

Marlee Matlin

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I've been around since I was 19, I won the Oscar when I was 21, I've had a couple of TV series. I've continued to work despite the predictions of some naysayers.

~Marlee Matlin

Deaf people can do anything, except hear.

~Marlee Matlin

When I was 13, I told Henry Winkler I wanted to act. He said, Do it and don't let anyone stand in your way. His validation just made it all the more true. I haven't stopped thanking him since.

~Marlee Matlin

I have a great husband, great parents and in-laws, and I have help with a nanny. It's not easy, but there are others who do it every day and don't have a high-profile job as I do.

~Marlee Matlin

It was ability that mattered, not disability, which is a word I'm not crazy about using.

~Marlee Matlin

I got a good handshake. A lot of executives tell me I have the best handshake in Hollywood.

~Marlee Matlin

I have made the choices that work best for me. I know I cannot please everyone, and that's fine.

~Marlee Matlin

I live my life like everyone else; everyone has their own obstacles. Mine is deafness.

~Marlee Matlin

Silence is the last thing the world will ever hear from me.

~Marlee Matlin

When I learned to sign and speak at the same time, the whole world opened up to me. That's the beauty of encouraging kids who are deaf to use whatever it takes to communicate.

~Marlee Matlin

The handicap of deafness is not in the ear; it is in the mind.

~Marlee Matlin

Watch me when people say deaf and dumb, or deaf mute, and I give them a look like you might get if you called Denzel Washington the wrong name.

~Marlee Matlin

There are so many people, deaf or otherwise abled, who are so talented but overlooked or not given a chance to even get their foot in the door.

~Marlee Matlin

At some point we have to stop and say, There's Marlee, not, There's the deaf actress.

~Marlee Matlin

Im in my mid-30s, Ive won an Oscar, I have four children. You figure out if my deafness has adversely affected my life.

~Marlee Matlin

I'm not really deaf; I just faked it to win the Oscar KIDDING.

~Marlee Matlin

I find the mantle of, she works hard for the money, or, she's overcome so many obstacles a bit overused.

~Marlee Matlin

I learned to speak first, and then to sign. I have never really known what it was like to hear, so I can't compare hearing aids to normal hearing.

~Marlee Matlin

I have always resisted putting limitations on myself, both professionally and personally.

~Marlee Matlin

Maybe my way of communicating through sign made me more in tune with my body and how it moved. Who knows? I just know when I saw a stage for the first time, I wanted to be on it.

~Marlee Matlin

The hearing aids are very helpful for speech reading. Without the hearing aids, my voice becomes very loud, and I cannot control the quality of my voice.

~Marlee Matlin

At the end of the day, it's about the best interests of the children.

~Marlee Matlin

The best feeling in the world is when your child comes up to you and lays their head in your lap, for no other reason but just because. I can't wait to have more.

~Marlee Matlin

If I were offered a cochlear implant today, I would prefer not to have one. But that's not a statement about hearing aids or cochlear implants. It's about who you are.

~Marlee Matlin

I'm gonna be unemployed when people read this. Ha.

~Marlee Matlin

The only thing I can't do is hear. I can drive, I have a life with four kids, I work on TV, I do movies, so the deafness question, is it that they want to know because, what? Not sure.

~Marlee Matlin

What parent has it easy? I just never make the difficulty of it an obstacle. I just do it.

~Marlee Matlin

I am writing my second novel for children for Simon and Schuster.

~Marlee Matlin

I listen to Billy Joel. He is fabulous. I saw him with Elton John when they toured together, it was so great.

~Marlee Matlin

I hope that through my example, such as my role on 'The West Wing,' I can help change attitudes on deafness and prove we can really do everything... except hear.

~Marlee Matlin

I can hear you and I can watch your mouth move, and then I put together the sounds and the visual image and I can understand the words as I integrate the two signals.

~Marlee Matlin

I guess not being able to hear just made me adventurous and daring. And in most cases, that didn't make my parents very happy with me.

~Marlee Matlin

There is nothing better than being a parent. It is the most challenging

job one could ever ask for. I love being a mom and I love being a friend to my children as well.

~Marlee Matlin

When it comes down to it, it's about who you know, and who's a fan. It's about whether you're the right age, whether you're hot or not, whether the studio is into you or not.

~Marlee Matlin

It seems we're always in transition and that it's more about trends than it is about what's meaningful.

~Marlee Matlin

Hollywood embraced me in the late '80s because there was a good project I was in and it was different. Nowadays, it's about corporate mentality, box office, youth.

~Marlee Matlin

Differences are scarier now. The dollar isn't so guaranteed if you don't follow what they see as the norm. But I don't moan about it. I just keep working.

~Marlee Matlin

We had a dog, Apples. He was 13 years old, toothless, blind and had the worst breath this side of Jabba the Hut. But he was the sweetest dog, and I cried and cried when he died.

~Marlee Matlin

Everybody's got a job to do, and I do mine as best I can.

~Marlee Matlin

I hope I inspire people who hear. Hearing people have the ability to remove barriers that prevent deaf people from achieving their dreams.

~Marlee Matlin

I'm different, and my manner invites questions. I'm never afraid to answer.

~Marlee Matlin

When you're up for an award at the Oscars, try as you might, it's hard to concentrate on the show.

~Marlee Matlin

I was the youngest and only girl in a family of two older brothers.

~Marlee Matlin

Living modestly in a suburban neighborhood while trying to support four children through private school is not extravagant or living large.

~Marlee Matlin

Why are people so interested in other people's relationships? It's like stealing.

~Marlee Matlin

When I was young I knew I was deaf. I couldn't accept it.

~Marlee Matlin

I'm not broke. Like everybody else, I owe money.

~Marlee Matlin

I was 21 years and 218 days old when I received the Academy Award for Best Actress. I had just stepped into an imaginary world that I'd seen at a distance for years.

~Marlee Matlin

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