

# Steve Coogan Quotes

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I did not become successful in my work through embracing or engaging in celebrity culture. I never signed away my privacy in exchange for success.

~Steve Coogan

If you chase something too desperately, it eludes you.

~Steve Coogan

When I was a student I was very, very ambitious, completely immersed in my comedy career. I never had that period of reckless hedonism that you should get out of your system in your youth.

~Steve Coogan

If you got the balls to follow something through, you can end up being the coolest, smartest guy in the room, because you've literally put your ass on the line.

~Steve Coogan

I don't like big feet. It reminds me of gammon.

~Steve Coogan

If things don't come easy to you, you have to pull a rabbit out of a hat.

~Steve Coogan

Me, myself, personally, I like to keep myself private. I have never said I am a paragon of virtue, a model of morality. I simply do what I do.

~Steve Coogan

The truth is somewhere in the middle of funny and serious.

~Steve Coogan

The trick is always to write in pairs because if at least two people find it funny, you've immediately halved the odds of it not being funny.

~Steve Coogan

I think if you try to look for something to show off as an actor, vanity can get the better of you.

~Steve Coogan

People regurgitate the same old cliches and it becomes like a photocopy of a photocopy of something that's vaguely interesting.

~Steve Coogan

I've always been drawn to discomfort and that limbo of unease you get between comedy and tragedy.

~Steve Coogan

But with comedy it's a simple premise. If it's funny, people laugh. If it's not, they don't.

~Steve Coogan

I am of the very last generation who didn't have computers at school. As we grow old we'll become something of an aberration.

~Steve Coogan

Actors say they do their own stunts for the integrity of the film but I did them because they looked like a lot of fun.

~Steve Coogan

I like the transience of Klimt paintings.

~Steve Coogan

A friend of mine once said he like his women like his parmesan: strong smelling and shaved. I don't agree with that, but I don't like hairy women.

~Steve Coogan

Hacking into a victim of crime's phone is a sort of poetically elegant manifestation of a modus operandi the tabloids have.

~Steve Coogan

Actually the best thing I did was to get thrown out by my wife. She's living with a fitness instructor. He drinks that yellow stuff in tins. He's an idiot.

~Steve Coogan

If it was just the potatoes that were affected, at the end of the day you will pay the price if you're a fussy eater.

~Steve Coogan

I'm gonna hump ya. Like Deputy Dog... Would hump ya.

~Steve Coogan

Guide dogs for the blind. It's cruel really, isn't it? Getting a dog to lead a man round all day. Not fair on either of them.

~Steve Coogan

A lot of people can be very scared about making themselves vulnerable and appearing uncool. I don't really give a damn; as long as it's funny, I'll do it [make fun of myself].

~Steve Coogan

In my mind God made Adam and Eve, he didn't make Adam and Steve.

~Steve Coogan

Sadly, I can't say the same for my Father, who is probably in a different place - Hell.

~Steve Coogan

If you do something very successful, you will then be defined by it.

~Steve Coogan

It's our imperfections that make us vulnerable, make us interesting. How can I make myself a bit of an asshole and still have humanity about it?

~Steve Coogan

I wasn't a naturally confident, extravert, outgoing person.

~Steve Coogan

The great thing is that the funny side of getting old is fuel for my comedy.

~Steve Coogan

I don't want to go around making everyone else agree with me. I don't feel the need to do that.

~Steve Coogan

I love people who are openly gay in theatre, because they have license to do what they like, and there's a kind of artistic liberal tolerance thing that goes on.

~Steve Coogan

I am lucky to be in a profession that is not age dependent.

~Steve Coogan

I think we all have a slightly gay gene inside us, don't we? It might be 0.00001 per cent as mine is, or one per cent as yours is.

~Steve Coogan

I think you need to have the guts to not use comedy. Often, the people that work in comedy use a joke to avoid contemplation.

~Steve Coogan

I always think that, even when people behave badly, if you like something deep inside them, then there is a tiny bit of nobility - they

wish they could be good.

~Steve Coogan

The rest of Europe tends to be very comfortable with sexuality. The British and the Americans are kind of hung up about it.

~Steve Coogan

I'm 47, my girlfriend's 33; she's 14 years younger than me: Back of the net!

~Steve Coogan

When Americans talks about Europeans, they are thinking Britain and the rest of Europe. When we [ Britains] talk about Europeans, we talk about everywhere else.

~Steve Coogan

I'm getting older , so I'm quieting down a bit.

~Steve Coogan

When I see friends from school I think they've all grown old and I've stayed the same.

~Steve Coogan

Actually, bizarrely, in America, I get more appreciation from the odd, unusual stuff I've done, almost because I'm not, if you like, famous in America as I am in England.

~Steve Coogan

The fundamentalists are insistent that they know best. It's a dictatorial attitude towards personal morality, which is a modern creation that came about in the 19th century.

~Steve Coogan

I like to do movies that provoke rather than reinforce conservative

values.

~Steve Coogan

There were days when we used to say, what was in today's paper is tomorrow's fish-and-chip paper. When I became successful, I enjoyed myself a little.

~Steve Coogan

Two fat ladies, 88! Not that you'd find these ladies at a bingo hall, of course... they're altogether a higher class of fat lady.

~Steve Coogan

If the person who can effectively sanction ill-conceived wars can play the electric guitar, which is a symbol of rebellion, then that whole worldview becomes confused.

~Steve Coogan

When you tour you become more intimate with your audience. It's like I need reassurance that they like me or at least find me relevant. And that I can still do it.

