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I like doom and gloom with a sense of humour. Maybe it's a Scottish thing, we like to undercut indulgence with a laugh.

~Shirley Henderson

I never get the tall, blonde, glamorous roles because I'm not tall, blonde and glamorous. I'm more the wee, disturbing characters because of the way I look or sound.

~Shirley Henderson

There is such pressure on kids these days to be the best at everything.

~Shirley Henderson

I daydream all the time, and I like that quality.

~Shirley Henderson

Youth makes you brave, I suppose. When you're young, you make a fool of yourself all the time. Because of all the rejections and the criticism you get all the time, there has to be a drive there.

~Shirley Henderson

When I'm doing theatre, I feel like my life's on hold. Even though you might go out for a coffee, or go and see a film, your brain is still there, pulling you back to it.

~Shirley Henderson

I'm always nervous taking on a period role because it's difficult to research - you can't observe it, go out and see it. But it's satisfying because eventually you think, 'I got there.

~Shirley Henderson

American scripts are usually non-stop conversation. People talking over each other. I like that.

~Shirley Henderson

Filming is long - you get very tired, and your skin breaks out and you get lumps and bumps. It's easier if you're allowed to have bags under your eyes.

~Shirley Henderson

You suddenly find yourself somewhere and you wonder, how did I get in this room? That happens to me all the time, every day!

~Shirley Henderson

I'm not going to get an Oscar at 30 - that's done. So I'll think of something else.

~Shirley Henderson

I wasn't frightened of people, but I didn't have a clue about the adult world.

~Shirley Henderson

I don't know what I'd do if I had to look pretty all the time.

~Shirley Henderson

I don't have children, but we all want to protect whatever we love in life.

~Shirley Henderson

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