

Paul Feig Quotes

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I've never been to a class reunion or anything because I'm always afraid of that one - there's going to be some 'Carrie'-like incident.

~Paul Feig

Women comedy is different than men comedy. Guy comedy is very aggressive, it's about insulting each other, name-calling, and kind of busting each other's chops, and that's not what women's comedy is.

~Paul Feig

Man up and add a tux to your wardrobe. Just find one you like and get it well-tailored to your own measurements.

~Paul Feig

The biggest thing I've heard for the last four months is, "Thanks for ruining my childhood".

~Paul Feig

When I went to high school, in the late 1970s, disco was in full swing and anyone who was into it dressed the part. I know I did.

~Paul Feig

The director is the only person on the set who has seen the film. Your job as a director is to show up every day and know where everything will fit into the film.

~Paul Feig

Throughout my teens, I just wanted to go somewhere I could wear a Donald Duck pin and no one would care.

~Paul Feig

My style of comedy is very real and bittersweet, and sort of always on the verge of kind of being tragic.

~Paul Feig

With a suit, even if you're having a nervous breakdown, you still look like you're in charge.

~Paul Feig

I'm more of a science head, so I was like, how would a guy use - if there were ghosts - technology to bring them back?

~Paul Feig

Wearing a tuxedo isn't as simple as it sounds. I've been to a lot of award shows in Hollywood over the years and have seen some pretty sad tuxes. It's surprisingly easy to go off the rails.

~Paul Feig

A lot of comedies fall apart because they just go from joke to joke, and the characters are all sort of being crazy off on their own.

~Paul Feig

I'm really a skeptic. I'm kind of not a believer in the paranormal.

~Paul Feig

At the end of the day the question comes, what are you doing for the world? You have to try to do something that's going to add something positive.

~Paul Feig

In my years of acting, the one thing I was never able to do convincingly was to laugh on camera. Fake-laugh.

~Paul Feig

I was a standup comedian, which is kind of like writing and directing yourself.

~Paul Feig

To me, there's nothing funnier than funny people in peril, because it's

just a great springboard for people to be at a heightened emotionality and things get funnier.

~Paul Feig

If you're not connected emotionally to a story, then you're dead. You're really just opening the door for people to lose interest and their minds to wander, for them to start picking it apart.

~Paul Feig

I've never been comfortable around groups of guys when it gets into the putting-down. My past being a kind of geek - it kind of turns into an attack on the weakest of the group.

~Paul Feig

Hey, I'm like the Wayne Gretsky of the entertainment biz - I have other people do my dirty work while I skate around and get to be a nice guy. What can I say? I'm a coward.

~Paul Feig

Katie Dippold, who I wrote the script with, she's very into ghosts and all that. So I go, "Hey, why don't you talk to Katie?"

~Paul Feig

We didn't used to be so precious about women in comedy back in the old days.

~Paul Feig

Why is a movie starring women considered a gimmick and a movie starring men is just a normal movie?

~Paul Feig

One of the many things I want to do is dig us out of that hole so that guys, in particular, can go: "Oh, yeah. Those people are really funny. I've seen that person. It's a woman. They are funny."

~Paul Feig

Whatever you wear, you have to own it. Make it yours.

~Paul Feig

I don't want to do anything to revisit *Freaks and Geeks* that isn't awesome.

~Paul Feig

What's so great about working with really funny women is that vanity comes second. Whatever makes it real and funny, they're going to go for, and it's just great.

~Paul Feig

When guys see a movie starring women, they go, "That must be filled with these characters I see in these movies who are such a drag." And that's just bad for everybody.

~Paul Feig

In a perfect world, I'd love to make 90-minute movies, but for me, a movie needs to be as long or short as it can sustain itself.

~Paul Feig

You can never have a thousand percent batting average on jokes - it's just never going to happen.

~Paul Feig

You want a happy ending, but not such a ridiculous happy ending that it doesn't mean anything to anybody.

~Paul Feig

I hate that we're always called "the all-female *Ghostbusters*," because you wouldn't refer to the original as "the all-male *Ghostbusters*."

