

Samuel L. Jackson

Quotes

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You know me. It's my duty to please that booty.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Just 'cause you pour syrup on something doesnt make it pancakes

~Samuel L. Jackson

I never had one beer. If I bought a six-pack of beer, I kept drinking till all six beers were gone. You have to have that kind of understanding about yourself. I haven't had a drink now in 12 years.

~Samuel L. Jackson

If you do not have courage, you may not have the opportunity to use any of your other virtues.

~Samuel L. Jackson

We've come a long way in our thinking, but also in our moral decay. I can't imagine Dr. King watching the 'Real Housewives' or 'Jersey Shore.'

~Samuel L. Jackson

You ain't got but one life. You ought to live it the way you want.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I grew up in the South with guns everywhere and we never shot anyone. This [shooting] is about people who aren't taught the value of life.

~Samuel L. Jackson

My ass may be dumb, but I ain't no dumbass.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Anyone who tells you money can't buy happiness never had any.

~Samuel L. Jackson

If you have an opportunity to use your voice you should use it.

~Samuel L. Jackson

The best advice that was given to me was that I had to be 10 times smarter, braver and more polite to be equal. So I did.

~Samuel L. Jackson

People know about the Klan and the overt racism, but the killing of one's soul little by little, day after day, is a lot worse than someone coming in your house and lynching you.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I have a lot more energy than I used to have. I sleep better. I like the way I look in my clothes better. I don't cramp as much. I exercise better. I think my circulation has gotten better.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Girl, don't make me put my foot in your ass.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I don't run around shooting people. Much. I only shoot two people a year. Maybe.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Painters get up and paint. Writers get up and write. I like to get up and act. It's not a big deal. It makes me happy.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I run into a lot of kids who are either on R&R, or on their way to Iraq. They all know who I am and are fans, but they're kids! I am yet to meet one that's over 23. Yet they're full-time warriors.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I guess the worst day I have had was when I had to stand up in rehab

in front of my wife and daughter and say 'Hi, my name is Sam and I am an addict.'

~Samuel L. Jackson

I never did one thing right in my life, you know that? Not one. That takes skill.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I'm as serious as a heart attack.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I don't understand how people live without creating.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Lifelong readers continue to read, finding in books the means to enjoy life or endure it

~Samuel L. Jackson

You just let people do what they do and look at them and give them enough rope until they do what you thought they were going to do... which is screw you over.

~Samuel L. Jackson

When I'm not working, I like to play golf.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Long Kiss Goodnight has a huge cult following. They could make another version of that movie right now and make a lot of money.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I used to like watching Helen Mirren's early films, because she was always naked. It's titillating.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Not everything's made to win an Academy Award.

~Samuel L. Jackson

When I saw the script [of *The Man*], I saw the character and knew I could do the character. It's a relationship movie, which is also what I love to do. That's what attracts me to projects.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I'm not as angry as I used to be. But I can get in touch with that anger pretty quickly if I feel my space is being invaded or somebody is not treating me with the respect that I think I want.

~Samuel L. Jackson

The certainty that life cannot be long, and the probability that it will be much shorter than nature allows, ought to awaken every man to the active prosecution of whatever he is desirous to perform.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I trust most people. Not producers.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I did 'Formula 51' because I got to run around Liverpool in a kilt, with golf clubs.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Everybody likes an extraordinary person or likes to think that they would be great with a superpower in an ordinary world.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Everybody has to learn that the world works in very specific ways, and you're not in charge of it.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I act the way I talk. It probably comes from starting out in Second City,

improvisational theater. I can go from take to take. I'll ask for another take.

~Samuel L. Jackson

It's always interesting to play characters who are vulnerable and how you display that vulnerability and what it's going to mean to people who watch it.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Everything that I've gone through informs me and my opinions in a way, I guess because I am a child of segregation. I lived through it. I lived in it. I was of it.

~Samuel L. Jackson

If there's an interesting role that comes up as a great support role in a decent picture, then I'll do that.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I don't get the great story line, action, mystery scripts; I get comedies. And relationship comedies are what I do. It's what attracted me to American Pie.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Those that have loved longest love best.

