

# Maggie Gyllenhaal

## Quotes

*Thinking, People, Play, Believe, Trying, Roles, Interesting, Important, Years, Sex, Order, Kids, Real, Couple, World, Daughter, Home, Writing, Political, Men*

What I think is new is the wealth of roles for actual women in television and in film. That's what I think is revolutionary and evolutionary.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Having an education is invaluable.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I want roles that challenge people to question where they are in life.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Honestly, I'm always aware of the political implications of the movies that I make.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I think *Secretary's* funny, it is about sex, and there's a lot of sex in it, sex is the key, but you're talking about a lot of other complicated things.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I have a couple of girlfriends who are like healing. We take care of each other. They know when I need to be taken care of.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I find myself more and more interested only in roles which move the world forward.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Being a mother has absolutely forced me. You have to write things down and have systems for all of it. And then you set up systems and you realize they don't work.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

To get people emotionally involved in something intellectual and political is important.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

It's a hard life to have sex with eight to 10 men a night. That's hard physically, let alone emotionally.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

A lot of actresses are doing incredible work right now, playing real women, complicated women. I don't feel despairing at all. And I'm more looking with hope for something fascinating.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I'm 37 and I was told recently I was too old to play the lover of a man who was 55. It was astonishing to me. It made me feel bad, and then it made me feel angry, and then it made me laugh.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

A big part of being an actress specifically is feeling entitled to your artistic opinion, feeling that it means something, and being able to stand by it.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I think sex is very interesting for most people, but I'm interested in sex as a way of communication, I'm not that interested in the fantasy version of a sex scene.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

You have a right to your opinion about the work that you're doing. An artist is as equally important as the director. If you believe that, you can work in any circumstances.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Ten years ago, it was really difficult for a young actress to walk onto a set and disagree with the director and having that be OK and have a conversation about it and everyone be cool with it.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I'm still trying to figure out what the right line is between myself and the people I play. Sometimes I go too far one way or too far the other.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I studied English literature; I took 2 independent religion classes, but I wasn't a religion major really.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I want to have some effect on the way the world works in whatever way I can, and I also want to have the power to help get the movies that I think are important made.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I said to Ramona [my daughter] once ... you should never look yourself up on the Internet. It's something I've learned.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Now, there are roles which are capturing a vibrant moment in an older woman's life. There was a time when those interesting roles stopped at 28. A few years ago we would have been finished by our age.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Sometimes things go really well, and sometimes they don't, and it's not ultimately the most important thing.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

There is a need, especially right now in America, to be a bit provocative.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

You're not going to do good work if you're not choosing something because it inspires you.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I think most human beings, even if you're in a situation that's constricting or complicated or hard, they try to survive.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I'm pretty good at indulging myself. I'm about to go travel for a week. I like to get massaged, go into steam rooms. I take care of myself.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I really want my kids to feel, is that they can be themselves in the world.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Acting is really important to me, so I think it would be really hard for me to do something I didn't believe in.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I feel so gratified about having finished college. I learned how to articulate myself. It gave me confidence more than anything. And also the ability to analyze the text.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

One of the things I think is really problematic about something like [government] spyware is that it isn't transparent - because of that anonymity and that secrecy, there aren't laws to regulate it.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Someone who's 26, 27, has a very different relationship to sex than someone who's 30.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I feel there is no shortage of real interesting women's roles. But I found them and did all of them just now.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I would like to do a big movie that many, many people see but I just know I would be miserable if it didn't have something to it.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I would like to have a home in the country that I could go to. First in this country and the other in the Mediterranean.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I'm playing somebody who is a recovering drug addict who got out of prison. It takes place in 2 weeks-the 1st 2 weeks I'm out of prison.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I made a movie where I played a girl that just got out of prison and we shot it very very quickly but very intensely-that took me a long time to get over.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I need very little to work, because I learned how to make movies on tiny movies. It's all kind of easy for me.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I do seem to have a bit of a predilection for movies that say something transgressive.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

Every actor has to find space where they are free, in order to do good work.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I liked that idea. Someone who's trying to perform herself and not succeeding.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

The real test will be having a family; when I have a family you have to come home, you have to eat dinner with your kids.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

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~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I don't see that many movies lately that are actually about something, that are trying to challenge something about the way that people interact.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

I don't even notice the advertisement that comes up on my screen. I'm a smart person and it's just something I've just blacked out because it doesn't seem right to me.

~Maggie Gyllenhaal

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