

Tom Cruise Quotes

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In this life, it's not what you hope for, it's not what you deserve - it's what you take!

~Tom Cruise

The thing about film-making is I give it everything, that's why I work so hard. I always tell young actors to take charge. It's not that hard. Sign your own cheques, be responsible.

~Tom Cruise

When you have to cope with a lot of problems, you're either going to sink or you're going to swim.

~Tom Cruise

Psychiatry is a pseudoscience.... You don't know the history of psychiatry. I do...Matt, Matt, Matt, Matt, Matt, Matt, you don't even -you're glib. You don't even know what Ritalin is.

~Tom Cruise

I love what I do. I take great pride in what I do. And I can't do something halfway, three-quarters, nine-tenths. If I'm going to do something, I go all the way.

~Tom Cruise

No dream is ever just a dream.

~Tom Cruise

Someday. That's a dangerous word. It's really just a code for 'never'.

~Tom Cruise

Perception and reality are two different things.

~Tom Cruise

I had to train myself to focus my attention. I became very visual and learned how to create mental images in order to comprehend what I

read.

~Tom Cruise

I disagree with people who think you learn more from getting beat up than you do from winning.

~Tom Cruise

Individuals have to decide what is true and real for them.

~Tom Cruise

I always look for a challenge and something that's different.

~Tom Cruise

I've never done work for money, ever. If your choices are based on grosses and the film doesn't do well, what does that mean? It leaves you with nothing.

~Tom Cruise

As a kid, when I got to the edge of a cliff I wanted to jump off. I didn't want to kill myself. I wanted to fly.

~Tom Cruise

I'm an all-or-nothing kind of person, and when I become interested in something, I give it my all.

~Tom Cruise

I like to work with people that I like hanging out with, that I admire, that are really smart and talented, and we can problem solve together.

~Tom Cruise

Saddam has committed many crimes against humanity and against his own people.

~Tom Cruise

I love kids. I was a kid myself, once.

~Tom Cruise

But my friends are happy for me. The people who know me are happy. My mom is happy. My family is happy.

~Tom Cruise

I don't hide from cameras or anything. It doesn't bother me. I don't seek our press for the women I'm dating, but if it finds me, it finds me.

~Tom Cruise

I'm passionate about learning. I'm passionate about life.

~Tom Cruise

What I find sometimes that is tricky is if actors are using too much of their own life in a picture, in a scene, they get locked into a particular way to play the scene, and it lacks an immediacy.

~Tom Cruise

Being a Scientologist, when you drive past an accident... you know you have to do something about it because you know you're the only one that can really help.

~Tom Cruise

I feel lonely at times, but I don't want to get into a relationship with someone if it is not right. I'm not the type of person who just does things to do them.

~Tom Cruise

I feel the need... the need for speed.

~Tom Cruise

Nothing ends nicely, that's why it ends.

~Tom Cruise

I'm always around my mother and sisters. I always wanted to be a father, a husband.

~Tom Cruise

Do I make mistakes? Yeah.

~Tom Cruise

When you become successful in any type of life, there are people who are not contributing to the motion.

~Tom Cruise

Today, people can say anything they want. Suddenly it gets in the rumor mill and then it evolves and then somehow it becomes fact and you say, What is this? You know, why don't you ask me?

~Tom Cruise

I'm usually nervous to meet people that I admire because what if they're not cool or something?

~Tom Cruise

It seems to me that if there were any logic to our language, trust would be a four letter word.

~Tom Cruise

When I work, I work very hard. So I look to work with people who have that level of dedication. And I depend on that from everyone. From the director to my crews that I work with.

~Tom Cruise

I don't pretend to be the character. I am the character.

~Tom Cruise

I just eat life... I engage in life.

~Tom Cruise

My childhood was extremely lonely. I was dyslexic and lots of kids make fun of me. That experience made me tough inside, because you learn to quietly accept ridicule.

~Tom Cruise

The exciting part of acting, I don't know how else to explain it, are those moments when you surprise yourself.

~Tom Cruise

Awards are wonderful. I've been nominated many times and I've won many awards. But my journey is not towards that. If it happens it will be a blast. If it doesn't, it's still been a blast.

~Tom Cruise

Who hasn't danced in their underwear?

~Tom Cruise

Have you ever gotten the feeling that you aren't completely embarrassed yet, but you glimpse tomorrow's embarrassment?

~Tom Cruise

I demand a lot of myself. I want to learn. I can't sit back. I like a challenge, so I create a lot of challenges for myself.

~Tom Cruise

I'll never forget the moment I became a dad. It's hard to describe-that level of responsibility, the desire to give such joy, the clarity: Nothing is more important than this.

~Tom Cruise

I don't care who you are, life has challenges.

