

Steven Spielberg

Quotes

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I never felt comfortable with myself, because I was never part of the majority. I always felt awkward and shy and on the outside of the momentum of my friends' lives.

~Steven Spielberg

All of us every single year, we're a different person. I don't think we're the same person all our lives.

~Steven Spielberg

I don't dream at night, I dream at day, I dream all day; I'm dreaming for living.

~Steven Spielberg

Failure is inevitable. Success is elusive.

~Steven Spielberg

Our one goal is to give the world a taste of peace, friendship and understanding. Through the visual arts, the art of celebration of life.

~Steven Spielberg

I'm always in favor of Israel responding strongly when it's threatened.

~Steven Spielberg

Before I go off and direct a movie, I always look at four films. They tend to be The Seven Samurai, Lawrence Of Arabia, It's A Wonderful Life and The Searchers.

~Steven Spielberg

The world would be a poorer place without Doctor Who.

~Steven Spielberg

Every time I go to a movie, it's magic, no matter what the movie's about.

~Steven Spielberg

I interviewed survivors, I went to Poland, saw the cities and spent time with the people and spoke to the Jews who had come back to Poland after the war and talked about why they had come back.

~Steven Spielberg

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Jihadism have nothing to do with each other.

~Steven Spielberg

The work that I'm proudest of is the work that I'm most afraid of.

~Steven Spielberg

Why pay a dollar for a bookmark? Why not use the dollar for a bookmark?

~Steven Spielberg

You shouldn't dream your film, you should make it!

~Steven Spielberg

The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.

~Steven Spielberg

All good ideas start out as bad ideas, that's why it takes so long.

~Steven Spielberg

People have forgotten how to tell a story. Stories don't have a middle or an end any more. They usually have a beginning that never stops beginning.

~Steven Spielberg

The only time I'm totally happy is when I'm watching films or making them.

~Steven Spielberg

When you listen, you learn, You absorb like a sponge - and your life becomes so much better than when you are just trying to be listened to all the time.

~Steven Spielberg

There is a fine line between censorship and good taste and moral responsibility.

~Steven Spielberg

Well, luckily with animation, fantasy is your friend.

~Steven Spielberg

I don't think any movie or any book or any work of art can solve the stalemate in the Middle East today. But it's certainly worth a try.

~Steven Spielberg

Only a generation of readers will span a generation of writers.

~Steven Spielberg

A lot of the films I've made probably could have worked just as well 50 years ago, and that's just because I have a lot of old-fashion values.

~Steven Spielberg

I dream for a living.

~Steven Spielberg

Audiences are harder to please if you're just giving them effects, but they're easy to please if it's a good story.

~Steven Spielberg

I missed my dad a lot growing up, even though we were together as a family. My dad was really a workaholic. And he was always working.

~Steven Spielberg

You have many years ahead of you to create the dreams that we can't even imagine dreaming. You have done more for the collective unconscious of this planet than you will ever know.

~Steven Spielberg

One of the gratuities about being a director is that you can volunteer yourself out of difficult details.

~Steven Spielberg

I go out and look for a good story to tell and if I like it enough and I decide to direct it, I become dangerously involved in becoming a part of that story.

~Steven Spielberg

Wherever you are, I will find you and I will bring you home

~Steven Spielberg

You're not alone, are you? Because I'm here

~Steven Spielberg

From the day I started to think politically and to develop my own moral values, from my earliest youth, I have been an ardent defender of Israel.

~Steven Spielberg

Casting sometimes is fate and destiny more than skill and talent, from a director's point of view.

~Steven Spielberg

Tracking action without cutting is the least jarring method of placing the audience into a real-time experience where they are the ones making the subtle choices of where and when to look.

~Steven Spielberg

All through my career I've done what I can to discover new talent and give them a start.

~Steven Spielberg

He never gave up. And he does that for us

~Steven Spielberg

The baby boomers owe a big debt of gratitude to the parents and grandparents - who we haven't given enough credit to anyway - for giving us another generation.

~Steven Spielberg

People have forgotten how to tell a story.

~Steven Spielberg

When I grow up, I still want to be a director.

~Steven Spielberg

I've always been interested in UFOs.

~Steven Spielberg

The public has an appetite for anything about imagination - anything that is as far away from reality as is creatively possible.

~Steven Spielberg

Fathering is a major job, but I need both things in my life: my job to be a director, and my kids to direct me.

~Steven Spielberg

I always like to think of the audience when I am directing. Because I am the audience.

~Steven Spielberg

I love editing. It's one of my favorite parts about filmmaking.

~Steven Spielberg

The only thing that gets me back to directing is good scripts.

~Steven Spielberg

Even though I get older, what I do never gets old, and that's what I think keeps me hungry.

~Steven Spielberg

I basically took something that was extremely erotic and very intentional, and I reduced it to a simple kiss. I got a lot of criticism for that.

~Steven Spielberg

The Japanese had a very strong belief in Bushido, death before dishonour. They were fighting for their country; they were the aggressors in World War II.

~Steven Spielberg

I am a very impatient director.

~Steven Spielberg

I think all directors should be animators.

~Steven Spielberg

A lot of kids only know 'E.T.' from the digitally-enhanced version.

~Steven Spielberg

When war comes, two things happen - profits go way, way up and all perishables go way, way down. There becomes a market for them.

~Steven Spielberg

In '83, not only was there no such thing as performance motion capture technology, there was no such thing as digital animation. This was the

analog era.

