

Lauren Bacall Quotes

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Imagination is the highest kite one can fly.

~Lauren Bacall

I think your whole life shows in your face and you should be proud of that.

~Lauren Bacall

I am not a has-been. I am a will-be.

~Lauren Bacall

Life is amazing, life is odd. Life is not what you expected it to be. Things happen... Growing up takes longer than you think.

~Lauren Bacall

You don't always win your battles, but it's good to know you fought.

~Lauren Bacall

Standing still is the fastest way of moving backwards in a rapidly changing world.

~Lauren Bacall

There are guys who want to screw around all the time, which interests me not at all. God knows we've done that, been there, and we don't want to do that any more.

~Lauren Bacall

Legends are all to do with the past and nothing to do with the present.

~Lauren Bacall

Growing up takes longer than you think.

~Lauren Bacall

Stardom isn't a profession, it's an accident.

~Lauren Bacall

One thing I am convinced of is that the more you do, the more you can do.

~Lauren Bacall

I wish Frank Sinatra would just shut up and sing.

~Lauren Bacall

The best things in life are clean living, good works, and big sapphires. And not in that order.

~Lauren Bacall

If there was one thing I had never been, it was mysterious, and if there was one thing I had never done, it was not talk.

~Lauren Bacall

A man's illness is his private territory and, no matter how much he loves you and how close you are, you stay an outsider. You are healthy.

~Lauren Bacall

Find me a man who's interesting enough to have dinner with and I'll be happy.

~Lauren Bacall

Being a liberal is the best thing on earth you can be. You are welcoming to everyone when you're a liberal. You do not have a small mind.

~Lauren Bacall

No, I don't like legend. I mean, I don't like the category. And to begin with, to me, a legend is something that is not on the Earth, that is dead

~Lauren Bacall

I am essentially a loner.

~Lauren Bacall

A woman isn't complete without a man. But where do you find a man - a real man - these days?

~Lauren Bacall

No one has ever written a romance better than we lived it.

~Lauren Bacall

I've always felt that work - learning from people who know more than I know - is what keeps you going.

~Lauren Bacall

How in hell can you handle love without turning your life upside down? That's what love does, it changes everything.

~Lauren Bacall

It's not an old movie if you haven't seen it.

~Lauren Bacall

When you talk about a great actor, you're not talking about Tom Cruise. His whole behavior is so shocking.

~Lauren Bacall

When a woman reaches twenty-six in America, she's on the slide. It's downhill all the way from then on. It doesn't give you a tremendous feeling of confidence and well-being.

~Lauren Bacall

In Hollywood, an equitable divorce settlement means each party getting fifty percent of publicity.

~Lauren Bacall

If goodness is its own reward, shouldn't we get a little something for being naughty?

~Lauren Bacall

It's inappropriate and vulgar and absolutely unacceptable to use your private life to sell anything commercially, but I think it's kind of a sickness.

~Lauren Bacall

I used to tremble from nerves so badly that the only way I could hold my head steady was to lower my chin practically to my chest and look up at Bogie. That was the beginning of The Look.

~Lauren Bacall

I find that through the sad times, work is what made my continuing, not breaking down, possible. In work, I was always someone else and I subconsciously reveled in that.

~Lauren Bacall

You can't start worrying about what's going to happen. You get spastic enough worrying about what's happening now.

~Lauren Bacall

Looking at yourself in a mirror isn't exactly a study of life.

~Lauren Bacall

Life is not what you expected it to be.

~Lauren Bacall

I'm a total Democrat. I'm anti-Republican. And it's only fair that you know it... I'm liberal. The L word!

~Lauren Bacall

I'm not a sedentary person. I've always been active.

~Lauren Bacall

I am not a wealthy woman. I wish to hell I was, but I never had a wealthy man.

~Lauren Bacall

How many women do we know who were continually kissed by Clark Gable, William Powell, Cary Grant, Spencer Tracy and Fredric March? Only one: Myrna Loy...

~Lauren Bacall

God if the press ever quoted anyone correctly it would be brilliant.

~Lauren Bacall

I figure if I have my health, can pay the rent and I have my friends, I call it 'content.'

~Lauren Bacall

Isn't hope an incredible, a wonderfully demented thing?

~Lauren Bacall

We live in an age of mediocrity. Stars today are not the same stature as Bogie [Humphrey Bogart], James Cagney, Spencer Tracy, Henry Fonda and Jimmy Stewart [James Stewart].

~Lauren Bacall

In the world of relationships, possibly the most complicated, uncommon, hard to find, hard to keep and most rewarding has got to be friendship.

~Lauren Bacall

Always I'm feeling, 'You're never going to work again.' That's going to happen one day, but I hope I'm not alive.

~Lauren Bacall

I don't sit around thinking that I'd like to have another husband; only another man would make me think that way.

