

Sean Penn Quotes

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Well, look at all of these summer blockbusters. You can't help but laugh a little, because you've already seen a lot of these movies 482 times.

~Sean Penn

I like to believe that love is a reciprocal thing, that it can't really be felt, truly, by one.

~Sean Penn

It's only in innocence you find any kind of magic, any kind of courage.

~Sean Penn

There's a lot of mediocrity being celebrated, and a lot of wonderful stuff being ignored or discouraged.

~Sean Penn

The bottom line is, you love your wife, you do your best with that.

~Sean Penn

I'm not a breakfast eater.

~Sean Penn

That on a romantic level, if you feel it about somebody and it's pure, it means that they do too.

~Sean Penn

There is no shame in my saying that we all want to be loved.

~Sean Penn

So if we have anything original to offer, it's to speak from our own life about the society we're in.

~Sean Penn

When everything gets answered, it's fake.

~Sean Penn

If there's anything disgusting about the movie business, it's the whoredom of my peers.

~Sean Penn

If you don't vote, you don't matter.

~Sean Penn

There's not a lot of good movies being made.

~Sean Penn

I think we all have light and dark inside us.

~Sean Penn

Sacrificing American soldiers or innocent civilians in an unprecedented preemptive attack on a separate sovereign nation may well prove itself a most temporary medicine.

~Sean Penn

Sense of self, and the way one shares it, is perhaps the most valuable and poetic gift in the arsenal of one's life and craft.

~Sean Penn

When I buy a Nikon camera, I have no tolerance for the instructions. I'm ready to make some mistakes using it and get some bad pictures back until I've figured it out for myself.

~Sean Penn

I'm not going to have a better day, a more magical moment than the first time I heard my daughter giggle.

~Sean Penn

Whatever one considers art to be, there is in many people a hunger to express themselves creatively and to feel authentic in doing that.

~Sean Penn

My favorite thing to do is not act - it's that simple.

~Sean Penn

I'm not good at talking to strangers, whether they're sick children or they're - I'm just not good. I'm shy with it.

~Sean Penn

I think life's an irrational obsession.

~Sean Penn

I think you start to prepare the minute you read something.

~Sean Penn

Rebel is just as bad a word as maturity.

~Sean Penn

I really love to make movies.

~Sean Penn

There are a few directors around who I have some excitement about spending my \$7 at the theatre watching their movies.

~Sean Penn

Love is a mess, at best, and I figure it can be very real in spite of all the things people try to attach to it.

~Sean Penn

I've never really been one to get what they call stage fright so much.

~Sean Penn

Child-rearing is my main interest now. I'm a hands-on father.

~Sean Penn

It has nothing to do with the emotional demands of a role; I've done

comedies that are as draining to me as any drama.

~Sean Penn

I don't have any particular excitement about working with any specific director or actor at this point.

~Sean Penn

Yeah, I had a tremendous time shooting in Nebraska. I like that state a lot, all over it.

~Sean Penn

When I go to bed at night and I think of humanity at large, I think of all those things.

~Sean Penn

Venezuela and its revolution will endure under the proven leadership of Vice President Maduro.

~Sean Penn

Oh, I'm a big-mouth. I said a lot of things.

~Sean Penn

All I need are some tasty waves, a cool buzz, and I'm fine

~Sean Penn

Women are the best. The toughest. The bane of my existence. And I'll forever fall for it.

~Sean Penn

I'd do anything to get a performance, short of malice.

~Sean Penn

That difference do you think you can make, one man in all this madness?

~Sean Penn

I love acting, truly my favorite people are actors.

~Sean Penn

I am a Justin Timberlake fan.

~Sean Penn

The one thing you can count on in Hollywood - across the board - is cowardice.

~Sean Penn

If you can't count on your heart having some kind of unified response, you can't count on anything. You use your heart as a barometer for your movie's completeness.

~Sean Penn

I think that I've still not been successful at playing the role of the retired actor, and I'd like to work on that.

~Sean Penn

The greatest fear in my life was getting happy. I'm not so afraid of that anymore.

