

# Judd Apatow Quotes

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Don't be a jerk. Try to love everyone. Give more than you take. And do it despite the fact that you only really like about seven out of 500 people.

~Judd Apatow

College is the reward for surviving high school. Most people have great fun stories from college and nightmare stories from high school.

~Judd Apatow

Eventually, the nerds and the geeks will have their day.

~Judd Apatow

For me, until I know that the audience really gets what I'm trying to communicate I'm not done.

~Judd Apatow

In the writing, I'm just trying to go deeper, emotionally, and learn more about myself and reveal more and find a way to connect with people in new ways.

~Judd Apatow

We are at this weird moment where there's an economic model that supports creativity. People are demanding something new and fresh.

~Judd Apatow

I am always driven by the terror of humiliation.

~Judd Apatow

Every joke is an experiment. When you sit, alone, and write a script, or just a joke, you really have no idea if it will succeed.

~Judd Apatow

I think that everything I do tends to root for the underdog.

~Judd Apatow

Deer are like dogs. Except for Bambi, they're pretty personality-less.

~Judd Apatow

The audience doesn't care that most of happened. They just want a good movie.

~Judd Apatow

I think a lot of Hollywood is in retreat right now trying to figure out how to make money and make the safest bets.

~Judd Apatow

There was definitely a period when I just felt out of sync with earth.

~Judd Apatow

The moment you think of a joke is the best moment.

~Judd Apatow

To me, I've never understood why there is any question about are women as funny as men.

~Judd Apatow

If we really talked about what's wrong with you, you'd need a 7-1/2-hour movie and nobody would know what category to put it in!

~Judd Apatow

People like the comedy more when they care about the characters.

~Judd Apatow

I put on a big show when I write something I think is funny.

~Judd Apatow

I didn't want to be a director for hire. It really just took me a long time to learn how to direct and to feel up to the job.

~Judd Apatow

I think a lot of studios today are run by women, and we are entering a time when a lot of women have evolved in Second City and Upright Citizens Brigade and wanted to become writers and comedians.

~Judd Apatow

So many people are in comedy because of difficult mothers or broken homes.

~Judd Apatow

Every day I live by only one rule, be a good guy.

~Judd Apatow

I think the world is changing and all that matters is that I'm creating things.

~Judd Apatow

Nowadays, when kids decide they like an artist, they'll absorb everything that artist has ever done in a single night.

~Judd Apatow

There's nothing more fun than debating and defending your taste in music.

~Judd Apatow

The only thing worse than a crappy TV show which Paddy Chayevsky couldn't have conceived in his worst nightmare is two megacorps fighting over who thought of the crappy show first.

~Judd Apatow

I feel like it's a golden age for television.

~Judd Apatow

It's so difficult to shock America these days.

~Judd Apatow

I wanted to see how funny I could be without making the choice that every 10 minutes something big and visual had to happen.

~Judd Apatow

All of my jokes were about not being able to meet anybody. I didn't have any insight into anything - even my own insecurities.

~Judd Apatow

I'm the guy who gets uncomfortable. That's why I was able to write 'The 40-Year-Old Virgin' and 'Knocked Up.' I believe in those guys.

~Judd Apatow

People like everything to work out, and anytime you don't make everything work out perfectly, you really are fighting against what most people are going to the movies for, especially in the summer.

~Judd Apatow

I still feel like a nerd.

~Judd Apatow

Some people are probably saner. They're good performers, and they go about their day. I just get obsessive about it.

~Judd Apatow

In terms of the emotional underpinning, if you've been in relationships, you understand what's happening.

~Judd Apatow

Every time I perform in front of people, no matter how well it goes, the next day, I feel humiliated.

~Judd Apatow

I bring people on to the movies to type and to help punch up and look at things. But a lot of it is, you want fun people to be around, to put you in

a good mood, to try and access your creative place.

~Judd Apatow

It's a fun idea, to follow a couple very slowly and show every nook and cranny of their relationship.

~Judd Apatow

Humor is his defense mechanism, so that would allow me to talk about some serious subjects, but get a lot of hilarious jokes in.

~Judd Apatow

When you're making your 20th movie, it might be the 20th most incredible thing that's ever happened to you!

~Judd Apatow

And I like the passion that people have when they're trying to prove they can make a movie or be a movie star.

~Judd Apatow

I like human comedies - or dramedies. More than anything, I'm interested in people just dealing with everyday things that are difficult, and there is more than enough comedy and drama in that.

~Judd Apatow

I think my instinct creatively is to make things that are very funny and happy and silly. And in this moment where the world is very scary, I feel like my role is to make people laugh really hard.

~Judd Apatow

There's no logic in how Donald Trump thinks. I don't want someone who's the president who says 3 to 5 million people voted illegally when there's zero proof. It's a crazy person.

~Judd Apatow

If you work on network TV, they want to pick your casts, dictate your story and how your show works. It just becomes creativity by committee, which is never good.

~Judd Apatow

I don't think there's really observational magic.

~Judd Apatow

For a long time, TV was just the land of handsome, beautiful people, and now it's the opposite.

~Judd Apatow

I don't want to be ordinary. I'm willing to do the work. I'm willing to suffer the indignities of comedy because I want to be great. I don't want to just be good. I want to be great.

~Judd Apatow

A lot of bands that are great disappear a little bit faster than they used to. They don't get as much support for the long haul. You have to be pretty tough to hang in there.

~Judd Apatow

If you're an athlete, you might work your entire life, and you win the Super Bowl once, if you're lucky. And I feel like in the arts and entertainment we win the Super Bowl all the time.