~Tom Cruise

I'm someone who doesn't believe in making my problems other

people's problems.

~Tom Cruise

Making a movie is like a chess game. It's about constantly changing patterns, adapting to new things. It's not just black and white, as you know.

~Tom Cruise

I feel good about the decisions that I made and I'm happy. You know, I'm really happy.

~Tom Cruise

It's well known I'm a Scientologist, and that has helped me to find that inner peace in my life and it's something that has given me great stability and tools that I use.

~Tom Cruise

The important thing is to be relaxed in your work. Same in life. Don't make everything too intense. Then you can let everything go and not "act".

~Tom Cruise

I've always thought of the audience. I just want to entertain the audience. That's what it's about: what's good for the movie, what's best for the movie, what's best for the audience.

~Tom Cruise

Of course [I believe in aliens]. Are you so arrogant as to believe we are alone in this universe?

~Tom Cruise

Talk is over-rated as a means of settling disputes

~Tom Cruise

I'm not greedy. I just want my half.

~Tom Cruise

When I'm promoting a film, I'm not going to get caught up in anything else, and that includes all my personal things.

~Tom Cruise

There is no such thing as a chemical imbalance.

~Tom Cruise

Sex is great, if you are in a relationship. Otherwise, I find sex actually not so interesting. Without a relationship it is confusing.

~Tom Cruise

Emotions kick up. You try not to kick things up, but you go through things you can't help.

~Tom Cruise

On film Vanilla Sky: You're going to get the full experience of what love is.

~Tom Cruise

If someone doesn't want to be a criminal anymore, I can give them tools that can better their life. You have no idea how many people want to know what Scientology is.

~Tom Cruise

But I think also you look at Scientology it is the fastest growing religion. It's helped so many people.

~Tom Cruise

My name is Joel Goodson. I deal in human fulfillment. I grossed over eight thousand dollars in one night.

~Tom Cruise

Everybody dies, Sally. The thing is to die well.

~Tom Cruise

I don't care if you print something nasty about me. If it's true, fine. I don't care. But just make sure it's the truth.

~Tom Cruise

There is Life in every breath.

~Tom Cruise

I kept looking [at Katie] and thinking, 'This woman's amazing.' I'm happy that I'm with her. She's amazing, and I'd think the same of her even if she wasn't with me - she's just amazing.

~Tom Cruise

They smell good. They look pretty. I love women. I do.

~Tom Cruise

As an actor - like an artist - you have to ask, "Why do I choose a certain moment to play something a certain way?" It's organic to who we are.

~Tom Cruise

I have cooked turkeys in my day but when Mom`s around I let her do it.

~Tom Cruise

If someone wants to know about Scientology, they should just go and read about it themselves. That's the best way to do it.

~Tom Cruise

I've spent many birthdays on a movie set, all great days.

~Tom Cruise

I would live with all of my sisters if I could. We've always been very close, my sisters and me.

~Tom Cruise

Whether it's making a film or raising my children, personally I'm striving to do the right things and to learn.

~Tom Cruise

Every single time I start to do a picture, without fail, I feel as if I don't know what I'm doing.

~Tom Cruise

When you talk about emotional, chemical imbalances in people, there is no science behind that.

~Tom Cruise

I've always had the same values. Family for me has always been important. When I shoot, everybody comes.

~Tom Cruise

Here's how I've lived my life: I've never been late to a set. I make films I believe in. I feel privileged to be able to do what I love.

~Tom Cruise

Stanley Kubrick was brilliant at getting under the audience's skin. He was very interested in the idea of, 'How can I tell this with just a camera?'

~Tom Cruise

Stanley Kubrick was very selective when he went into a close-up. Every director has his taste in a performance, but Stanley would explore a scene to find what was most interesting for him.

~Tom Cruise

I've had such extremes in my life. From being this kind of wild kid, to one year studying to be a Franciscan priest at the seminary....I was

very frustrated.

~Tom Cruise

I've learned to relax more. Everybody feels pressure in what they do, maybe mine is just a little different because there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to accomplish what I want to.

~Tom Cruise

If you have kids, it is the most important thing to create good times.

~Tom Cruise

For me as a man, philosophically, when you talk about honor and integrity, that's the way I want to live my life. It moved me.

~Tom Cruise

Seriously, I would go in a second. I'd be the first actor in space and I'd love to do it.

~Tom Cruise

I didn't become an actor to have power, but it just happens that I have it and so I have a lot of opportunities.

~Tom Cruise

I used to go to Maple Leafs games all the time when Nic shot To Die For here in Toronto. This is a great city. I love it here.

~Tom Cruise

Even in my dreams, I'm an idiot who knows he's about to wake up to reality.

~Tom Cruise

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