~Sean Penn

Bukowski said, "I know I'm good, so I like that people think I'm bad, because it gives me a dimension, effortlessly."

~Sean Penn

Fulfilling what you start is why you start something.

~Sean Penn

I don't see life as an opportunity to see how far you can go in the pursuit of pain, although I think I've challenged it a bit.

~Sean Penn

When I was growing up and somebody like Robert De Niro had a movie come out, it was a cultural event. Because he had such a confidence and a single mission that was so intimate.

~Sean Penn

That was madness. You're never going to bring one of those down with a handgun.

~Sean Penn

I think if you want good things to happen for a country like Haiti, then you need to provide the circumstances where the Haitians can do that.

~Sean Penn

I can make a better living as an actor than I can as a director. Though I certainly would prefer to be directing movies.

~Sean Penn

On a movie, it's always better to stay invisible as much as you can to keep things calm. I like to whisper to my cameraman, I like to whisper to my actors, and whoever else I've gotten to whisper to.

~Sean Penn

It's pretty much rock-'n'-roll. I sit down and start feeling stuff and writing.

~Sean Penn

I get a little scared of words like maturity.

~Sean Penn

If you're willing to put two thoughts into a picture then you're already ahead of the game.

~Sean Penn

I don't see myself as a different guy than I was ten years ago. I don't have aspirations to be. It's really about where you're putting your energies. That's changing a lot.

~Sean Penn

I don't want to lie, play games, hurt somebody, or get hurt. You can only go forward in one direction.

~Sean Penn

Yeah, I had actually tried to stop acting before I made *Dead Man Walking*.

~Sean Penn

The major studios are by and large banks, and they give you what is by and large a loan to make a movie. Like banks, they want their money back plus.

~Sean Penn

I think that people like the Howard Sterns, the Bill O'Reillys and to a lesser degree the bin Ladens of the world are making a horrible contribution.

~Sean Penn

Well, I think that when you direct a movie or write it. And in the case of the two movies I did, I wrote and directed, they occupy a special place for you.

~Sean Penn

I lost a friend I was blessed to have. My thoughts are with the family of President Chavez and the people of Venezuela.

~Sean Penn

What happens is things come to you - director, script - and if you respond to it, it's because it's tapping into some part of what's inside

you, and different roles tap into different parts.

~Sean Penn

You try to do your best at what you're getting paid for.

~Sean Penn

You tolerate me. You really tolerate me!

~Sean Penn

At this stage, what would be rewarding would be for audiences to want to watch.

~Sean Penn

The first instinct is love.

~Sean Penn

Haiti kind of gets a hold of you.

~Sean Penn

In between, I go broke because I seem to do movies where you're not paid a lot as an actor.

~Sean Penn

There is a kind of sense of truth and reconciliation that is non-formalized, but it's understood and accepted. Haitians are Haitians and there is an inherent loyalty that forgives an awful lot.

~Sean Penn

The thing that's very close in the process is writing and acting, not directing. Directing's very different.

~Sean Penn

On any movie I'm involved with, I say what I think.

~Sean Penn

I can always see light in any situation. It's just the way I'm made.

~Sean Penn

There is no re-inventing the wheel.

~Sean Penn

You're always having to live more to fuel something new. It's an obligation to yourself and to the audience. The personal baggage that comes with being a known actor just adds to that struggle.

~Sean Penn

I've been a road-rat since I got my driver's licence at 16, so I've probably gone across America 20 times.

~Sean Penn

I just want real creative freedom without worrying about, you know, car payments.

~Sean Penn

Marriage ain't easy, but it's great most of the time.

~Sean Penn

I'm a huge Woody Allen fan. Good movie, bad movie, it doesn't matter - I just like his movies.

~Sean Penn

Haiti, like any place, has its security problems; it has a great challenge in terms of establishing a kind of globally acceptable rule of law.

~Sean Penn

I'll tell you what I probably would prefer to happen less and less: actors that I know and respect in shampoo ads. Or modeling.

~Sean Penn

I have a regret that the entire discussion [with El Chapo]... ignores its purpose, which was to try to contribute to this discussion about the policy in the War on Drugs.

~Sean Penn

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