Michelle Rodriguez Quotes

Thinking, School, People, Kids, Years, Growing Up, Trying, Character, Moving, Political, Powerful, Running, Men, Independent, Drama, Cities, Long, Writing, Beautiful, Kind I was in Jersey when the whole World Trade Center thing happened and I felt powerless. So, I went to Hawaii and did a surf movie. It's kind of fluffy.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I was born in Texas and I lived there 'till I was 8. Then I moved to the Dominican Republic with my mom, lived there for two years and forgot every word of English I knew.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Whenever a female takes a strong stand for herself, the majority of the time they have to really, really narrow it down to being feminine and wearing dresses and just being lipstick chic.

~Michelle Rodriguez

You can keep knocking me down forever, I'll keep getting up and trying.

~Michelle Rodriguez

The more confidence you have in yourself and the more you believe that you are destined to do what you are gonna do, it will happen. ~Michelle Rodriguez

It's nice having a heart and a pussy too! ~Michelle Rodriguez

When I was about, I'd say, 18 or 19 years old, I wanted to be a part of the CIA just because they know those intimate secrets... So I was just always into knowing. I like to know things.

~Michelle Rodriguez

My favorite part of my body is my brain. I think no matter what my body looks like I wont be satisfied unless I know how to use it.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I do what I want, when I want, how I want, and because of that, it has taken me so long to grow into an adult human being.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I'm stubborn. I'm hardheaded. I don't do what I don't want to do. ~Michelle Rodriguez

I knew nothing about the independent film industry. I didn't know much about the industry itself. All I knew was how to watch movies, how to enjoy them, how to hate them, how not to like them.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I am looking forward to seeing my buddy Colin represent in front of Pacino. That's sweet.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I would like to see a fierce Fantasia mixed with Blade Runner, Lord of the Rings, and Star Wars all in one. That's the kind of movies I want to make.

~Michelle Rodriguez

The whole surf culture is starting to embrace women a lot more.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I wish that something interesting would come across the desk. I'm bored by what people think is interesting.

~Michelle Rodriguez

When I am scared of something, I run towards it, instead of away from it.

~Michelle Rodriguez

At school, I was this tomboy kid who just loved to hang out with her friends and learn curse words, trying to fit in with the cool kids and

defending all the kids who got picked on.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I've gone both ways. I do as I please. I am too f**king curious to sit here and not try when I can. Men are intriguing. So are chicks.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I trained with an ex-Navy Seal. We shot a lot of guns. Real bullets... I underwent commando training.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Basically I was a rebel growing up. I got kicked out of six schools. But I don't think that it makes you less of an intellect. You know, if you ever crave knowledge, there's always a library.

~Michelle Rodriguez

The Dewey decimal system really works. So that's all I needed to know. Elementary school taught me that.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I enjoy vanity . But I can't stick to any of that lifestyle for too long because, when its true colors come out, it's empty and cold and soulless.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Sometimes I wake up in awe that I'm alive. I can't get over that part, so I guess it makes me kind of like an existentialist.

~Michelle Rodriguez

There's something about strength that I really admire, that I failed to see a lot of when I was growing up.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I don't have an agent. The only work I get is through friendships that

l've already built. ~Michelle Rodriguez

The way I survived growing up in Jersey City was by being funny. It wasn't by being tough. Nobody thought of me as a tough kid, except for the kids I beat up.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I think empathy is a beautiful thing. I think that's the power of film though. We have one of the most powerful, one of the greatest communicative tools known to man.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I had older brothers who would pick on me, and injustice always boiled my blood.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I used to go over to my friend's house and we'd watch VCR tapes, three of them a day, and I was like, "I could come up with better stories than this." And I've wanted to write films ever since.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Until they come up with an independent woman who's on an adventure of her own, I don't think I'm interested.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I also love the makers of South Park, because they're political, strong, and they're making all of these comments that would get you shot for if you did it in a drama.

~Michelle Rodriguez

The best part of making the movies... learning from the pros themselves.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I just loved storytelling. That's what I thought I would end up doing. I thought I would probably go to school and end up writing for a magazine or something.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I don't see the point of marriage. But when I need my love, I get my love.

~Michelle Rodriguez

My dad was more, "Let's play chess. Read a book, you're stupid." He's more the intellectual type.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I'm a video game fan. I played them before I became an actress.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Berlin is liberation. Architecture, man! ~Michelle Rodriguez

Milla Jovovich introduced me to [anthropologist and author of the Don Juan series of books involving shamanic peyote rituals] Carlos Castaneda because I was all into the hallucinogens for a minute. ~Michelle Rodriguez

The only place that I'd be worried about being typecast is the independent film world.

~Michelle Rodriguez

There's only a handful of directors who really understand what I call the alchemical balance between a man and a woman, in a woman's body, which most people consider the strong woman character.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I'm always researching ancient religions, and I was also raised

Jehovah's Witness, so that kind of scarred me for life.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I just never felt like I belonged anywhere. I always had a stick with a little knapsack attached.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I thought about making movies. It hit me when I was about 14, 15 years old.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I was hanging out in gers [yurts] with these Kazakh sort of Bedouins. Drank nasty-ass camel milk. The drive [from the Souther Gobi to Ulan Bator] is insane. It's like The Road.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Guys are so predictable. They can't seem to separate fantasy from reality, so I get a lot of bikers and race car drivers hitting on me. They're all just playboys, so they don't interest me.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Sometimes I'd knock on the door of somebody I was going to school with, so it was like living a double life.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Growing up in Jersey City was interesting. I got to learn a lot about different cultures: I had Hindu friends, Middle Eastern friends, black friends, Spanish friends.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I've never really been about looking good - I'm just bad at that stuff. ~Michelle Rodriguez

The egos in this industry are incredibly vulnerable and everybody's

afraid to wipe out. So everybody plays it safe and everybody tells everybody else how great they are.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I do have a delicate side.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I use to watch like maybe three or four movies, five days out of the week. I was a movie buff, but I really didn't know what it was like behind the scenes, or the whole political process of it.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I went to business school but left after four months because I just didn't want to be a puppet of society, stuck in an office, craving some sunlight.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Going to car racing school was phenomenal.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I wouldn't want to sacrifice the last years that I have of being youthful in this business to have kids.

~Michelle Rodriguez

When I was about 11, 12, we moved to Jersey City. Everywhere I go I'm an outsider.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I love action. I love to move my body. Any chance I have to do that in my youth, I'll definitely jump towards it, for sure.

~Michelle Rodriguez

Maybe I exclude myself from that genre by not getting dressed up often enough, by acting ghetto most of the time, and running around in

sweats and Timberlands.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I'd stare up at the sky and just dream a lot. Still do. I dreamed that I didn't belong here, that I was going to travel a lot.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I already knew, from church, that this place was raped and pillaged by Spaniards and the Pilgrims. "Don't sit here and try to tell me that they broke bread together, brother.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I hated school right away. Religion had a lot to do with it because I felt like everybody was always lying to me.

~Michelle Rodriguez

People don't like talking about it, but if you're Spanish, you feel a weight.

~Michelle Rodriguez

I don't have much history - I've got Rosie Perez, Jennifer Lopez, Rita Moreno. That's it. That's the history of Latin women in Hollywood, really.

~Michelle Rodriguez

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