Lee Daniels Quotes

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Every African-American I know has two faces. There's the face that we have for ourselves and the face we put on for white America for the places we have to get to.

~Lee Daniels

My dream is to make a Superman hero that's gay.

~Lee Daniels

I've dodged all sorts of bullets in Hollywood to get my movies made. I'm tough.

~Lee Daniels

I can't do movies where you start thinking "Where's the commercial appeal? How are we going to market this?" It's not that kind of party.

~Lee Daniels

I was always intrigued with European cinema, and hated most American cinema. I didn't like the one, two, three - boom! style, with a neat and tidy ending. That was never my scene.

~Lee Daniels

I don't want to sell my soul to Hollywood - to just make run-of-the-mill stuff.

~Lee Daniels

I grew up hardcore. I learned to be more responsible - and fiscally responsible - you know, I just wanna be a kid again! Do a musical, have tons of time or something.

~Lee Daniels

I want to go to places that are unexpected of me, because people really think they have me pegged. I want to do something different, like maybe do a space movie or a musical.

~Lee Daniels

Trust is hard to get from actors, and for me to give to actors.

~Lee Daniels

I don't work with fear, and I don't work with actors that are fearful.

~Lee Daniels

I'm not tough when it comes to people criticizing the people that I protect, and those are the actors. It makes them scared to do it again for another director.

~Lee Daniels

My philosophy has always been, you don't put your name in front of a movie.

~Lee Daniels

I think that when you have audacity, you will get polarization.

~Lee Daniels

I like all my work equally. I look at the projects as children. I look at the experience more than the end result.

~Lee Daniels

Being the first person to go to college that really related to me from the movie [The Butler] because being black and going to college everyone puts so much hope into you.

~Lee Daniels

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