

Tom Hanks Quotes

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We are still in the position of waking up and having a choice. Do I make the world better today somehow, or do I not bother?

~Tom Hanks

And I'm not apolitical - I'm very specific in my politics. But a lot of the time it's nobody's business unless you're over at my house having dinner.

~Tom Hanks

Movie-making is telling a story with the best technology at your disposal.

~Tom Hanks

Never give up because you never know what the tide will bring in the next day.

~Tom Hanks

If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great.

~Tom Hanks

It was a million tiny little things that, when you added them all up, they meant we were supposed to be together ... and I knew it.

~Tom Hanks

The only way you can truly control how you are seen is by being honest all the time.

~Tom Hanks

I think it's better to feel good than to look good.

~Tom Hanks

A hero is somebody who voluntarily walks into the unknown.

~Tom Hanks

If things were easy to find, they wouldn't be worth finding.

~Tom Hanks

Even the simplest choice can make a jaw-dropping difference in our world.

~Tom Hanks

The desert, when the sun comes up...I couldn't tell where heaven stopped and the Earth began.

~Tom Hanks

I know what I have to do now. I gotta keep breathing. Because tomorrow the sun will rise. Who knows what the tide could bring?

~Tom Hanks

Tweeting is like sending out cool telegrams to your friends once a week.

~Tom Hanks

There's a difference between solitude and loneliness. I can understand the concept of being a monk for a while.

~Tom Hanks

The "Toy Story" films accomplish what timeless classics aim for - innocent characters who face an endless trail of adventures.

~Tom Hanks

Repertory theater is all about being part of the whole, one of the many colors in this vast palette.

~Tom Hanks

If you can feel like a good man in your 40s, you can feel like a better man in your 50s, a Superman in your 60s, and maybe a Spider-Man in your 70s.

~Tom Hanks

Mama always said, dying was a part of life. I sure wish it wasn't.

~Tom Hanks

I will entertain anything; it doesn't matter. You know, it's not obviously about the price, it's not about who, it's kind of about when and what. It's material, that's all.

~Tom Hanks

Mama always had a way of explaining things so I could understand them.

~Tom Hanks

You don't necessarily go in to talk to the person to try to find some secret key to the lock.

~Tom Hanks

It's not a mid-life crisis. It's a mid-life disaster. A mid-life crisis is when you wake up with everything and you go "I have everything but I'm still unhappy."

~Tom Hanks

There's no substitute for a great love who says, 'No matter what's wrong with you, you're welcome at this table.'

~Tom Hanks

Everybody has something that chews them up and, for me, that thing was always loneliness. The cinema has the power to make you not feel lonely, even when you are.

~Tom Hanks

Eating everything you want is not that much fun. When you live a life with no boundaries, there's less joy. If you can eat anything you want

to, what's the fun in eating anything you want to?

~Tom Hanks

The year I was born, 1956, was the peak year for babies being born, and there are more people essentially our age than anybody else. We could crush these new generations if we decided too.

~Tom Hanks

Even if a story has nothing to do with my life, if I can recognise something of myself in the character and think, 'Oh yeah, that's what I'd do...' yeah, that's what I look for.

~Tom Hanks

Saying no to something is actually much more powerful than saying yes.

~Tom Hanks

I understand the concept of optimism. But I think with me what you get is a lack of cynicism.

~Tom Hanks

I'm not a smart man, but I know what love is.

~Tom Hanks

Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.

~Tom Hanks

The cinema has the power to make you not feel lonely, even when you are.

~Tom Hanks

The reason most of us go to the movies is to be involved in someone else's moral dilemma.

~Tom Hanks

College isn't necessary for everybody and it's only from what you put into it what you go there for.

~Tom Hanks

E-mail is far more convenient than the telephone, as far as I'm concerned. I would throw my phone away if I could get away with it.

~Tom Hanks

It's always a combination of physics and poetry that I find inspiring. It's hard to wrap your head around things like the Hubble scope.

~Tom Hanks

From now on we live in a world where man has walked on the Moon. It's not a miracle; we just decided to go.

~Tom Hanks

My wife and I, we met making a movie. This is not just our job, it's our life. It's what we do naturally whether we're working together or not.

~Tom Hanks

Reading a script is usually as exciting as reading a boilerplate legal document, so when you read one that makes you feel as if you're seeing the movie, you know it's something different.

~Tom Hanks

You have to adhere to a philosophy that the life unexamined is not worth living, because otherwise you're just living from day to day and you don't have any real sense of yourself or where you are.

~Tom Hanks

There is something basic about protecting land by taking it off the market. People should be able to enjoy where they live while at the

same time protect the plants and animals around them.

~Tom Hanks

Help and you will abolish apathy-the void that is so quickly filled by ignorance and evil.

~Tom Hanks

The power of the individual is as powerful as the universe is infinite.

~Tom Hanks

Hold the mirror up to nature. Human behavior is worthy of examination and celebration.

~Tom Hanks

Human beings do things for a reason, even if sometimes it's the wrong reason.

~Tom Hanks

My favorite traditional Christmas movie that I like to watch is All Quiet on the Western Front. It's just not December without that movie in my house.

~Tom Hanks

I try not to lie to people - the only way to control the way you're perceived is to tell the truth.

~Tom Hanks

Every job requires a certain riding of a horse.

~Tom Hanks

At the end of the day it's got to be a good movie, it's got to be a funny movie, and it's got to make people think, 'Hey, I couldn't have spent my time any better.'

~Tom Hanks

If you have to have a job in this world, a high-priced movie star is a pretty good gig.

~Tom Hanks

There was nothing to react to except wind and trees [in *Cast Away*]. It was like making a silent movie.

