

Tom Berenger

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There's a hysterical, tired sense of humor that comes after working 14 hours a day, six days a week. I like those things because they take the pressure off the constant stress

~Tom Berenger

To people outside, they think, Gee, that's great. You get to go here and there. The other side of that is our expression, This is location, not vacation

~Tom Berenger

I like playing flawed characters, people who aren't perfect.

~Tom Berenger

While I was doing these plays in the beginning, I wasn't getting paid. I thought of it more as a hobby. Then I realized how seriously a lot of these people took what they were doing

~Tom Berenger

I didn't know how to go about preparing for the part of someone who can't remember who he is. The frustration angle is written in, but there's also this incredible passive state

~Tom Berenger

I had already done a lot of research for Rough Riders, keeping notebooks and old photographs. Some of the books were antiques for that time period, with the covers falling off.

~Tom Berenger

In this industry, the new owners prefer to kill anything they weren't responsible for.

~Tom Berenger

You can't think that you're playing a villain, or you'll end up with a cartoon. You have to think about him as a person and a hero.

~Tom Berenger

I wrote a script. I actually enjoyed writing it more than acting. It's about the Irish rebellion of 1920, which is a fascinating period and place for me

~Tom Berenger

I have family obligations and all that stuff. I get my kids six weeks in the summer, which is a real intense period of time. I'm with them every minute of the day

~Tom Berenger

I feel more comfortable doing films with groups of guys. It's a lot easier for me. There's a difference with women: you can't take them to dinner every night and go crazy

~Tom Berenger

The Big Chill is one of those things that everybody can identify with. Between eight characters, they can pick somebody who's somewhat like them

~Tom Berenger

Rough Riders took 13 weeks to shoot, plus a week of training. The same guy trained us trained the cast in Platoon. Except, instead of radios, we used bugles to signal

~Tom Berenger

These days, you can do a TV series for five years and all of a sudden be on top of the business. Features don't even run in theaters very long anymore before going right to television.

~Tom Berenger

I got to talking to an old actor, and he had a bunch of stories about the Rough Riders

~Tom Berenger

I was kind of confused. I thought, Well, if I get drafted, I'll go. Everybody was very concerned with it. I had friends who went. Some that came back and some that didn't

~Tom Berenger

Even my agents say, 'We don't know what this business is anymore.'

~Tom Berenger

I was so exhausted after fighting for the project for five years, shooting it was like the Bataan Death March

~Tom Berenger

This is all new to me, these re-releases. I don't know how these things do. I don't know if it will be people who saw it originally or young people

~Tom Berenger

Around mid-life everyone goes maniac a little bit.

~Tom Berenger

I came in on the tail end of the old school of Hollywood

~Tom Berenger

You realize just how long you've been away when you get home and start dialing 8 out of habit so you can get access to local calls.

~Tom Berenger

My mother, sister and I watched through the windows as my father gambled

~Tom Berenger

I don't care about being a star. I can do a supporting role; I don't have

to be a lead

~Tom Berenger

Sometimes I think I'm real predictable to myself and other times... you always wonder, Is this really what I wanted to do? Did I make a mistake? Should I be doing something else?

~Tom Berenger

I remember seeing Bill Hurt in New York once. I talked to him on the phone around 1988 and that's about it. I was shooting in New York and somebody said Glenn Close came by the set

~Tom Berenger

Most of what gets made now, you laugh your way through, go home and forget you've seen it.

~Tom Berenger

I'm probably satisfied with my career 80 percent of the time

~Tom Berenger

I guess if I weren't an actor, I'd be a history professor

~Tom Berenger

Debra Winger doesn't let anything interfere with her performance, which is the way it should be

~Tom Berenger

Take characters that Nicholson or De Niro play: they're not always tough

~Tom Berenger

I've done about six comedies. Oddly enough, the script came to me from one of the guys in Platoon

~Tom Berenger

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