

Shane Black Quotes

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You have to keep surprising your audience.

~Shane Black

I always have humour in my action movies. I think characters that make jokes under fire are more real. It somehow helps put you in their shoes.

~Shane Black

The only way you can stay on top is to remember to touch bottom and get back to basics.

~Shane Black

Writing scripts is a laborious job that can be a real pain.

~Shane Black

An action film can have too much action; picture an equaliser on a stereo, with all the knobs pegged at 10. It becomes a cacophony and is, ultimately, quite boring.

~Shane Black

I love the idea of a super villain that doesn't wear a cape, that doesn't wear a super suit.

~Shane Black

I have these guilty pleasures, these failed films that don't work at all, but I'll watch them if they're on. Like 'The Game'.

~Shane Black

Once I started selling scripts for a great deal of money - action scripts, no less, which people tend to pooh-pooh anyway - then I started to get some backlash. Which I didn't mind.

~Shane Black

I think it's very admirable, in a superhero movie, to be able to take a few risks.

~Shane Black

Any time anyone fires bullets in an action movie that don't hit the target it immediately undermines the movie.

~Shane Black

I've turned down lots and lots of work. Things that could have made me some money.

~Shane Black

I owe a great deal of thanks to this man who will be gracious enough to say I've helped him with his career and comeback, but it's every bit the opposite.

~Shane Black

I wrote all the time, but the idea of doing it professionally seemed like pie in the sky. Who gets paid to write? I grew up in Pittsburgh, so it wasn't really a notion that a lot of people pursue.

~Shane Black

I wanted at one point to act, which is a weird thing for men to want to do. It's a very vain profession.

~Shane Black

I think the most important thing is to, without belligerence, stand up for what want. Argue compellingly if someone tries to change your script.

~Shane Black

I have no power, and that's what's so humbling.

~Shane Black

When you only have \$15 million, you have to talk about something interesting. You can't just cut to a helicopter exploding.

~Shane Black

I think it's an obligation to make a movie full, so you have to see it twice to get all the moments.

~Shane Black

For years I was doing the excruciating weightlifting of writing scripts - but then I stayed thin and someone else got all the muscles.

~Shane Black

I don't mind women who want to act. That's fine. It's odd that men want to act, in that there's still a degree of vanity associated with it.

~Shane Black

I hate 'The Professional.' It's one of the worst action/adventure movies ever made.

~Shane Black

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