

Mary Harron Quotes

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There's absolutely no point in beating yourself up. Focus on going forward.

~Mary Harron

I really dislike it when women reject feminism; that's ridiculous. I am a product of feminism. Without feminism I would not be making films.

~Mary Harron

I just don't think I'm an ideological filmmaker in any way. I don't know how anyone could see anything I've done and see that.

~Mary Harron

It's interesting that gay men and young women have been the twin engines of the Bettie [Page] cult.

~Mary Harron

I make unpopular versions of popular things. I make a horror film and it's not a horror film. None of my genre movies function as genre movies.

~Mary Harron

Punk rock, when I was a part of it, was called 'the underground.' There was something very attractive in all the hidden places, the hidden histories.

~Mary Harron

Mostly I'm just not American. I spent four years of my childhood here, but I think if you're Canadian you have a very different perspective. You don't think you're at the center of things.

~Mary Harron

My films have elements of genre in them, which prevents them from being purely art films.

~Mary Harron

I grew up interested in the underside of Hollywood, which I think David Lynch does really well.

~Mary Harron

There was a lot of anger among critics that I had not made a sexy movie.

~Mary Harron

I was lucky with my first film because it had Warhol in it. That was the selling point.

~Mary Harron

Americans always think they have to lead. I'm interested in ambiguity.

~Mary Harron

I realized you can always make money; you just do a lot of things.

~Mary Harron

Frankly, you're always up and down. You're successful and then you're not.

~Mary Harron

Bettie Page was the first person to do bondage as fashion, because for her it really was all about dressing up.

~Mary Harron

At any age you can start over. You have to drop the idea of where you should be in your career. And you have to do without a lot of love. Not everyone's going to love you.

~Mary Harron

If you have had some taste of success, it's extremely addicting. I think the withdrawal from that is what's most devastating. I don't think it's the success that kills people, it's the withdrawal.

~Mary Harron

I wonder if Bettie Page original gay cult had something to do with the ironies inherent in her image, as well as her innate fabulousness as an image.

~Mary Harron

They say that depression is anger you turn on yourself, and I think women do that.

~Mary Harron

Someone can be mentally ill, but if they are young and beautiful and their life is going well, people don't notice because at that point the cracks are almost imperceptible.

~Mary Harron

I'm bored by films that revolve around a trick. I kind of know if a film is right for me; all the most important decisions are made intuitively.

~Mary Harron

I was very ambitious at a young age. When I was six, I would tell everybody that I wanted to be an authoress.

~Mary Harron

The really important people in TV are not the directors; they're the writers.

~Mary Harron

She [Bettie Page] was a traumatized person, but she did have an active sex life.

~Mary Harron

I think any big success is paralyzing. I have observed it in others.

~Mary Harron

One thing I'm not is a moralistic filmmaker. I'm not trying to tell people what to do, and I'm not trying to lead.

~Mary Harron

Movies are a commitment. They take years of your life and they have big consequences. That's one of the bad things about movies - you're stuck with the aftermath.

~Mary Harron

I'm not trying to make the world a better place.

~Mary Harron

Some actors can draw from their own darkness.

~Mary Harron

The good part of working in TV is it's like being a studio director in old Hollywood and approaching different genres. It's a chance to try out different styles.

~Mary Harron

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