

# Kevin Costner Quotes

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Sports, Kids, Horse, Father, Persons, Reality, Ifs, World, War, Mother*

You have to decide if you're going to wilt like a daisy or if you're just going to go forward and live the life that you've been granted.

~Kevin Costner

I believe in long, slow, deep, soft, wet kisses that last three days.

~Kevin Costner

Real heroes are men who fall and fail and are flawed, but win out in the end because they've stayed true to their ideals and beliefs and commitments.

~Kevin Costner

I split my time between Santa Barbara and Aspen. I live on a pretty fast horse.

~Kevin Costner

Field of Dreams is probably our generation's It's A Wonderful Life.

~Kevin Costner

Failure doesn't kill you... it increases your desire to make something happen.

~Kevin Costner

Broken people say awful things and do incredibly absurd things.

~Kevin Costner

When I played Robin Hood, I knew the great role was Alan Rickman's and it didn't bother me. I always think that leading actors should be called the best supporting actors.

~Kevin Costner

When a defining moment comes along, you define the moment, or the moment defines you.

~Kevin Costner

I'm a big fan of dreams. Unfortunately, dreams are our first casualty in life - people seem to give them up, quicker than anything, for a 'reality.'

~Kevin Costner

Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them.

~Kevin Costner

If you don't understand your limitations you won't achieve much in your life.

~Kevin Costner

There are a lot of things that come to bear on movies now that I don't think are good for movies. They're trying to appeal to the biggest demographic and, when they do that, you sometimes flatten out.

~Kevin Costner

If you think of 'Liberty Valance' or 'The Searchers,' there are moments in there that you'll never, ever forget... And it does not matter what century you are from.

~Kevin Costner

It sounds vain, but I could probably make a difference for almost everyone I ever met if I chose to involve myself with them either professionally or personally.

~Kevin Costner

I haven't tried to buffer myself. I like rolling the dice.

~Kevin Costner

I'd like to put on buckskins and a ponytail and go underwater with a reed, hiding from the Indians... To me, that's sexy!

~Kevin Costner

You have to pick the stories that you want to be involved with and the end game is you'd like to be a part of a hit. But I think your moral obligation is to follow your own heart.

~Kevin Costner

I like being around people that mean what they say.

~Kevin Costner

There's nothing more noble than a father and mother making an opportunity for their child, knowing that their life is gonna be hard. There's something incredibly heroic about that.

~Kevin Costner

I stand up for what I believe. I don't know if it's always paid off for me, because I've been ridiculed and humiliated.

~Kevin Costner

You can be as you choose to be. It's an act of discipline sometimes, but it can be done.

~Kevin Costner

I'm getting those familiar feelings, and I'm just going to enjoy the process of getting to know someone again.

~Kevin Costner

I wouldn't do the movie unless I thought it had a chance to be good.

~Kevin Costner

You're just as good, and if you work harder, you can be better and you can be more than you think you can.

~Kevin Costner

I've always known that I'm a little out of vogue.

~Kevin Costner

Money isn't a major motivating force in my life. Nor is my profession. There are other things that I care more about than being an actor.

~Kevin Costner

Audiences trust Westerns when you hit the right tone. I think they're not in vogue, but they will always be in vogue when you hit the right note.

~Kevin Costner

True movies will never be measured by how much they make - they'll be measured by how they make you feel.

~Kevin Costner

It's such a cool thing in life to get what it is you want. Most of the time we don't, but occasionally we do.

~Kevin Costner

I always thought the leading actor should be the best supporting actor, because you're the only person that can help every other actor on the set.

~Kevin Costner

I work for the public, for the people who are paying to go to the cinema, rather than for the critics.

~Kevin Costner

Some people come to you because if you're in their movie, it'll help them raise money. And some people come to you because they think you're the person to play the part.

~Kevin Costner

I don't give up. I'm a plodder. People come and go, but I stay the course.

~Kevin Costner

A good idea is something like an emotion, you just can't keep it in.

~Kevin Costner

I can't say I really see much difference between my son and daughters except that my girls will occasionally make me a sandwich and my son won't.

~Kevin Costner

I have instinctually thought I could do things in my life, and I followed that up by sometimes putting everything I have at risk - my money, my house - to make a movie.

~Kevin Costner

Here's the thing - the accent is cool. It's like a girl with big breasts - they get your attention first.

~Kevin Costner

Being a celebrity is probably the closest to being a beautiful woman as you can get.

~Kevin Costner

Sometimes we worry about the things that you know that matter the least and don't focus on the things that matter the most.

~Kevin Costner

I try to please myself. I don't try to anticipate what people want to see.

~Kevin Costner

I've been around where I knew other actors were going to steal the scene, and I don't compete with them.

~Kevin Costner

I'm glad movies aren't going to please everybody, they can't. But what they have to be is recognisable. I don't equate myself with a master

painter, but I think you can recognise my films.

~Kevin Costner

I'm a coach's coaching player. I like to be on the floor. So, if the coach tells me what to do out on the floor, I can get it done. I'm really comfortable being directed.

~Kevin Costner

I actually play sports better when I'm mad. Some players don't play better when they're mad. They lose their sense of where they're at. I have a tendency to do better when I'm under pressure.

~Kevin Costner

I like when my face tingles, when the hair on the back of my neck stands up.

~Kevin Costner

I feel like I've been able to live a dream life, but my view of things is absolutely inside behavior about how I behave and how I count on other people behaving.

~Kevin Costner

I've never had that fear of going against the grain.

~Kevin Costner

We're at a point in history where everyone needs to pay attention to politics. Too much is at stake for us to be apathetic.

