

# Shirley Manson

## Quotes

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I am laughably aggressive, and the rest of the band is very laid back, so we mix well.

~Shirley Manson

I was always embarrassed because my dad wore a suit and my mother wore flat pumps and a cozy jumper while my friends' parents were punks or hippies.

~Shirley Manson

A lot of celebrities just want money, fame, power, fancy cars, houses all over the world and have people BOW DOWN to them. To me, that's frightful behaviour.

~Shirley Manson

Mozart was a punk, which people seem to forget. He was a naughty, naughty boy.

~Shirley Manson

People don't associate red hair, pale skin, and freckles with beauty.

~Shirley Manson

I want to hear an alternative viewpoint, and I don't want girls to be defanged and declawed and pretty and mute.

~Shirley Manson

I have women who offer to sleep with me all the time. But not men. They're all talk and nay action - as we'd say in Scotland.

~Shirley Manson

No, I like being a role model because I know how much comfort my musical idols brought me.

~Shirley Manson

I think it's a great thing to have failed in life and then pulled yourself up

by the boot straps and actually done something, because then you appreciate it more.

~Shirley Manson

It's unhealthy for people to never express any kind of negativity or doubt. To have balance, you need to address that side of your thoughts as well as the positive. Otherwise, you tend toward crazy.

~Shirley Manson

I say embrace the total geek in yourself and just enjoy it. Life is too short to be cool.

~Shirley Manson

What makes a woman stylish is what she has to say and how she chooses to live her life.

~Shirley Manson

We're living in a time when people are struggling to appear perfect.

~Shirley Manson

A lot of people these days are not music lovers - they just want to be famous which is a very different thing to what I grew up believing in.

~Shirley Manson

I couldn't feel good about myself hanging out in Armani clothes when my girlfriend can't even pay her heating bill. I'd feel foul and I'd be embarrassed.

~Shirley Manson

One day I realized that it didn't matter whether people loved me or not.

~Shirley Manson

It's definitely an intrinsic part of my makeup that makes me want to see black when everyone else is seeing white.

~Shirley Manson

I have a lot of very close girlfriends and sisters - I'm from an all female family. My father often quips that even the cat was neutered!

~Shirley Manson

Possibly because I grew up not feeling very confident about my own physical appearance, I developed internal devices so that I could integrate into society.

~Shirley Manson

You have to watch all sides of your advancement, you have to make sure people's bodies and minds are healthy and their morale is cool before you can really go out and play great music.

~Shirley Manson

I am a contradictory mess but I see it as my prerogative to change my mood like the weather.

~Shirley Manson

I just want to live my life a little freely and not adhere to any schedule - just make music and have fun.

~Shirley Manson

I think women in pop have been declawed and defanged, and they're just meant to look pretty and sing pretty.

~Shirley Manson

In terms of fitting in, you know, I don't have a lot of armor up. I'm a raw nerve and it's really uncomfortable for a lot of people.

~Shirley Manson

The truth is, I've always been wracked with self-loathing and terrible, paralysing depression.

~Shirley Manson

At the end of the day, though, the band members have to be strong. It's down to the individuals in the unit. Listen to me, I'm talking like I'm in the army and this is my squadron.

~Shirley Manson

If you have any opinions at all or if you're even remotely verbal then they're going to call you fiery.

~Shirley Manson

I have a temper on me that could hold back tides.

~Shirley Manson

I would say I'm pretty well at ease with my sexuality, but I'm an individual before I am a female.

~Shirley Manson

I've got a lot of stamina and I enjoy people, so having lots of people around doesn't freak me out.

~Shirley Manson

I've got no timetable. I'm sort of sick of timetables, to be honest.

~Shirley Manson

I mean, I tend to do my own thing, and that usually crosses purposes with everyone around me.

~Shirley Manson

I like the feeling that I'm giving young women self-confidence. It sounds so cliched, but it can be very moving.

