

# Whit Stillman Quotes

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Focus, Cutting*

Our roots are clinging, we shouldn't knock down so many old 'buildings.'

~Whit Stillman

The Cha-Cha is no more ridiculous than life itself.

~Whit Stillman

I decided the moment I graduated from college that I would never wear blue jeans again. And I have never worn blue jeans again.

~Whit Stillman

For me, the present is a golden era. That's the greatest golden era. Right now. I just like pining for lost times.

~Whit Stillman

I think Austin is read more now than Charles Dickens, and Dickens was much more popular in his day. She endures because of her classicism.

~Whit Stillman

It's terrible to write what are essentially comedies for people with no sense of humor. Everyone thinks they have a sense of humor, but observably not.

~Whit Stillman

It becomes a lot better for the actors when we're 'shooting, shooting, shooting,' instead of waiting around in a trailer for something to happen.

~Whit Stillman

We learned some bad things, and the Vietnam War led to some bad conclusions. We're not the greatest generation, that's for sure.

~Whit Stillman

[Jerome David] Salinger was really taken to the cleaners by nasty

critics in his day. I think Joan Didion was one of the people who attacked him in a very unfair way.

~Whit Stillman

I'm for people clinging. I'm pro-clinging.

~Whit Stillman

I've had no money, absolutely, from my family. They paid for a good education - or schools that purported to be a good education - but, um, not a dime.

~Whit Stillman

You can't go by what the governments say or do. It's not the governments. It's on the street where there's more hatred of Americans in Britain than in France.

~Whit Stillman

I think it's helpful to aspire to make films if you feel that other people are not doing what you want to do.

~Whit Stillman

There's some people who are just very dynamic about social life, and it can be some pretty crazy stuff, but you end up meeting people you like.

~Whit Stillman

Find someone hypersocial and crazy and try not to follow them to their doom, but to make friends with their nicer friends.

~Whit Stillman

I can talk about Jane Austen until the cows come home.

~Whit Stillman

[ Lady Susan novel by Jane Austen is] extremely difficult to adapt. I

worked on it for years, for, like, ten years, before I started showing it to people. This was my back-burner project.

~Whit Stillman

I call the '70s the "golden age of television"; in the early '70s there were sensationally good shows.

~Whit Stillman

I love watching the romantic comedies of the late '50s and early '60s. I used to have a rule that if Tony Randall's in it, it can't be bad.

~Whit Stillman

I find it really disturbing to be watching a lot of the medium that I'm trying to work in. I prefer to be doing things that are farther away.

~Whit Stillman

I originally wanted to be F. Scott Fitzgerald, but failed.

~Whit Stillman

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