~Judd Apatow

Most comedians weren't great athletes; that was the way they got noticed in high school.

~Judd Apatow

With comedy, a lot of people develop their sense of humor as a defense mechanism.

~Judd Apatow

It seems like magic is something kids start really young.

~Judd Apatow

I feel the responsibility to make things which on some level have something positive to say.

~Judd Apatow

I love when people work together who know each other very well. Some of my favourite movies are people who are close friends or families.

~Judd Apatow

I don't think there's that many great 90-minute comedies.

~Judd Apatow

I wrote for Roseanne. I wrote her stand-up act with her. I wrote with Tom Arnold. There was a period when I was working with them pretty steadily. But I would take brief gigs here and there.

~Judd Apatow

Most people in the world of comedy at least are multi-hyphenates, so people who direct are also writers.

~Judd Apatow

I've come to realize that people connect more when they know you're telling them the truth or some aspect of your story, some mutated version of how you are experiencing this life.

~Judd Apatow

I have to go back to vinyl every once in awhile, even if my kids don't want to hear it. I'm much more likely to be listening to Wilco or the Avett Brothers.

~Judd Apatow

Maybe you just get so attached to the music of your youth that you



think it's better than what's coming out now.

~Judd Apatow

It's funny, now there are so many bands that I can never remember any of their names. Maybe it's because I'm old.

~Judd Apatow

I need to find people who I respect so I can respect them, and they'll like being respected so they'll respect me, and that's like a marriage.

~Judd Apatow

Parents don't realize that when they teach you about the Holocaust too early, it ruins you for life.

~Judd Apatow

The thing that ruined your life makes you good at your work. And then you get rewarded at work, so you don't bother to fix it in your life.

~Judd Apatow

You know, I'm a big comedy fan.

~Judd Apatow

When I notice that all the beats sound exactly the same, it starts to wear on me.

~Judd Apatow

You hear people say: "One day, when I'm in a good position I can make my passion project." I've seen a lot of people get into that position and not make it.

~Judd Apatow

I love Coldplay. I love Steely Dan - Steely Dan's probably one of my top three bands of all time.

~Judd Apatow

I don't think I'm going to get so mature that I lose touch with the whatever wounded part of myself that feels the need to be funny. I'm already old enough that I realize that's not going to happen.

~Judd Apatow

If anything is leaking, I try to plug the hole.

~Judd Apatow

You should look up some of the reviews. The New York Times review is so over-the-top funny. It's hysterical. You should dig it out.

~Judd Apatow

I'm always talking to people. It's not that complicated. I just find somebody and say, "Do you have any ideas." If they do, we just start thinking things around.

~Judd Apatow

It's so funny, all the similarities that we have [with David Copperfield] of being obsessed young people and finding a way to be around the people doing what we want to do.

~Judd Apatow

Literally, my last call was with David Blaine, congratulating him on his show. I have a camaraderie with David.

~Judd Apatow

I loved the idea that I could write a joke and someone else would have to take the risk of performing it.

~Judd Apatow

There's something so scary about trying out new material and being completely comfortable jumping into the abyss with a comedic idea.

~Judd Apatow

I think we all have a love/hate relationship with the media.

~Judd Apatow

I used to tour a little bit with Jim Carrey and help him out on his first Showtime special.

~Judd Apatow

The little details really connect for people in ways I never realized before. I think that's why some of the movies have done well, because people are relating to things that I'm willing to expose.

~Judd Apatow

I was a guest on Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee with Jerry Seinfeld, and I interviewed him when I was 15 years old-those moments really blow your mind.

~Judd Apatow

I have to make good things so good comedians want to talk to me.

~Judd Apatow

It's funny when people debate about music, because they get so passionate about what they enjoy.

~Judd Apatow

As a kid, I was obsessed with the Who. They were the most important band to me. Songs like "I'm One" helped me get through high school.

~Judd Apatow

If you watch the arcs of so many comedians, at some point, they just become themselves.

~Judd Apatow

When you make a movie, you just send it off into the world. You never actually live it with the crowd.

~Judd Apatow

When the entire country was watching one show there was a major discussion happening; is it possible for that to happen in a 1 million channel universe?

~Judd Apatow

I don't think because a story has humor in it means it's brief. For some reason, people think anything that's 30 minutes is a comedy, comedies can be longer or shorter, so can dramas.

~Judd Apatow

I'm just trying to be truthful and collaborate with people who have interesting things to say.

~Judd Apatow

I start casting early in the writing process, so I can tailor the script to the gifts of the actors.

~Judd Apatow

I often say that ... I'm just involved in comedy, so I can be around it.

~Judd Apatow

It would be so irresponsible not to speak up. I don't know what I would do in my home and in my life if I didn't rant a little bit and as thoughtfully as I can with some humor.

~Judd Apatow

There are people that entertainment is something they do at the end of a long hard day at work, and they want to be entertained and have it over quickly. They're like, "Entertain me fast!"

~Judd Apatow

Sometimes you need to get away for a few weeks just to figure out who

you are again.

~Judd Apatow

I still feel like a weird kid who is about to take a punch in the face. So, I think it's permanent.

~Judd Apatow

There are people who like short movies, and I think they should just watch our movies on DVD because they can pause, go to the bathroom, eat dinner, and come back to it.

~Judd Apatow

'Deadwood.' I could have watched that forever.

~Judd Apatow

I like when people are very passionate about what they want to write about. Even if it's silly, you can be very passionate about it.

~Judd Apatow

[My] dream writers room: "'Taxi.' I need to write for someone named Judd."

~Judd Apatow

I always feel like I'm very far from my potential.

~Judd Apatow

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