~Kevin Costner

There's real drama in performing live. You never know how it's going to be.

~Kevin Costner

I have a tremendous belief in people, not that people don't let me down,

not that I haven't maybe let some people down. But I have a tremendous belief in people and in the common experience.

~Kevin Costner

Conventional wisdom can get us into so much trouble, especially as artists.

~Kevin Costner

I'm in a position where whatever I do, I can get my head handed to me. I'm in a position to fail because there is a whole group of people out there who want me to fail. It's a weird vibe.

~Kevin Costner

I didn't realize Toronto was so beautiful. Everywhere you go you see beautiful architecture.

~Kevin Costner

I think religion is a funny thing because, when you see somebody who can really break it down, sometimes it feels foolish what you believe.

~Kevin Costner

I don't take much stock in other people's opinions if I think something's good.

~Kevin Costner

Conventional wisdom is so scary because what if everybody's wrong?

~Kevin Costner

It's nice to be wanted. That's a really good feeling. I'm not immune to it.

~Kevin Costner

I've always been distracted when somebody is coming after me and saying, "You're the only person who can play this part."

~Kevin Costner



I don't read as much as I'd like. I've been writing a lot. I've been doing a lot of music, but I don't read as much as I should. I just don't.

~Kevin Costner

I am a really writer-oriented actor.

~Kevin Costner

We recognize ourselves in Westerns, ... I believe the Western can orchestrate moments around reality. The reality can be as entertaining to us as the lie.

~Kevin Costner

You know, what if everybody's wrong in life? And so you have to live your life yourself.

~Kevin Costner

Great stories don't often make great movies. Its' a crafted art form.

~Kevin Costner

The truth is, I just want do things that are original and throw an original spin on them.

~Kevin Costner

I was always listening to my father more than anyone. I was always afraid of my father more than anyone. But there's a moment in time where other men in your life can have a huge impact.

~Kevin Costner

If it's fifty years from now and it still has the same value, that's a movie.

~Kevin Costner

I think I'm a pretty right down the middle guy. I just think that's kind of who I am. I'm not afraid of my own journey.

~Kevin Costner

If you want to make a great sports movie, don't put too much sports in it. It's the backdrop. It's the environment.

~Kevin Costner

I want to be a part of something, and when we define movies now based on how they do on the weekend. We live in a society of "thumbs up, thumbs down."

~Kevin Costner

My whole life has been instinctual for me. I wouldn't do well in the computer world.

~Kevin Costner

I think I just wanted to work when I finally came to Hollywood. That's what it was. I wanted to get a job, and then I wanted to get the second one.

~Kevin Costner

I deal with pressure. I have a tendency to probably be at my best under pressure.

~Kevin Costner

The movies helped define how I should be as a person.

~Kevin Costner

It's never bothered me to work hard. I've probably worked on some of the longest schedules in movie history.

~Kevin Costner

Cowboy movies aren't supposed to be in vogue. I still like them. You know, I'm still out there pitching the hell out of them.

~Kevin Costner

When you draw a western correctly, you create such drama, such

dilemma that you think you almost don't want to admit who you might have been.

~Kevin Costner

In America, politicians do whatever to get re-elected, and a lot of decisions that were being made at that time by Kennedy were certain not to get him re-elected.

~Kevin Costner

Lincoln was the greatest speaker and he was ridiculed for how he looked, you know?

~Kevin Costner

If you're going to tear down a hero, you should never forget that you're tearing down someone else's hero. You're tearing down somebody else's son. You might have to face her one day.

~Kevin Costner

I like American history, so I was aware of the participants and a lot of it.

~Kevin Costner

I'm a pretty convenient foil for a lot of people.

~Kevin Costner

I don't think I'd have been as good as Bruce was. He was a better JFK than I would have been.

~Kevin Costner

If it's going to be wrecked, I want to make sure I wreck it.

~Kevin Costner

I've had some movies that have been ridiculed, but that's OK with me. I don't feel that really defines me. Should I change who I am to be popular?

~Kevin Costner

If I had a choice of having a woman in my arms or shooting a bad guy on a horse, I'd take the horse. It's a lot more fun

~Kevin Costner

I have seen soldiers panic at the first sight of battle, and a squire pulling arrows from his body to fight and save his dying horse. Nobility is not a birthright, but is defined by one's actions.

~Kevin Costner

I don't like definitions. I like four-hour movies.

~Kevin Costner

It was an experience of a lifetime to sit only a few feet away from him [Castro] and watch him relive an experience he lived as a very young man.

~Kevin Costner

You can spend your life trying to be popular, and that's a tricky business. You can just try to be true to yourself.

~Kevin Costner

There's a moment in time where kids really don't want to hear anything from their parents.

~Kevin Costner

I don't go against the grain because I'm a contrary person.

~Kevin Costner

It's nice to be wanted in almost any capacity.

~Kevin Costner

We all have to have our north star that we fix on and go to, but life is so

much about the things that bump into you.

~Kevin Costner

You have to try to dismiss the loudness of cynicism. It's certainly going to come.

~Kevin Costner

I wait and take on projects that I think can work.

~Kevin Costner

I want to live forever, and I know I won't. I'm not afraid of dying. I'm only afraid of one thing: not being able to raise my kids.

~Kevin Costner

When I do a Western, I often wonder what I would have really done in that situation.

~Kevin Costner

I just tried to build on my failures.

~Kevin Costner

I think there are good men and women in all decades. We've grown cynical. And look at what we do to all our heroes: Churchill, FDR, Kennedy, they all had affairs. But heroic things happen every day.

~Kevin Costner

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