~Steve Coogan

Even if I screw up in my personal life, as long as I'm not destroying myself, I just think, "Okay, I screwed up." I'm not Mother Theresa.

~Steve Coogan

What I don't like is dance music or hip hop or any of that sort of thing.

~Steve Coogan

It is not true that sex degrades women... if it is any good.

~Steve Coogan

You really have got lots of issues! Yeah, of 'What Car Magazine'!

~Steve Coogan

There's never any graffiti in the hotel. Although in the Gents a couple of weeks ago I did see someone had drawn a lady's part. Quite detailed. The guy obviously had talent.

~Steve Coogan

I don't think I'm kind of universally known. I think in the indie world I'm probably better known than in some mainstream Hollywood terms.

~Steve Coogan

All those people who go around saying Life begins at forty, they're notable by their absence. The nerve.

~Steve Coogan

I woke with a start. At first I assumed I'd trumped myself awake again.

~Steve Coogan

I happen to have a public profile. Ditto newspaper editors. It's a result of what I do, not an end.

~Steve Coogan

I find impressionists slightly annoying, really.

~Steve Coogan

Even great people are always slightly disappointing, which is generally what makes them interesting.

~Steve Coogan

As soon as I see period costume, I turn off. It's like hearing drama on Radio 4.

~Steve Coogan

Comedy is unique in the sense that laughter is a palpable noise that everyone makes.

~Steve Coogan



I don't go to premieres, unless I'm contractually bound to.

~Steve Coogan

I don't like new bands. I don't want to be one of those pathetic old men in their forties who knows exactly what 18-year-olds are into.

~Steve Coogan

I don't think there's anything outside what comedy can address.

~Steve Coogan

Convoy? Michael, you're hanging around with a man who uses a collective term for a single vehicle.

~Steve Coogan

I think it's always funny when you see kids do Shakespeare.

~Steve Coogan

It's arguably the best newspaper in the world.

~Steve Coogan

No one has a monopoly on wisdom, and even for people who aren't religious, you can learn things from religious people.

~Steve Coogan

That's what gives people hope - that you can still love someone from afar and you can still have those feelings across an ocean.

~Steve Coogan

The one thing that gives you faith is the fact that people can be apart physically but they can still have an emotional connection.

~Steve Coogan

I'm not elitist. I like to do crowd-pleasing stuff which is a bit smart, but is just about belly laughs.

~Steve Coogan

Yeah, all drama teachers are very effusive, very demonstrative, very emotionally open, very big, and gesticulate a lot, and are very physical.

~Steve Coogan

I'm an entertainer. I don't go round saying I'm a paragon of virtue, so that is clearly not in the public interest.

~Steve Coogan

I enjoy comedy but it can become wearisome.

~Steve Coogan

I'm not turned away from the church through anger, although I have criticisms of it. It's through finding affirmation of life and illumination of life through creativity and art.

~Steve Coogan

I think there's as much profundity and wisdom in Shakespeare, more so in fact, than those in the Bible.

~Steve Coogan

I'm really encouraged by Pope Francis, because I think his attitude is totally laudable.

~Steve Coogan

The irony is, of course, that many of the values that I was raised with, that I think are very important, that I hold dear, are the result of a religious faith.

~Steve Coogan

I like the fact that people come together who have shared values, but I don't believe that a man died 2,000 years ago and was crucified on a cross to save me from my original sin.

~Steve Coogan

What terrifies me is that I might somehow endorse that view so people think they don't have to read books anymore.

~Steve Coogan

I'm a single guy now and can do what I like. As my agent said, so long as it's not a live man or a dead woman, I'll be fine. And that, hand on heart, is unlikely to happen.

~Steve Coogan

I'm just a good Catholic boy - I do naughty things and feel guilty about them.

~Steve Coogan

The tabloids operate in an amoral parallel universe where the bottom line is selling newspapers.

~Steve Coogan

I have never wanted to be famous, as such - fame is a by-product.

~Steve Coogan

I used to do stuff at college. I could do voices. I could make some people laugh. I wasn't the class clown, but I knew I had this skill.

~Steve Coogan

I want my work to be judged, not me.

~Steve Coogan

A woman wearing a revealing dress will always be sexier than a naked woman.

~Steve Coogan

Most of all I don't want to be bored. That's why I'd rather do something

that has some sort of ambition, that risks failing, rather than make safer, more comfortable choices.

~Steve Coogan

Knowing about comedy has helped me with the drama. To see people laugh, it's like there are moments of catharsis in the middle of sadness.

~Steve Coogan

Big comedy is good, I like things that are big, but good comedy has to be truthful I think and has to reflect some sort of reality.

~Steve Coogan

There is a strong ethical dimension to the best comedy. Not only does it avoid reinforcing prejudices, it actively challenges them.

~Steve Coogan

That was liquid football

~Steve Coogan

Look at the 18th century. There was a lot more freedom going on.

~Steve Coogan

What tends to happen in most movies is that strip clubs are used as a short hand for unsympathetic, sleazy people. And that's just a lazy cliché.

~Steve Coogan

Got my fungal foot powder? Ah, it's a lifesaver, you know. I'd effectively be disabled if it weren't for these.

~Steve Coogan

I try to not make safe choices, but I also like to do stuff which is interesting and is sort of exciting in some way and accessible.

~Steve Coogan

Look at all those American preachers who got caught with their pants down. They say one thing and they are doing another. I try to be more honest about it, both in my thinking and my behavior.

~Steve Coogan

The important thing is not to be defined by what others think of you.

~Steve Coogan

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