

Paul Giamatti

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You are absolutely free to describe me as a turtle or something.

~Paul Giamatti

Academia is a rarified culture, especially an Ivy League academic background.

~Paul Giamatti

I was the youngest child and got a lot more freedom than my brother and sister. I used to wander, doing my own thing under the radar, but I didn't get in bad, bad trouble.

~Paul Giamatti

I think that deep down all I have been looking for is to be accepted and liked by as many people as possible.

~Paul Giamatti

I like playing weird, kind of shady people.

~Paul Giamatti

I learned how to fire a sniper rifle, which I'm sure will be useful at some point.

~Paul Giamatti

I get tired of myself pretty fast. So I can't imagine other people don't get tired of me.

~Paul Giamatti

Well, you know, when people say stuff about you, it's always really flattering. But does it mean anything to me? It's not really real to me; there's no reality to it.

~Paul Giamatti

I don't consider myself a very interesting person. I have the mentality of a supporting actor.

~Paul Giamatti

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I'm not a big wine guy. And bars, I never go to bars anymore. It's such a drag, man.

~Paul Giamatti

I still want to be the guy who can get on the subway and check out the freak on the subway.

~Paul Giamatti

I definitely had a top-notch education.

~Paul Giamatti

I always would be happy to make a character even more unlikable, but you know, there's a limit and if you go there, you get into a very different kind of movie, man.

~Paul Giamatti

Come on, man.... Hemingway, Sexton, Plath, Woolf. You can't kill yourself before you're even published.

~Paul Giamatti

As an actor, to have achieved financial stability is amazing. But I always have this weird fear that I'm not going to get any more work; it's about not having enough money.

~Paul Giamatti

Maybe it's because I have too much pride or self-respect, but I thought, 'Why does a guy who has thinning hair and who is overweight have to be a loser or a joke?'

~Paul Giamatti

The broad comedy thing is really hard to do on film.

~Paul Giamatti

I feel like in a lot of ways I've gotten kind of soft as an actor, not doing stage stuff. In terms of being a better actor, it's really important.

~Paul Giamatti

I mean, I'm not going to play the hero of something.

~Paul Giamatti

Acting can be a really silly thing. It's like playing dress-up.

~Paul Giamatti

My definition of likeable may be different from other people's. That's not traditional likeable. Sympathy is a different thing [to define it].

~Paul Giamatti

I like to work - I probably work too much.

~Paul Giamatti

Lead roles are fun, but I'm especially happy other, more colorful supporting stuff has come along.

~Paul Giamatti

It is because my dad died suddenly that I became an actor. I thought, I'm going to make money doing this thing I enjoy.

~Paul Giamatti

I've very critical of myself, and film has been an adjustment for me.

~Paul Giamatti

I felt like I did lots of crappy work in the past. I can't even tell.

~Paul Giamatti

I'm clearly not Brad Pitt, and I'm never going to be Brad Pitt.

~Paul Giamatti

I don't think I gave a good enough performance to be nominated for it. I thought I gave a fine performance, but those things are supposed to be about giving an extraordinary performance.

~Paul Giamatti

I'd like to have permanent time off, really. The goal is financial security and permanent time off, basically.

~Paul Giamatti

I've got to be the geekiest guy in the world in a lot of ways. I'm like a zeta male.

~Paul Giamatti

I don't mind being stereotyped in some way and playing certain kinds of guys, but if I can find something to occasionally get a break from that, that would be nice. And I feel like I manage to.

~Paul Giamatti

I never thought I would have any particular career in movies at all.

~Paul Giamatti

I married a Jewish lady, and we're raising our son Jewish, and since I'm not Jewish the whole thing is just a mystery to me. I leave it to her, actually, because it's just a great mystery.

~Paul Giamatti

I definitely have a tendency to only see the blemishes of things, and see lots of things about my acting that I don't like.

~Paul Giamatti

I don't mind talking about acting. I don't have anything interesting to say

about it, but it's interesting talking about it.

~Paul Giamatti

I don't think film actors need training, really.

~Paul Giamatti

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