~Samuel L. Jackson

What kills me is that everybody thinks I like Jazz.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I'm a character actor and that's what I do. All the roles that I've had have been mainly support roles, because character actors don't usually get the lead in movies. It rarely happens.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I've been fortunate to be in films that are classic, that are going to be around.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I love comic books and I love anime.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I see myself as a storyteller. So, when I read something, I see the story, and I see it on screen, in my head, in a certain way. I always want to see it and see me in it.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Just because people don't trust people doesn't mean [they] don't like them. There are lots of paranoid people in the world. You figure out their personalities and make them work.

~Samuel L. Jackson

My dad was an absentee dad, so it was always important to me that I was part of my daughter's life, and she deserved two parents, which is part of the rationale behind us staying married for 30 years.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I think the biggest challenges for franchises are keeping them fresh and exciting, and most times, you need a good bad guy to make that thing continually work, and sometimes they don't.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I've never been to jail. I've never been arrested. I've never been locked up.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I get paid all day, every day, which is almost too much for a sensitive artist.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I like books. I've always got a literature book going. I'd be in there reading, in my off time.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I'm pretty focused on what I do. I think directing is a very specific talent, and I'm not real big on putting puzzles together, which is basically what a film is.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I actually think it's going to be the intriguing plot [in Black Snake Moan] point that brings people into the film.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Because of where I come from, I never thought I'd see in my life a black candidate running for President.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I kind of realize that I have a tendency to choose the kind of films I watched when I was a kid and would go home and pretend with my friends that we were in those movies after we saw them.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Certain comedians work with certain actors; like Adam Sandler worked with Jack Nicholson.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I love coming in for quick pops. You come in. You score. You leave. You're on the golf course. It's great. You don't carry any story.

~Samuel L. Jackson

There are tons of stories out there. I read a lot of scripts on a weekly basis. I'm looking for stories to tell and stories that I hope will be interesting to an audience.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Not everybody goes to movies to get their life changed.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I voted for Barack because he was black. 'Cuz that's why other folks vote for other people - because they look like them... That's American politics, pure and simple.

~Samuel L. Jackson

When people want me to sign an autograph in a restaurant, and I'm eating. I don't even have to say no, I just kind of stop and look at them ... "Oh, okay. I'll ... I'll come back."

~Samuel L. Jackson

The only thing I've kind of missed is finding a really good western that I want to do, because I watched westerns a lot.

~Samuel L. Jackson

All movies aren't fun; some are hard work. You try to do something and convey a set of emotions that have to do with some real life kind of stuff.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Jackson doesn't bother to read the scripts anymore. He just checks to make sure he has one loud scene where he gets to shout, then cashes the paycheck.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I actually think I have an audience member's sensibility about going to the movies.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Young guys don't tend to want to portray people who have frailties or are less than macho.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Todoroff is the best. Look no further.

~Samuel L. Jackson

We need to change America's image round the world. America has lost some lustre in terms of how folks aspire to be like us.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I sit at home and read books. I watch movies. I watch television. I go and play golf. I don't go to nightclubs. I don't go out to dinner that often. I'm not a big party guy.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I've consequently played a lot of different cops from a lot of different kind of law enforcement agencies.

~Samuel L. Jackson

It's often hope, hopeful movie making. You're always looking for catchphrases. That's always funny, when you're looking for that future line. "Uh oh, future line. Okay."

~Samuel L. Jackson

I love to play real people... good people that I know the audience will get behind. It's the good people in the world that I gravitate to.

~Samuel L. Jackson

Sam [L.Jackson] never asks for another take because he knows what he's doing. He gives you what he thinks is the best take, and he does it on the first take.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I never thought I'd be working with Sam [L.Jackson] .That's about as good as it gets.

~Samuel L. Jackson

When you start to talk about comic books, a lot of the time, people forget about the comic part of it. They need to be funny.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I'm sure there are a lot of Italians who refer to themselves as goombahs and greaseballs and whatever. That's what people do. It gives them a sort of familiarity that other people don't have.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I've never considered myself a comedian. I'm a comedic actor.

~Samuel L. Jackson

I'm a one-take kind of guy, except I don't do it in one take.

~Samuel L. Jackson

We [me and Eugene Levy] both try to play the reality of a moment and don't try to impose humor on something where it doesn't belong. Contrary to what other people seem to think sometimes.

~Samuel L. Jackson

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