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I grew up in a gym in Miami, the one where Muhammad Ali trained. I had 142 amateur fights and lost three.

~Mickey Rourke

I don't mind getting punched in the nose by a guy standing in front of me. It's getting stabbed in the back that I can't handle.

~Mickey Rourke

Comeback is a good word, man.

~Mickey Rourke

I had a lot of anger inside me and that came out at times that were not particularly advantageous to me career-wise.

~Mickey Rourke

I'm an old broken down piece of meat and I deserve to be all alone . . . ~Mickey Rourke

A couple of guys won Academy Awards for the things that I turned down. Today, after coming to terms with everything, after being in therapy for a long time-there are areas where I will compromise.

~Mickey Rourke

People are always afraid of the truth.

~Mickey Rourke

Hey, baby, nobody suffers like the poor.

~Mickey Rourke

All that prosthetic makeup drains you. By the time it's lunch, you're done.

~Mickey Rourke

I behaved worse than anybody for 15 years, and you have to pay the

price for that. I used to blame other people, then therapy made me realise I had to change.

~Mickey Rourke

Some of your worst gangsters are guys who were very low-key.

~Mickey Rourke

I spent a lot of years trying to beat the system and, in the end, the system kicked my behind good.

~Mickey Rourke

I've been with a lot of women, but who's counting? It's nothing I'm proud of. It's a physical need. Sometimes afterwards I just want to blow my brains out, it's so meaningless.

~Mickey Rourke

It's the formulaic studio movies the make money, and when they do, the actors in them are automatically movie stars.

~Mickey Rourke

All I am hoping for is to be able to work-I think my best work is still ahead of me-I think all that I have been through in the last several years have only made me a better, more interesting actor.

~Mickey Rourke

I come from a violent background. So I became hard. I realised that I had made myself that way to deal with a feeling of abandonment and shame.

~Mickey Rourke

I thought my talent would transcend my outspokenness. I was wrong.

~Mickey Rourke

I never look backwards. I have always been an athlete. I boxed before I

#### acted.

~Mickey Rourke

People ask me about that all the time. They say, "Did you ever think of directing?" And I say, "It's completely out of the question."

~Mickey Rourke

Usually if you read a screenplay, no matter who's writing it, the bad guy is always written as a one-dimensional bad guy.

~Mickey Rourke

Hollywood's famous for putting you in a box.

~Mickey Rourke

Where I come from, being a hard man is being able to take a good beating and then get back up again and carry on fighting.

~Mickey Rourke

I was very immature when I was young, and for me there was no balance. Everything was just all or nothing.

~Mickey Rourke

I always knew I'd accomplish something very special - like robbing a bank perhaps.

~Mickey Rourke

A lot of the stuff I am now seeing is edgy, raw kinda material.

~Mickey Rourke

Evan Rachel Wood is the best actress I've ever worked with, hands down.

~Mickey Rourke

Wrestlers are all pretty busted-up by the ends of their careers.

~Mickey Rourke

Wrestling and boxing is like Ping-Pong and rugby. There's no connection.

~Mickey Rourke

I still work out most days. When I do it, I go full blast five or six days a week, two to three hours a day. I enjoy it. It's therapeutic for me.

~Mickey Rourke

Actors should shut up about politics. They tend to be ill-informed finger-pointers who just cosy up to some flavour of-the-month liberal.

~Mickey Rourke

I wanted to change my name to Romeo Florentino. Romeo Florentino - that's a good fighter's name.

~Mickey Rourke

Acting was never my first choice as a profession, but I came to terms with it when I decided I better buckle down and be the best I can be at it.

~Mickey Rourke

Sometimes, when a man is alone, that's all you got is your dog.

~Mickey Rourke

I'm the worst surfer in California. My balance is off from boxing.

~Mickey Rourke

I never knew my father, and I'd hate to repeat that kind of cycle with my own children, because I'd also want to be there for them no matter what.

~Mickey Rourke

Boxers are very isolated - or isolated within their own camps.

~Mickey Rourke

I did think for many, many years that because of my ability I could beat the system. And I was wrong.

~Mickey Rourke

A lot of those who let you down are those who seemed the closest to you.

~Mickey Rourke

A reputation is really hard to live down.

~Mickey Rourke

I couldn't direct traffic. It's hard enough just acting.

~Mickey Rourke

Women are much stronger than men. When a woman says enough is enough, which means enough is enough. Man will always lie at her feet in the hope of return. I was lying. And somehow happy.

~Mickey Rourke

Being out of work for 13 to 15 years is no walk in the park.

~Mickey Rourke

I don't care what Tom Cruise says about therapy.

~Mickey Rourke

In boxing, you don't know what's going to happen. In wrestling, it's already prearranged.

~Mickey Rourke

Bounty hunters these days - because everything is so sophisticated with computers and surveillance, it doesn't have to be a

one-man-army-type guy who goes in and kicks a door down.

~Mickey Rourke

It's always been the case that you have the really rich, and the really poor. But hey, look, all the great empires have their periods where they rule the world, and then they crumble.

~Mickey Rourke

I spent so long studying really hard to become a fine actor, but threw it all away because I got the adulation and the fame so easily

~Mickey Rourke

I think the first year and a half that I was in New York I was having trouble just living somewhere. Back in them days the city was a lot different than it is now.

~Mickey Rourke

Years ago I realized that maybe I made mistake, politically, when I turned a lot of that stuff down. I would go off to obscure places and make movies that six people went to see.

~Mickey Rourke

It was either therapy or die.

~Mickey Rourke

I started to shortcircuit because I had high aspirations for the film. I never told anybody that.

~Mickey Rourke

I probably did a dozen plays, like Off-Off-Broadway stuff.

~Mickey Rourke

If you look closely at some scenes in Diner, my eyes look like Dracula's.

~Mickey Rourke

My dogs are more important than my family.

~Mickey Rourke

I have a really good relationship with a lot of designers. I like Gaultier, Billionaire and Cavalli.

~Mickey Rourke

I have so many boxing gloves around my house that I would get them confused with other gloves.

~Mickey Rourke

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