

# Peter Mullan

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In terms of popular cinema, 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' is as near perfection as I can think of.

~Peter Mullan

The films that I really enjoy now are films that are made by, for want of a better word, mavericks.

~Peter Mullan

Filmmaking is something I have to do. It's not something I particularly want to do.

~Peter Mullan

There are some people who walk into a room and they oxygenate it, by their very being there's fresh air. Then there are those who come in with the smell of death and they suck the life out.

~Peter Mullan

I hate it when something is set in 1967 and every piece of furniture was made in 1967. No! If it's set in 1967, people have furniture given to them by their grandmother, which she bought in 1932!

~Peter Mullan

A script is utterly useless in and of itself; it's only of any worth the minute your actors, your designers, your directors come into being.

~Peter Mullan

I know virtually no one of my age who can remember a hug, or a smile from their father, or a 'Let's go play football.'

~Peter Mullan

Life is much weirder than fiction; nothing's more absurd.

~Peter Mullan

I find the world more absurd now than I did when I was a kid.

~Peter Mullan

When things are really painful, I turn it into comedy.

~Peter Mullan

You have to just go with your imagination, where your instinct takes you.

~Peter Mullan

If I'm at home on my own and the writing isn't going well, I clean my house. And there have been times in the past few years when my house has looked really clean.

~Peter Mullan

What point is there to all the wealth and power that America may have if they can't look after its own?

~Peter Mullan

Sometimes you have to confront your demons and sometimes even let them loose to genuinely find a place where you can gain some understanding.

~Peter Mullan

Truth is I don't think God on a daily basis. I think politics, science.

~Peter Mullan

Nine out of ten delinquents are frustrated actors.

~Peter Mullan

Just in relation to women, it's not that huge an imaginative leap to see the connection between the Taliban and the Catholic Church.

~Peter Mullan

In the acting game, you spend a long time fighting against what the

director perceives you to be. And half the time the directors don't know.

~Peter Mullan

I did 'Deathly Hallows' so my kids could get on the 'Harry Potter' set. They met Daniel Radcliffe, who was a darling and couldn't have been nicer to them so I'm a hero right now.

~Peter Mullan

A lot of actors aren't particularly good directors. And they're not particularly good with other actors. That's kind of a fallacy.

~Peter Mullan

I don't like the way some actors, when playing a nasty character, will try to grab hold of something good about them.

~Peter Mullan

There's a part of bohemia I love. The lack of prejudice, the lack of aggression, I love the lack, for the most part, of competitiveness. It's more peaceful.

~Peter Mullan

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