~Lauren Bacall

You realize yourself when you start reflecting - because I don't live in the past, although your past is so much a part of what you are - that you can't ignore it. But I don't look at scrapbooks.

~Lauren Bacall

I'm total, total, total liberal and proud of it.

~Lauren Bacall

Young people, even in Hollywood, ask me, 'Were you really married to Humphrey Bogart?' 'Well, yes, I think I was,' I reply.

~Lauren Bacall

I always brought up my children not to believe in Mothers Day gifts, and now I regret it.

~Lauren Bacall

Men need to feel important. They feel better when they're with younger girls or unknown girls.

~Lauren Bacall

Acting is a life of rejection.

~Lauren Bacall

Remember what Bogie and my mother both used to say: 'Character is the most important thing. All that matters is character!'

~Lauren Bacall

The industry is s**t, it's the medium that's great.

~Lauren Bacall

I had a lot of frustrations about my career. A lot of, you know, times where I felt I should've been considered for a part that I wasn't considered for.

~Lauren Bacall

I like to work with really good professional people - anyone with real talent.

~Lauren Bacall

His (Frank Sinatra) attention span was not long, shall we say.

~Lauren Bacall

The purity of Jewish upbringing - the restrictions that one carries through life being a 'nice Jewish girl' - what a burden.

~Lauren Bacall

Most women use more brains picking a horse in the third at Belmont than they do picking a husband

~Lauren Bacall

I'm crazy enough to believe in taking chances in every way, in making choices and gambling with your life. That's the kind of gambling I believe in.

~Lauren Bacall

You can't always be a leading lady.

~Lauren Bacall

If you want me just whistle. You know how to whistle don't you? Just put your lips together and blow.

~Lauren Bacall

All actors are terrified - they just learn how to control it.

~Lauren Bacall

After the age of 30 in the movie profession, you're pretty well over as far as the casting people are concerned.

~Lauren Bacall

I'll miss Hollywood. Of the twenty friends I thought I had, I'll miss the six I really had.

~Lauren Bacall

I finally felt that I came into my own when I went on the stage.

~Lauren Bacall

Na~vet~©, thy name is me.

~Lauren Bacall

The madmen seem to live on forever, don't they?

~Lauren Bacall

Actors today go into TV, which I don't consider has a lot to do with acting. They only think of stardom

~Lauren Bacall

I was this flat-chested, big-footed, lanky thing.

~Lauren Bacall

When you are playing a part like that where you have traveled - you begin to think, God what a great life. Independent, living alone and how dramatic.

~Lauren Bacall

I've still not gotten my choice of the best roles in the world.

~Lauren Bacall

I fairly often have thought how lucky I was. I knew everybody because I was married to Bogie, and that 25-year difference was the most fantastic thing for me to have in my life.

~Lauren Bacall

the real stakes in the theater are high - they are life stakes. That's what

I love about it. You gamble with your life, and that's a gamble worth taking.

~Lauren Bacall

Hollywood is the only place in the world where an amicable divorce means each one gets fifty percent of the publicity.

~Lauren Bacall

"My obit is going to be full of Bogart, I'm sure," she says, adding, "I'll never know if that's true. If that's the way it is, that's the way it is."

~Lauren Bacall

No, I'm afraid they might slip and hit a nerve and I'd end up with one side of my face hanging down or something. I'll just stick with this one for a while and take my chances. I'll be brave.

~Lauren Bacall

People should tell your children what life is all about - it's about work.

~Lauren Bacall

Each time a friend dies, the present becomes the past, in an instant.

~Lauren Bacall

I called my business manager in California and said, 'Sell all of my stock' - what little of it I had - and it's the only smart financial move I ever made.

~Lauren Bacall

Patience was not my strong point.

~Lauren Bacall

I never believed marriage was a lasting institution . . . I thought that to be married for five years was to be married forever.

~Lauren Bacall

The first time anything happens to you - your first love, your first success - the second one is never the same.

~Lauren Bacall

As long as I can walk and talk, I'll try almost anything. I say "almost" because the high wire is definitely out.

~Lauren Bacall

They think actors are freaks - that we're a lot of drunks who party all the time and never work. Well, I for one work my tail off.

~Lauren Bacall

I always thought I had crooked eyebrows and crooked teeth. That's why I never understood why people called me a beauty.

~Lauren Bacall

The biggest misconception people have about me is that I'm in control of every situation. I'm rarely in control of any situation.

~Lauren Bacall

How long an actress lives professionally depends on her stamina, the extent of her masochism, her imagination, and her yearning for recognition or approval.

~Lauren Bacall

Howard Hawks said he'd like to put me in a film with Cary Grant or Humphrey Bogart. I thought, "Cary Grant-terrific! Humphrey Bogart-yucch."

~Lauren Bacall

The reason you get married is to be together, not to be separated.

~Lauren Bacall

A planned life is a dead life.

~Lauren Bacall

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