the time to explore them deeply. I love the form.

~Josh Radnor

I actually have a thing about proper nouns. They clang on my ear in a weird way when I hear them dropped into movies.

~Josh Radnor

All of the things I used to obsess over, I'm no longer as obsessed with. I

have new concerns but they're a little more existential or cosmic.

~Josh Radnor

I went through this very serious Woody Allen phase in college and a little bit after college. I still see his movies.

~Josh Radnor

The purpose of fiction is to combat loneliness.

~Josh Radnor

One of the secrets to life is saying yes to change and allowing things to transition, but I also think you have to mark the time and give thanks for all that it gave you.

~Josh Radnor

Talk about what you love and keep quiet about what you don't.

~Josh Radnor

Knowing when to say something and when not to say something is important.

~Josh Radnor

We're like a gardener with a hose and our attention is water - we can water flowers or we can water weeds.

~Josh Radnor

My whole thing is that I want to explore why you read books, what's the purpose of reading, and maybe that it's not that cool to hate something just because it's popular.

~Josh Radnor

I learned a lesson which I didn't heed: Don't put yourself in your movies. It's too much.

~Josh Radnor

We don't have a lot of space in our imaginations to allow people to expand what they do.

~Josh Radnor

Everyone has expectations. You just don't want to have them dashed, so you're quiet about them.

~Josh Radnor

There's that great Bill Hicks line - the comedian - where he says, "Are you proud to be an American?" "I don't know. It's just where my parents had sex."

~Josh Radnor

It never made sense to me that someone would achieve any kind of success in show business, only to become a jerk.

~Josh Radnor

As a person, I'm anti-violence.

~Josh Radnor

I feel comfortable with women. I have two sisters, so I grew up in a female-dominated environment.

~Josh Radnor

In writing scripts now, having made a film, I'm much more conscious of what it means to shoot and edit a movie, and that affects the writing.

~Josh Radnor

I've always been attracted to ensembles. When I started doing plays in high school and in college, I always loved the community aspect of it. I loved these little families that would develop.

~Josh Radnor

I have really good female friends. I've never bought the whole

men-and-women-can't-be-friends thing. I think that's sort of nonsense.

~Josh Radnor

I distinguish sentiment from sentimentality. Sentimentality makes your skin crawl. It's like too much sugar. But, sentiment is a great feeling.

~Josh Radnor

Acting on stage is still my favorite thing to do. And everyone who's been in musicals knows that there is nothing more fun.

~Josh Radnor

A lot of times, we're just sold these movies that are really cynically conceived and marketed, and they just want you there opening weekend, before everybody finds out it's not so good.

~Josh Radnor

I sometimes don't know what I'm writing when I start writing it, on some level.

~Josh Radnor

It's really hard to be poor in New York - I was really poor when I lived in New York.

~Josh Radnor

My trick is the trick that everyone knows: Work really hard and prepare.

~Josh Radnor

There are just things you can explore in a movie that you can't in 22 minutes with a laugh track.

~Josh Radnor

One man's uplift is another man's sentimental hooley.

~Josh Radnor

And as a filmmaker, I'm trying to unhook myself from this idea that unless you have a brilliant, long, enormously lucrative theatrical run, that your movie somehow failed. And I don't believe that.

~Josh Radnor

We are so vocal about what we hate.

~Josh Radnor

Time off from the news is always something I welcome.

~Josh Radnor

I learned to choose my battles. Sometimes I let my producer deal with something that I didn't want to deal with.

~Josh Radnor

I have great people surrounding me and helping me out. I'm totally in love with directing movies and I hope to do more of it.

~Josh Radnor

The attitude of the director is really important, in terms of setting tone.

~Josh Radnor

There's something touching about a kid who's reading a book that's printed on actual paper. I think that anything that kids start reading, within reason, can lead to other discoveries.

~Josh Radnor

One thing I'm most proud of, in my movies, is that I think the performances are super-strong, but that's not all me. I think part of it is casting appropriately.

~Josh Radnor

When I'm working, it's great. When I'm not working, it's great.

~Josh Radnor

I really like to travel when I write. Something about seeing new things and being in new cultures and environments provokes new thoughts in your head.

~Josh Radnor

Each film is difficult, in its own particular way. There's a unique set of challenges on every movie.

~Josh Radnor

Well, I stopped drinking. That was actually a big deal. I didn't go through any harrowing rock-bottom experience. I just made a decision to stop drinking.

~Josh Radnor

If I'm feeling something, I have a lot of different ways to express it, you know? I can write an article about it. I can write a screenplay about it. I can act in someone's thing.

~Josh Radnor

After a brief period in which I had let many a Southern Californian convince me that it was all 'in my mind,' I am once again officially allergic to dogs.

~Josh Radnor

I tend to read things that are a little more on the nourishing side. But if I don't enjoy something, I'll put it down.

~Josh Radnor

No matter how dark things may get in a story, I feel it's the responsibility of the storyteller to leave the audience with at least a shred of hope.

~Josh Radnor

The reflexive allergy to L.A. that a lot of New Yorkers have, I feel like

it's kind of nonsense.

~Josh Radnor

What I write is very personal, but not autobiographical. It's more 'thematically personal' - what's up in my life in terms of themes at the moment.

~Josh Radnor

To write a story about New York that only deals with people in your age and socioeconomic bracket, that feels dishonest to me. So much of New York comes from everyone bumping into each other.

~Josh Radnor

I'll say this, and this has nothing to do with gender or sexuality: You do not want to get licked in the face repeatedly by another human being. You just don't. It's not pleasant.

~Josh Radnor

I think that the mark of a great book is that it will meet you wherever you're at and you'll feel and experience something new and different each time you read it.

~Josh Radnor



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