~Shirley Manson

A lot of my friends are artists or musicians or single parent families and

I'm totally aware of how difficult it is for them to make ends meet.

~Shirley Manson

We should never listen to our feelings. They lead us astray.

~Shirley Manson

I'm afraid of happy people. They're chemically unbalanced.

~Shirley Manson

If Jennifer Lopez could write songs like Fiona Apple's, she wouldn't have to spend so many hours at the gym.

~Shirley Manson

I refuse to step inside the ring and fight like a gladiator against my own. I'm not playing that game. Any woman who has survived a year or more of making music has my undying respect.

~Shirley Manson

I plan on doing as much in my life as I possibly can.

~Shirley Manson

I think it's about time the world embraced its geekiness and stopped trying to be cool. It's just...you have way more fun as a geek than as a cool person.

~Shirley Manson

I love pop music. Who doesn't?

~Shirley Manson

Ps. I am pretty certain Beyonce doesn't need you fighting any battles on her account. Seems like she's got everything covered perfectly well on her own.

~Shirley Manson

I don't find any kind of tension very productive, I find it destructive, actually.

~Shirley Manson

I feel privileged, to be honest.

~Shirley Manson

I think young artists are always inspiring because they are coming at worlds from a different point of view.

~Shirley Manson

I wanted to put out a solo record because I was stuck on a major label and sick of it.

~Shirley Manson

Starbucks is my main fix and it's usually you people working in there - sometimes they're actually shaking. It just makes me feel horrendous because I've been in that situation.

~Shirley Manson

Pop music seems to be the way radio programming has chosen to support female artists. They have chosen not to support a more provocative voice from women, which I find disappointing.

~Shirley Manson

It's really difficult to navigate attention and stardom and celebrity status and still try to maintain yourself and hold onto your intelligence and integrity. It's really challenging.

~Shirley Manson

You don't really hear a female perspective on the radio, because so many of the songs are being written by men.

~Shirley Manson

When somebody asks me a question, I try to be as straightforward about it as possible. I try not to overthink what I'm going to say in an interview.

~Shirley Manson

My solo album is dead and buried. We had the funeral. It was sad and I cried a lot but it made such a beautiful corpse that we had an open casket.

~Shirley Manson

I want to hang out in Edinburgh with my friends and eat fish and chips wrapped in newspaper.

~Shirley Manson

Somehow or another, my mother taught me to push through my fear, always. Feel the fear and do it anyway.

~Shirley Manson

I am greedy, and most importantly, game for what's next.

~Shirley Manson

I feel the same way I did when I was in school. I'm having the same insecurities.

~Shirley Manson

I am naive. I make mistakes - But I don't give a rat's arse how I am perceived!

~Shirley Manson

That's a difficult question, because to consider yourself a rebel is sort of ridiculous.

~Shirley Manson

Here's the tragedy of the modern record business: It's radio. If you're

not on radio, nobody really is going to hear you or see you or care about you.

~Shirley Manson

It's everywhere, constant criticism of women's appearance in magazines and online. It's not easy to navigate.

~Shirley Manson

I'm 41, I'm a woman, not a kid. I have no interest in making silly pop music.

~Shirley Manson

Obviously, from the experience you get from making videos, you understand where the camera is and how some of the actual technicalities work and so on and so forth.

~Shirley Manson

Everybody's trying to be the biggest, because if you're not the biggest, you don't survive.

~Shirley Manson

I've always been an outsider. I am an outsider in Garbage. I'm the odd one out by default.

~Shirley Manson

I want to hear from the creature who isn't blessed with unbelievable good looks and incredible genes. I want to hear from the geek girl, the forgotten girl, the invisible girl and the miserable girl.

~Shirley Manson

Humans all want to beat the clock but nobody ever does.

~Shirley Manson

You know, it doesn't matter how beautiful you are, if you don't have

anything interesting to say, then you're still boring.

~Shirley Manson

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