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TV writing is for people who hate being alone more than they hate writing.

~Matthew Weiner

The show is not a history lesson or intellectual exploration. It is entertainment based on tension, irony and storytelling that is closely related to today's life.

~Matthew Weiner

You don't drink and smoke that much, and womanize that much, unless you really want to be punished, I think.

~Matthew Weiner

It took seven years from the time I wrote Mad Men until it finally got on the screen. I lived every day with that script as if it were going to happen tomorrow. That's the faith you have to have.

~Matthew Weiner

Seeing movie people trying to get into TV now who don't understand that is very interesting.

~Matthew Weiner

Hate is more interesting than love.

~Matthew Weiner

Opinions can't be inaccurate.

~Matthew Weiner

I'm very supportive of creative people being paid for the work that they do.

~Matthew Weiner

I'm in the entertainment business, where you're only as good as your last show.

~Matthew Weiner

If you've ever had somebody try to sell you something - people who can sell, they really are not manipulating you. They are selling themselves.

~Matthew Weiner

It's an ugly thing to see ambition and to see people satisfying themselves.

~Matthew Weiner

It's very hard to turn writers against each other, believe it or not.

~Matthew Weiner

Identity is part of drama to me. Who am I, why am I behaving this way, and am I aware of it?

~Matthew Weiner

I am trying to be as impartial as possible. As you can tell from the trailers for Mad Men, I am a person who believes that you should know nothing.

~Matthew Weiner

That's the miracle of telling a story in film: You can express something inside someone's mind.

~Matthew Weiner

As far as casting, I'm there for every single person that's cast. Even if it's one word, I'm there for their auditions.

~Matthew Weiner

I think there's a kind of elegance to it, to work within that framework where what you don't see is often more enticing.

~Matthew Weiner

My major goal is to take my bathrobe off before the kids get home from school.

~Matthew Weiner

Super confident people with no problems and great marriages and great parenting are not good entertainment.

~Matthew Weiner

All human stories are interesting. You don't put a kid in a show because you need a device. They have a story, too.

~Matthew Weiner

I do find it sometimes that people project their own feelings on to the characters and I think that there is a certain amount of sexism - I mean the proprietary nature, for men and women.

~Matthew Weiner

Who knows where the talent goes? Sometimes it goes where the money is. Sometimes I think writers are really interested in the glory.

~Matthew Weiner

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