~Tom Hanks

I always wanted to play Lestrade of Scotland Yard 'cause he's a buffoon that gets to wear a uniform. I thought that would be fun.

~Tom Hanks

I just know that every man I kill the farther away from home I feel.

~Tom Hanks

I have high blood sugars, and Type 2 diabetes is not going to kill me. But I just have to eat right, and exercise, and lose weight, and watch what I eat, and I will be fine for the rest of my life.

~Tom Hanks

People ask me all the time, "What kind of father are you?" I won't know until my kids are grown.

~Tom Hanks

I went to college because I didn't have anywhere else to go and it was a fabulous hang. And while I was there I was exposed to this world that I didn't know was possible.

~Tom Hanks

But actors with political views are a dime a dozen.

~Tom Hanks

If you look at romantic comedies as pieces of commerce, the audience is looking for wish fulfillment.

~Tom Hanks

Believing is seeing and seeing is believing.

~Tom Hanks

Some people go to bed at night thinking, 'That was a good day.' I am one of those who worries and asks, 'How did I screw up today?'

~Tom Hanks

I view my wife as my lover, and we have a bond that goes beyond words like wife or girlfriend or mother.

~Tom Hanks

Houston, we have a problem.

~Tom Hanks

The truth is that everyone pays attention to who's number one at the box office. And none of it matters, because the only thing that really exists is the connection the audience has with a movie.

~Tom Hanks

I would not want to live in a country that would have me as a leader in any sort of political bent.

~Tom Hanks

For some people, I will be Forrest Gump for the rest of my life. But that's OK; that's a good thing.

~Tom Hanks

As an actor I am always waiting for my luck to run out.

~Tom Hanks

The prejudice surrounding AIDS exacts a social death which precedes the actual physical one.

~Tom Hanks

Dear God, thank you for my life. I forgot how big and wonderful it is.

~Tom Hanks

Larger-than-life characters make up about .01 percent of the world's population.

~Tom Hanks

That's what's nice about directing a film and having it done: There's nothing more I can do about it. It's done. That's it. All I can do is let it go and hope that people are kind to it.

~Tom Hanks

If you're funny, if there's something that makes you laugh, then every day's going to be okay.

~Tom Hanks

I'm not interested in doing something edgy with a capital E just so everyone knows, 'Oh, OK, now he's showing us he can do edgy.'

~Tom Hanks

The same way that I know that I'll never do a movie as good or as celebrated as 'Forrest Gump,' I know that I'll never do a movie as bad as 'Bonfire of the Vanities.'

~Tom Hanks

Are you crying? There's no crying. There's no crying in baseball.

~Tom Hanks

I was never intimidated by change. I was like an army brat who had lived all around the world.

~Tom Hanks

Shake it off and move on.

~Tom Hanks

I am who I am, and I think I have a good nature, by and large. But if someone takes advantage of that good nature, well then, you know, I'm not that nice a guy.

~Tom Hanks

Let's not pretend there isn't a huge industry driven by the choices made by editors and writers who decide what a story is.

~Tom Hanks

I know the Pope is opposed to the use of condoms. All I can say is, I am a spiritual man and I've been happily married for 21 years. I don't even know what a condom is anymore.

~Tom Hanks

Oprah Winfrey today you are surrounded by nothing but love.

~Tom Hanks

The nature of motion capture is only going to work for certain films. It's not going to put any other type of movies out of business.

~Tom Hanks

'Forrest Gump' was great, it was fabulous. It lasted much longer than anybody thought, and brought me a degree of attention that no human being on the face of the planet deserves.

~Tom Hanks

In your mid-30s, it's time to start playing guys of compromise. And as you get older, men of bitter compromise.

~Tom Hanks

If I have no connection with the character, then it's all fake - it's just

blah, blah, blah.

~Tom Hanks

I'm glad I didn't have to fight in any war. I'm glad I didn't have to pick up a gun. I'm glad I didn't get killed or kill somebody. I hope my kids enjoy the same lack of manhood.

~Tom Hanks

The nature of the movies is different than it was five years ago, and they're all driven by the possibilities of CGI, which means you can make anything happen on screen that you can possibly desire.

~Tom Hanks

There's such an advantage to being involved in the day-to-day details of each other's lives. It's a marvelous fabric to exist in.

~Tom Hanks

I don't cause riots, but I do cause confusion. People freeze when they spot me.

~Tom Hanks

We are all God's animated cartoons.

~Tom Hanks

If I stopped having passion, I'd be done.

~Tom Hanks

All directors should have to act and all actors should have to direct, so that they can understand all these key things that come into play with whether you can meet your day.

~Tom Hanks

There was a period of time in Los Angeles when I wondered if I was just going to lose everything.

~Tom Hanks

I have gone through so many examinations of what a hero is, between the World War II stuff and the astronaut stuff.

~Tom Hanks

But the battles against loneliness that I fought when I was 16 are very different from those I fought when I was 27, and those are very different from the ones I fight at 44.

~Tom Hanks

I have faith that a script is going to hit me like a ton of bricks, and when that happens, it's undeniable that I should choose the role.

~Tom Hanks

I would like to think I've reflected the audience's lives somehow, though it's in this big, false, glamorous arena of movies. I hope people see themselves somehow up on the screen.

~Tom Hanks

Most people want to be able to go off and deal with their day - stop in here, run errands there - and when you can't do that, going out becomes a chore.

~Tom Hanks

A lot of people would flee from what they think is award-show cheesiness, and I don't. I often joke that my speeches are very personal moments that play themselves out in front of billions of people.

~Tom Hanks

I know how the Academy Awards works: It's a card game, and I'm in the toss-up category.

~Tom Hanks

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