

# Pam Grier

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My people were homesteading in Colorado before Emancipation.

~Pam Grier

I like serious films, the moneymaking blockbusters that don't make any kind of sense and John Carpenter films.

~Pam Grier

That's what he was saying, the civil rights movement - judge me for my character, not how black my skin is, not how yellow my skin is, how short I am, how tall or fat or thin; It's by my character.

~Pam Grier

Struggle and survival, losing and winning, doesn't matter. It's entering the race that counts. You enter, you can win, you can lose .... but it's all about entering the race.

~Pam Grier

Me, sexy? I'm just plain ol' beans and rice.

~Pam Grier

I really hate to see abusive behavior being passed on from generation to generation to generation, when we have access to health and counseling.

~Pam Grier

I don't believe that I should just do A-movies, I just do the work as an artist.

~Pam Grier

Women are allowed more freedoms and we're fighting for more freedoms, we're experiencing more freedoms won.

~Pam Grier

My grandfather was the first feminist in my life. He taught me if a

woman can do something, a man will respect her.

~Pam Grier

Our culture is revered and it inspires people all around the globe.

~Pam Grier

And as I reinvent myself and I'm constantly curious about everything, I can't wait to see what's around the corner in newfound art and entertainment and exploration.

~Pam Grier

Sometimes I'm angry, sometimes I'm not angry.

~Pam Grier

I felt beauty was a magnet for abuse, and I had suffered greatly for it.

~Pam Grier

I'm a big child at heart. I think it's important to stay that way and not lose the wonder of life.

~Pam Grier

I've never considered myself to be beautiful, and I still don't.

~Pam Grier

There are just certain realities about our world and I just happen to be creative within it.

~Pam Grier

Some day I want to play a grandmother. And a foxy one at that!

~Pam Grier

I will not be on this planet. I may come back in another form, and you know, I'll come back as a white man.

~Pam Grier

I grew up in a family where we weren't allowed to talk about beauty or to put any emphasis on physical appearance.

~Pam Grier

I came from poverty and was part of those circumstances.

~Pam Grier

The first movie that I saw was Godzilla and I loved it.

~Pam Grier

Driving a cab is not really a nurturing type of relationship. You take people and they tip you, they may not tip you, you don't know their names, they don't care about you, you don't care about them.

~Pam Grier

But I just loved looking at the clothes of the '70s.

~Pam Grier

I do a movie once every four years and they call it a comeback.

~Pam Grier

When you are an actor, you bring a tool in your craft but you are not that person.

~Pam Grier

I want to direct and work with the youngins and the fabulous actors of today.

~Pam Grier

My mother really wanted me to be in possibly a beauty pageant, not only for if I could win, but it helped improve my self-image because of trauma in my childhood and other issues.

~Pam Grier

My passion is to tell stories that reflect humanity.

~Pam Grier

The African-American community is not monolithic. It's liberal and conservative.

~Pam Grier

As I get older, it's a time to enjoy life.

~Pam Grier

You never know how people are going to respond.

~Pam Grier

That's what I crave that diversity.

~Pam Grier

My family was very, very receptive to all; all races, religions.

~Pam Grier

Out of necessity comes genius.

~Pam Grier

You can get hurt at any time.

~Pam Grier

It's the best honor when someone wants to use as their professional title the name of a character that you portrayed.

~Pam Grier

I'm in film school, so I really have to sock away my money for school, tuition, and so on, and I really don't have time.

~Pam Grier

I think people will have great conversations about religions, women's

sexuality, gender issues and gay issues.

~Pam Grier

I never thought I was pretty. I couldn't even put on eyelashes or makeup.

~Pam Grier

I don't want to be an actress, because I think that they have to be really pretty, and I'm not.

~Pam Grier

I'm just going to try to do the best work at whatever I'm going to be, and I don't think I'm going to be an actress.

~Pam Grier

Anything involving the camera, you're passionate about. Because there's no movies without it.

~Pam Grier

I was kind of a bouncy kid. I used to roller-skate into the sides of cars.

~Pam Grier

We have to have films about action and violence and special effects. That's the sad part, but you know what? It's not me doing it.

~Pam Grier

Women were victims. Their husbands could beat them up when they wanted to. They couldn't work. They could be maimed and killed by their husbands.

~Pam Grier

Oh, there's going to be debate because you're dealing with the Bible and religion is supposed to be separate from state and that to me is already a conflict before it even hits the gay issue.

~Pam Grier

I don't know how I did it, but I worked 7 days a week.

~Pam Grier

I love working with a lot of different films and a lot of different people.

~Pam Grier

I like to do all kinds of films.

~Pam Grier

Each time you do a film you gain a lot of experience and build a visual resume where people get to know who you are.

~Pam Grier

I'm not a total feminist, but I believe in rights for females.

~Pam Grier

Sex, action, special effects, and violence sell.

~Pam Grier

I consider myself conscious of how we're treated, and sometimes I can be a feminist.

~Pam Grier

I tell actresses, "If you're too tall, if you're too fat, you're not going to work. I don't care how talented you are." It's a business, and sex sells.

~Pam Grier

Sometimes I'm a little Republican, sometimes I'm a little Democrat.

~Pam Grier

I'm still trying to do films about black women.

~Pam Grier

Coming from the '50s, things were very violent.

~Pam Grier

If you're stupid and you're arrogant, you're going to get hurt.

~Pam Grier



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