~Paul Feig

The hard thing is getting people to come to the theater to see something, no matter if it's good or not.

~Paul Feig

One of the biggest things you have is your reputation and your reputation with knowing what's good and what's not good.

~Paul Feig

My wife and I don't have kids and people are down on us about it. But we're just not wired that way, so don't tell me I have to.

~Paul Feig

Who knew there were so many ghosts to be busted in the world?

~Paul Feig

I have an inability to enjoy things, but that's why we're in comedy. If we were happy, we wouldn't be funny, I guess.

~Paul Feig

I couldn't be happier to not be acting. I miss it, but I don't miss the auditioning or trying to get work.

~Paul Feig

I can't impress enough upon people that if you tell an honest story that people relate to and people believe and invest in, you can do anything.

~Paul Feig

I've made a career making stuff that nobody sees, so anything that I can do to help make something that people are going to enjoy and want to see over and over again, then I'm there.

~Paul Feig

I always feel in improv that nothing is ever as good once it's repeated.

~Paul Feig

As a director, I really wanted to learn and I needed to get away from my own stuff to figure out how to just do things and work with good people.

~Paul Feig

Every director should take an acting class.

~Paul Feig

Bad women's comedies are made by men who didn't consult enough women.

~Paul Feig

At the end of the day if you want to entertain people, you've got to take your ego out of the equation.

~Paul Feig

The reason most comedies don't win awards is that the filmmakers put the comedy first. This means you have to create a story around the jokes.

~Paul Feig

There's nothing worse than the sequel that's a letdown from the first movie.

~Paul Feig

At the end of the day, successful box office just means that more people saw what you did and liked it, and that to me is the most important thing. That a lot of people saw it and liked it.

~Paul Feig

I really feed off of *The Walking Dead*.

~Paul Feig

I've never had to get a job as a waiter or anything. I've always been able to support myself in 'the biz.' Which is great. It's really fantastic to

be able to say that, because I know it's hard to do.

~Paul Feig

I'm kind of a failure. I mean, I'll be honest. I'm successful in that I'm getting to work on great stuff, but I think I'm a failure in all the personal stuff that is most important to me.

~Paul Feig

I'm glad I took the leap away from acting into going behind the camera because it's much more satisfying - I love acting and I still do, but it's much more satisfying to be able to make the stuff.

~Paul Feig

I'm extremely, extremely lucky to be who I am and do what I do and work with the people I work with. Even though I can always find something to complain about, I find it very hard to complain.

~Paul Feig

I'm a pretty feminized geek, you know? I have that point of view, I grew up around a lot of girls, so I'm pretty sensitive to that. But I don't dare say 'I know how women think.

~Paul Feig

So many stars who have shows are intimidated by having people around them be funnier than them. It's always the unsuccessful ones. Look at Seinfeld - he's great because he let everyone be hilarious.

~Paul Feig

Forty is the line of demarcation that says you're an adult now. You're an adult, so don't pretend you're a kid anymore.

~Paul Feig

At the end of the day, I just want a movie that's great, that people are going to love and laugh at and be affected by, and also have an

emotional journey.

~Paul Feig

I'm not a painter who's saying, "I want people to see my work when I die; it will be this and that." That's not satisfying to me.

~Paul Feig

What you want is the thing that critics love and audiences love, but that's the hardest thing to do.

~Paul Feig

That's what I love about the mockumentary style, is the added thing of people knowing they are on-camera, which changes your behavior. That's why we sometimes do what we call spy shots.

~Paul Feig

That's the thing with women's movies - there's so much about kind of catfighting. And my experience is women aren't - look, we all get in fights with people, but it's not that face-to-face aggression.

~Paul Feig

I'm just an enormous British comedy fan.

~Paul Feig

I find that so many times when somebody tries to go back in, it sort of isn't as good and you wish they hadn't done it.

~Paul Feig

I mean Ally McBeal was sort of the closest thing I can think of to kind of being a comedy-drama but that had its own kind of style that meant it got kind of big sometimes. But it was a great show.

~Paul Feig

The greatest movies are the ones you want to watch again and again.

~Paul Feig

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