

Melissa Leo

Quotes

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That's probably the biggest secret of acting: If the actor believes it themselves, they can make you believe it.

~Melissa Leo

Acting is the business of truth, so that we can see ourselves reflected back and learn.

~Melissa Leo

Being an actor on a movie set is like going to the playground at recess.

~Melissa Leo

The power of television - it's so present in our lives, we don't even know how powerful it is.

~Melissa Leo

I was really not familiar at all with Edward Snowden. I like to get that right out of the way and really learned most of what I know from Oliver's [Stones] script.

~Melissa Leo

I have been known for almost 30 years to sort of do whatever comes my way. It's always been touch-and-go after each job finishes. I just like to be working.

~Melissa Leo

I think I understand the line between my job and the director's. I have no interest in directing. Not my movie, not your movie, nobody's movie.

~Melissa Leo

The key to acting has much more to do with listening than with talking.

~Melissa Leo

I'm a little bit of a glutton for punishment, especially when it comes to work. I don't mind a bit of suffering. I think it's in suffering that we

realize our best selves.

~Melissa Leo

I am a smoker, I'm ashamed to say. I had given it up for many years, then picked it up again. It's a horrible habit. I struggle with myself all the time. And I love to smoke.

~Melissa Leo

The climate informs the character.

~Melissa Leo

As an actor, you live a little bit of a cloistered life. It's a lonely life. You oddly, strangely find yourself all alone, quite often, with a lot of time to think.

~Melissa Leo

I think this notion of acting and glamour is getting in everybody's way.

~Melissa Leo

I have some close friends I keep in touch with. I knit. I watch a little too much TV. I ski, if the weather's right for that. If I can find a group of buddies, I go rock climbing.

~Melissa Leo

It's not exactly an interview that's going on [in documentary]. I guess we do ask Edward Snowden some questions and we're recording him answering them and so on like that.

~Melissa Leo

There is a wealth of knowledge to be understood from others' work, don't get me wrong, and when I do stumble upon others' work, it's not lost on me.

~Melissa Leo

As actors, emotion is the sand in the sandbox for us. Without emotion, there's nothing to play - and we are playing. We know that. Whether you think we do or not, we know that.

~Melissa Leo

It becomes more and more popular to call actors who play characters "character actors." But I've always been somebody who is much more invested in who I am playing than how they look.

~Melissa Leo

I love acting. I really do. I think that's maybe the one thing that is known about me.

~Melissa Leo

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