

# Tracee Ellis Ross

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I am learning every day to allow the space between where I am and where I want to be to inspire me and not terrify me.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I want to be awake. I want to choose kindness, live & let live. I want joy, gratitude, and peace today.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

It was when I realized I needed to stop trying to be somebody else and be myself, that I actually started to own, accept and love what I had.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Just embrace your hair! I really feel like I am not an advocate for people doing what I do. I'm an advocate for people discovering and finding what works for them.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

When I'm not working, I spend a lot of time on my hair. When it's time for my hair to get some rest, I either wear it in a ponytail, bun or my favorite "milkmaid" braid.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Wisdom means to choose now what will make sense later.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

In some of the darkest and hardest moments, there is always a part of me that is okay. And I can always access that part of me.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Differences in experience, points of view and opinions aren't what pulls us apart. It's what pulls us together.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I hope they look at me and think, 'That lady looks like she accepts

herself'.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

We all, as women, need to continue to change our gaze from how we are seen to how we are seeing.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I'm extremely blessed to have the extraordinary mother that I have, and I don't mean Diana Ross, I mean the mother. My mom paved a road that didn't exist, as did Oprah.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I'm a really big believer in self care. One of the ways I nourish my soul is I eat the way I live my life - joyfully.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I was shy, but it came out in a big personality. My turning point was when I let my hair go naturally and I got contact lenses. I am really blind, by the way. I have these big eyes that don't work!

~Tracee Ellis Ross

If I'm going to show cleavage or chest then I don't show leg. I show one thing. If I show leg then everything else is covered up.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I like to choose compassion over judgment and curiosity over fear.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I'm trying to find my own version of what makes me feel beautiful.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

This is a couple that actually loves, respects & appreciates each other.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I buy what makes my heart sing. So, it's not that I follow one specific track. It's sort of what I like. I love colors. I love unique pieces. I love vintage clothing.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

When you feel happy, you look beautiful.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

There is a way to be a woman, ask for what we deserve and be able to negotiate.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I was spoiled when I worked in the magazine world. Fashion closets are heaven and I seem to model my organization after a fashion closet.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I've always been a curious thinker. And now, as an adult, I can articulate it.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

One of the things I've realized is how portable God is. No really, He's everywhere!

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Sometimes I feel like art is supposed to mirror life, but strangely it's as if art is trying to catch up to life, to a certain extent?

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Nothing goes to windward like a 747.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I have to take some time to dream some new dreams. I feel like there's a treasure hunt in front of me. A treasure hunt that is speckled with and seeded by a deep-rooted wild freedom.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I think our culture promotes fear and shame.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Somehow [Kenya Bariss] has figured out how to explore these very weighty, sticky, sharp topics, and still be funny and not make fun of the topic.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

The clothing, the makeup, the freedom of expression in [the models'] bodies. It was Linda and Christy and Naomi at the time. So I modeled before college.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I don't know that the stereotypical idea of what it is to be a child of somebody hugely famous necessarily comes into play in my life.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I'm a farmer's market girl, so if you go and get beautiful, fresh fruit, that's local, and it hasn't been frozen yet, it's pretty fantastic.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

I think television is doing a better job than films in terms of representing people, but television is still not diverse.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Black-ish is really a show about an American family and these are some of the topics that come up - for all of us, in different ways - and we get to see how this family is walking through it.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

There are a ton of foods that are great for you, that's like an indulgence.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

My mom would leave her job, and there would be throngs of people screaming and banging on our car. I come from a very private family, but I was born into a public family.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

One of the photographers was like, "Can you stop talking and try to look sexy for a minute?"

~Tracee Ellis Ross

[Black-ish creator] Kenya Bariss wrote on *Girlfriends*. We've been friendly since then. He sent me [the pilot] and said, "I wrote it for you." But I know what that means in this industry.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

It would drive the photographers crazy because I would giggle and tell jokes. I was gregarious, and looking back, I realize I had a captive audience.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

My mom helped me. I was very shy growing up, but my shyness sort of manifested in a big personality.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Throughout high school, I was obsessed with magazines. I used to just comb through them and plaster things on my wall.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

And it [acting] was exciting to me. And scary.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

Why am I beating my hair up? Because I want it to look like something that it isn't? These are questions that I've been pondering my whole life.

~Tracee Ellis Ross

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