

Sam Shepard

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When you hit a wall - of your own imagined limitations - just kick it in.

~Sam Shepard

Love is the only disease that makes you feel better.

~Sam Shepard

It's funny, in a way the actor is a writer. It's not like the two things are so separate as to be like apples and oranges. The writer and the actor are one.

~Sam Shepard

There are places where writing is acting and acting is writing. I'm not so interested in the divisions. I'm interested in the way things cross over.

~Sam Shepard

Ideas emerge from plays, not the other way around.

~Sam Shepard

I believe in my mask-- The man I made up is me I believe in my dance--
And my destiny

~Sam Shepard

Words are tools of imagery in motion.

~Sam Shepard

When you're looking for someone, you're looking for some aspect of yourself, even if you don't know it ... What we're searching for is what we lack.

~Sam Shepard

This isn't champagne anymore. We went through the champagne a long time ago. This is serious stuff. The days of champagne are long gone.

~Sam Shepard

It's one of the great tragedies of our contemporary life in America, that families fall apart. Almost everybody has that in common.

~Sam Shepard

Beginnings are definitely the most exciting, middles are perplexing and endings are a disaster.

~Sam Shepard

The funny thing about having all this so-called success is that behind it is a certain horrible emptiness.

~Sam Shepard

I had a definite sense of somehow being a passenger in an evil vehicle cruising through Paradise.

~Sam Shepard

I've heard writers talk about "discovering a voice," but for me that wasn't a problem. There were so many voices that I didn't know where to start.

~Sam Shepard

When you die it's the end of your life.

~Sam Shepard

Keep away from fantasy. Shake off the image.

~Sam Shepard

She refers to her past as the time before she was "blown away."

~Sam Shepard

When I first started, I didn't really know how to structure a play. I could write dialogue, but I just sort of failed beyond that, and kind of went wherever I wanted to go.

~Sam Shepard

You can't make a living as a playwright. You can barely scrape by.

~Sam Shepard

The words I overuse are all adverbs.

~Sam Shepard

Sides are being divided now. It's very obvious. So if you're on the other side of the fence, you're suddenly anti-American. It's breeding fear of being on the wrong side.

~Sam Shepard

My dad had a lot of bad luck. You could see his suffering, his terrible suffering, living a life that was disappointing and looking for another one.

~Sam Shepard

I'll develop my own image. I'm an original man. A one and only. I just need some help.

~Sam Shepard

I got to New York when I was eighteen. I was knocking around, trying to be an actor, writer, musician, whatever happened.

~Sam Shepard

I don't want to be a playwright, I want to be a rock and roll star.

~Sam Shepard

When you see the way things deteriorate before your very eyes. Everything running down hill. It's kind of silly to even think about youth.

~Sam Shepard

I think without writing I would feel completely useless.

~Sam Shepard

There's gonna be a general lack of toast in the neighborhood this morning.

~Sam Shepard

I've come to feel that if I can't make something happen in under an hour and a half, it's not going to happen in a compelling way in a three-hour play.

~Sam Shepard

Hollywood is geared toward teenage idiocy.

~Sam Shepard

[Rewriting is] a whole other art form; it's about craftsmanship.

~Sam Shepard

Caryl Churchill is a writer of some note, but in the sack, she makes me explain everything.

~Sam Shepard

I didn't go out of my way to get into this movie stuff. I think of myself as a writer.

~Sam Shepard

I was shot in the wrist when I was a kid. Deliberately.

~Sam Shepard

I've been so spoiled in the theater, writing plays where I can just do exactly what I want and nobody messes with me.

~Sam Shepard

I don't understand my feelings. I really don't. I don't understand how I could hate you so much after so much time. How, no matter how much I'd like to not hate you, I hate you even more. It grows.

~Sam Shepard

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