

Neil Simon Quotes

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If you can go through life without experiencing pain you probably haven't been born yet.

~Neil Simon

If no one ever took risks, Michaelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor.

~Neil Simon

Talent is the gift plus the passion - a desire to succeed so intense that no force on earth can stop it.

~Neil Simon

Once you start compromising your thoughts, you're a candidate for mediocrity.

~Neil Simon

Never underestimate the stimulation of eccentricity.

~Neil Simon

It's always painful when you're writing memoirs because you've got to go through the dark places, but it gives you a chance to find out the person you really are, not the person you thought you were.

~Neil Simon

I love living. I have some problems with my life, but living is the best thing they've come up with so far.

~Neil Simon

Take care of him. And make him feel important. And if you can do that, you'll have a happy and wonderful marriage. Like two out of every ten couples.

~Neil Simon

Writing is an escape from a world that crowds me. I like being alone in

a room. It's almost a form of meditation- an investigation of my own life.

~Neil Simon

I was constantly being dragged out of movies for laughing too loud.

~Neil Simon

Everyone thinks they can write a play; you just write down what happened to you. But the art of it is drawing from all the moments of your life.

~Neil Simon

All humor is based on hostility - that's why World War Two was funny.

~Neil Simon

The body of a young woman is God's greatest achievement...Of course, He could have built it to last longer but you can't have everything.

~Neil Simon

I got brown sandwiches and green sandwiches. Its either very new cheese or very old meat. - Oscar Madison, from The Odd Couple

~Neil Simon

Baptists are only funny underwater.

~Neil Simon

It looks different when you're sober; I thought I had twice as much furniture.

~Neil Simon

New York is not Mecca. It just smells like it.

~Neil Simon

Don't listen to those who say, you taking too big a chance. Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor, and it would surely be rubbed out by today.

~Neil Simon

I don't like writing for comedians. I like writing for actors. The best comedians are the best actors.

~Neil Simon

[When you write a play] you walk into a forest without a knife, without a compass. But . . . if you have a sense of geography, you find that you're clearing a path and getting to the right place.

~Neil Simon

A lot of your personality is formed before you're 12, obviously, but only a few of my plays use characters from my childhood. The more mature plays are affected only by my adult experiences.

~Neil Simon

Once you've opened yourself up, it's best to go all the way.

~Neil Simon

Money brings some happiness. But after a certain point, it just brings more money.

~Neil Simon

I understand. You work very hard two days a week and you need a five-day weekend. That's normal.

~Neil Simon

I feel like writing about a time when I was probably, and think all of us are, the happiest before the obligations start in.

~Neil Simon

Goldie Hawn is funny, sexy, beautiful, talented, intelligent, warm, and consistently sunny. Other than that, she doesn't impress me at all.

~Neil Simon

Writers feel like a middleman, standing with pen in hand over the page. A force greater than me stands above telling me what to write. That may sound romantic, but that's how it feels.

~Neil Simon

People with honorary awards are looked upon with disfavor. Would you let an honorary mechanic fix your brand-new Mercedes?

~Neil Simon

There are two million interesting people in New York and only seventy-eight in Los Angeles.

~Neil Simon

The first book was my first attempt at writing full-length prose.

~Neil Simon

I don't like dating or just living with a woman. I like to create a relationship, a marriage. And almost all of my marriages have involved children, so I'm really a family man as well.

~Neil Simon

He's too nervous to kill himself. He wears his seat belt in a drive-in movie.

~Neil Simon

Sudden money is going from zero to two hundred dollars a week. The rest doesn't count.

~Neil Simon

I don't use computers... I'm someone who needs to see the page right

away in my hand.

~Neil Simon

Evan Handler's new book is simply wonderful. He pulls you inside his life, and you come out his very close friend.

~Neil Simon

Give your mind a chance to travel through foreign languages.

~Neil Simon

Gee, what a terrific party. Later on we'll get some fluid and embalm each other.

~Neil Simon

How long do you want to wait until you start enjoying life? When you're sixty-five you get social security.

~Neil Simon

Sports is the only entertainment where, no matter how many times you go back, you never know the ending.

~Neil Simon

There's no such thing as a sure thing. That's why they call it gambling.

~Neil Simon

Standing on a ledge again. Everyone laughs at dancing monkey with the typewriter. Not for long, though.

~Neil Simon

I much prefer writing an original movie with the screen in mind to transferring a play to the screen.

~Neil Simon

I never write a play with an eye to film.

~Neil Simon

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