

# Renny Harlin

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In Finland, getting a university degree is the first thing that you expect your kids to do.

~Renny Harlin

It proved to be pretty impossible to get funds for a feature film in Finland. It's still small, but the film industry was miniscule at that point in the early '80s.

~Renny Harlin

I did some film reviews for small papers in Finland and things like that to be able to keep living here.

~Renny Harlin

I loved movies and went to see every movie I could in Finland.

~Renny Harlin

Eventually, in '84, we made a film for a little over a million dollars - with American actors that was shot in English - that was shown in Finland A little action film called Born American.

~Renny Harlin

You just never give up, no matter how hard the challenges are, and observe this world with a healthy dose of criticism and don't just follow the herd like somebody else might do.

~Renny Harlin

This was in '79. I got pretty restless there, sitting around with a lot of people sitting around smoking cigarettes and talking about films, but nobody really doing anything.

~Renny Harlin

I went out to some advertising agencies and asked if I could do anything.

~Renny Harlin

I loved cutting together simple commercials about margarine or soft drinks - all kinds of silly products - but I tried to make the commercials different.

~Renny Harlin

I became a real Shell Motor Oil expert, and I did this 25-minute film. It turned out really well and, as a result, they offered me more work and lots of commercials to direct.

~Renny Harlin

I was making films when I was about 12 years old - Super-8 films.

~Renny Harlin

I feel like I learned very early on that your heroes are only as powerful as your villains. And I'm attracted to intelligent villains.

~Renny Harlin

Several times we were stranded in strange places without any money and with our credit cards cancelled - trapped in a hotel that we couldn't check out of because we had no money to check out.

~Renny Harlin

I decided that, somehow, I had to get out of there and go to Hollywood. I had never been to America.

~Renny Harlin

I think that villains who are just brawn, muscles and weapons are boring. So I always try to find intelligence in my villains and also a sense of humor whenever that is possible.

~Renny Harlin

Ford Fairlane was one of those movies that was so much fun to make that it was bound not to be a big hit.

~Renny Harlin

Just live in the moment and not be afraid to try things out and make mistakes.

~Renny Harlin

When I follow my heart, usually the results are good.

~Renny Harlin

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