

# Peter Jackson Quotes

*Thinking, Mean, Film, Believe, People, Movie, Eye, Actors, Emotional, Two,  
Use, Character, Real, Directors, Kings, Interesting, Heart, Play, Taken, Trying*

One does not simply walk into Mordor.

~Peter Jackson

The big-budget blockbuster is becoming one of the most dependable forms of filmmaking.

~Peter Jackson

The most honest form of filmmaking is to make a film for yourself.

~Peter Jackson

Remember, pain is temporary; film is forever.

~Peter Jackson

If you work at love, you will find love at work.

~Peter Jackson

Everybody's life has these moments, where one thing leads to another. Some are big and obvious and some are small and seemingly insignificant.

~Peter Jackson

Filmmaking for me is always aiming for the imaginary movie and never achieving it.

~Peter Jackson

Actors will never be replaced. The thought that somehow a computer version of a character is going to be something people prefer to look at is a ludicrous idea.

~Peter Jackson

Rivalry doesn't help anybody.

~Peter Jackson

Every film is a challenge. I always say that making a movie is like film

school - you're always learning. But unlike most schools, you never get done with it. You never learn everything.

~Peter Jackson

I think that's the job of a director really, to sort of funnel all the creativity into one centralized point of being.

~Peter Jackson

Everything is in a script for a reason, and only by being part of a writing team (or writing it yourself), do you really understand the intention of every beat.

~Peter Jackson

I find that in the process of making a film you're constantly discovering things that you never even imagined would work at the beginning.

~Peter Jackson

What I don't like are pompous, pretentious movies.

~Peter Jackson

What I love about films is that you can see "King Kong" and you can be affected by it and then you realize that he was just this little guy when he made that fall.

~Peter Jackson

I was bullied and regarded as little bit of an oddball myself.

~Peter Jackson

When you're directing, you're right at the coal face, always exhausted, often emotional - and I'll enjoy being a couple of steps back from that and simply helping where I can.

~Peter Jackson

I wanted people to believe that there could still be this little

undiscovered piece of the world that survives still on Skull Island.

~Peter Jackson

To get an Oscar would be an incredible moment in my career, there is no doubt about that. But the Lord of the Rings films are not made for Oscars, they are made for the audience.

~Peter Jackson

I regard myself as being the final filter so everything that ends up in the movie is there because it's something that I think was cool.

~Peter Jackson

Defeat is always momentary.

~Peter Jackson

No film has captivated my imagination more than 'King Kong.' I'm making movies today because I saw this film when I was 9 years old.

~Peter Jackson

I regard myself as an entertainer much more than an artist.

~Peter Jackson

One of the first movies I ever saw was 'Batman,' based on the TV series with Adam West and Burt Ward.

~Peter Jackson

The vast majority of the CGI budget is labor.

~Peter Jackson

Fantasy is an 'F' word that hopefully the five second delay won't do anything with.

~Peter Jackson

The only thing about 3-D is the dullness of the image.

~Peter Jackson

Structure is important in film, but there's often structure to be found in the most unlikely of places! It's quite possible to build a structured story and retain idiosyncrasy.

~Peter Jackson

The music in a film like this is as critical as anything because Kong is mute. He doesn't talk.

~Peter Jackson

As a filmmaker, you are going to manipulate the character as you need to make the scenes work.

~Peter Jackson

The director has to win, because you should never force a director to shoot something they don't believe in.

~Peter Jackson

For a lot of my childhood, I didn't want to direct movies because I didn't really know what directing was.

~Peter Jackson

New Zealand is not a small country but a large village.

~Peter Jackson

I just got to the point where I literally didn't want anyone else to do it.

~Peter Jackson

I think there's still a little bit of that 9 year-old in me and I'm pretty happy.

~Peter Jackson

To people in my industry I'm usually a guy that tries to generate his own

projects and I remain very elusive when people try and attach me to big projects.

~Peter Jackson

There's a generation of children who don't like black and white movies. There's a level of impatience or intolerance.

~Peter Jackson

Writing a screen play with a group of collaborators is like the Lennon McCartney collaboration .... sometimes one or two people do more than others on certain parts of the process and vice versa.

~Peter Jackson

I want to make a series of movies that run together, so if any crazy lunatic wants to watch them all in a row, there will be a consistency of tone.

~Peter Jackson

I mean, I didn't have a huge upbringing with movies, I guess.

~Peter Jackson

Film is such a powerful medium. It's like a weapon and I think you have a duty to self-censor.

~Peter Jackson

He who must search a haystack for a needle is likely to end up with the attitude that the needle is not worth the search.

~Peter Jackson

Motion-capture is not a genre. Motion-capture is a tool and technique and what we tried to do was to really use both motion-capture and traditional animation to build a system.

~Peter Jackson

So many film makers are scared of visual effects - which is no crime.

~Peter Jackson

The one thing with 3D presentations is I think that 3D itself, whether it's 24 or 48, is at a very interesting point in time.

~Peter Jackson

In an ideal world the script is written lean and tight and therefore there are no scenes left on the cutting room floor and therefore no extended edition.

~Peter Jackson

I don't believe in the concept that 3D should be shot separately. I mean, every director has their own style, sure, but I don't think any of that is really an issue with 3D.

~Peter Jackson

[While shooting close-ups] you study real eyes, you study how the light reflects in them, you study the back of the eye, you study the way irises reflect emotion. You go into great scientific detail.

~Peter Jackson

I'm a Beatles fan, and I remember in the mid-1980s, when CDs first came out, there was a sound of vinyl and the sound of the needle on it that people loved, and suddenly CDs were threatening.

~Peter Jackson

Most directors prefer to direct everything themselves. I thought I could on Lord Of The Rings, but very quickly found out that the sheer scale prevented it.

~Peter Jackson

People call Kong "a monster." He's not. There's nothing evil about Kong. He's just another creature who has opened up a little bit of his

heart to Ann and it proves to be his undoing.

~Peter Jackson

It's interesting how the frame rate actually changes the perception of the 3D as well as making it more comfortable to watch.

~Peter Jackson

I think that you can treat a classic like a museum piece -stuffed and mounted- or you can make it a living, breathing narrative that is unfolding right then and there.

~Peter Jackson

I adore physical miniatures and try to use them as much as I can and have a bit of a fetish about that.

~Peter Jackson

I am a big Dragon fan. I've said it before- And I was fortunate enough to be born a Dragon in the Chinese Horoscope.

~Peter Jackson

To his ex-wife in court, he said I lost interest in you when the Botox lost its effect and you looked like a plastic doll that escaped from a fire.

~Peter Jackson

There's something incredibly tragic about Kong. You feel almost feel ashamed to be a human being when you see what happens to him. I mean he is ultimately a pure-heart.

~Peter Jackson

With the right movie, 3D can enhance the experience. Absolutely, it can make a good film a great film. It can make a great film a really amazing film to see .

~Peter Jackson



I didn't want my kids having to pass through an airport named after their father.

~Peter Jackson

As human beings, we always have resistance against things that are different and there's always suspicion.

~Peter Jackson

New Zealand is not used to wealth. In America wealth is kind of a thing of pride. Here it's the opposite. The more you've got, the bigger the target you are.

~Peter Jackson

I want to make movies just like "King Kong." You know, dinosaurs, big gorillas - it's everything that a nine year-old boy would fall in love with.

~Peter Jackson

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