~Steven Spielberg

The love we do not show here on Earth is the only thing that hurts us in the after-life.

~Steven Spielberg

You can't start a movie by having the attitude that the script is finished, because if you think the script is finished, your movie is finished before the first day of shooting.

~Steven Spielberg

Some movies I make for myself. I just sort of make them for myself. I do that sometimes when the subject matter is very sensitive and very personal and I really can't imagine I'm an audience.

~Steven Spielberg

All those horrible, traumatic years I spent as a kid became what I draw from creatively today.

~Steven Spielberg

I've always been interested in how we survive and how resourceful we are as Americans.

~Steven Spielberg

Steve Jobs was the greatest inventor since Thomas Edison. He put the world at our fingertips.

~Steven Spielberg

I thought film was more important than life itself for many years. But I was naive to the world until my first child was born in 1985.

~Steven Spielberg

Lincoln's leadership is based on a number of precepts, but my favorite

one is that he acted in the name, and for the good, of the people.

~Steven Spielberg

The most expensive habit in the world is celluloid, not heroin, and I need a fix every few years.

~Steven Spielberg

I made 'Empire of the Sun' in Shanghai in the 1980s and want to come back one day to make a movie in China.

~Steven Spielberg

I've always wanted to tell a story about Lincoln. I saw a paternal father figure; I saw someone who was completely, stubbornly committed to his ideals, to his vision.

~Steven Spielberg

I've discovered I've got this preoccupation with ordinary people pursued by large forces.

~Steven Spielberg

I am an American Jew and aware of the sensitivities involved in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

~Steven Spielberg

Documentaries are the first line of education, and the second line of education is dramatization, such as 'The Pacific'.

~Steven Spielberg

I want to be the Cecil B. DeMille of science fiction.

~Steven Spielberg

[The way Stanley Kubrick] tells a story is antithetical to the way we are accustomed to receiving stories.

~Steven Spielberg

My filmmaking really began with technology. It began through technology, not through telling stories, because my 8mm movie camera was the way into whatever I decided to do.

~Steven Spielberg

You never really know how good of a leader you are until there is something there is lead us to, toward or through or to overcome.

~Steven Spielberg

Godzilla was the most masterful of all dinosaur movies because it made you believe it was really happening.

~Steven Spielberg

Most of my presumptions about a production are usually wrong.

~Steven Spielberg

I feel like Ive been engaged to the British Empire since 1980 and tonight you have given me the ring knighthood.

~Steven Spielberg

'The Color Purple' is the kind of character piece that a director like Sidney Lumet could do brilliantly with one hand tied behind his back.

~Steven Spielberg

When I felt like an outsider, movies made me feel inside my own skill set.

~Steven Spielberg

I even get inspired by movies that aren't very good, because there's always something good in movies that are collectively thought of as a failure. There's good in everything, I find.

~Steven Spielberg

If I weren't a director, I would want to be a film composer.

~Steven Spielberg

I'd rather direct than produce. Any day. And twice on Sunday.

~Steven Spielberg

I wouldn't have filmed *The Color Purple* if the book had been a big fat novel. The reason I read it is because it is thin.

~Steven Spielberg

This is a time when we need to smile more and Hollywood movies are supposed to do that for people in difficult times.

~Steven Spielberg

Am I allowed to say I really wanted this? This is fantastic.

~Steven Spielberg

My father had many, many veterans over to the house, and the older I got the more I appreciated their sacrifice.

~Steven Spielberg

I don't drink coffee. I've never had a cup of coffee in my entire life. That's something you probably don't know about me. I've hated the taste since I was a kid.

~Steven Spielberg

The essence of what it is to be American is the deep moral urge to be free, to freely express yourself and have the right to do so, and to look at all people as equals.

~Steven Spielberg

The bones of the story of *'War Horse'* is a love story. That's what makes it universal.

~Steven Spielberg

If Bush, as I believe, has reliable information on the fact that Saddam Hussein is making weapons of mass destruction, I cannot not support the policies of his government.

~Steven Spielberg

I still have pretty much the same fears I had as a kid. I'm not sure I'd want to give them up; a lot of these insecurities fuel the movies I make.

~Steven Spielberg

When my children were born, I made the choice I wanted them to be raised as Jews and to have a Jewish education.

~Steven Spielberg

My first reaction every time I delve into an episode of history that I don't know very much about is... my first reaction is anger that my teachers never taught me about it.

~Steven Spielberg

I'm very used to working with first time actors - you can just look back at 'E.T.' with Drew Barrymore, and Christian Bale from 'Empire of the Sun,' who'd never made a movie before.

~Steven Spielberg

Everybody loves a winner, but nobody loves a winner.

~Steven Spielberg

Unprotected sex just feels better in a Waffle House bathroom.

~Steven Spielberg

If the world ran the way a crew runs a set, we'd have a better, more progressive world.

~Steven Spielberg

Akira Kurosawa is the pictorial William Shakespeare of our time.

~Steven Spielberg

You know, I don't really do that much looking inside me when I'm working on a project. Whatever I am becomes what that film is. But I change; you change.

~Steven Spielberg

Bloated budgets are ruining Hollywood - these pictures are squeezing all the other types of movies out of Hollywood. It's disastrous.

~Steven Spielberg

I'm not really interested in making money.

~Steven Spielberg

Humans are the only hunters who kill when not hungry.

~Steven Spielberg

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