

# William Devane

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Even though shows like NYPD Blue are soaps in my opinion, but they're individualized to an extent that you can still follow what's going on if you miss a week.

~William Devane

Ultimately the Emmys are a popularity contest.

~William Devane

The West Wing seems to be feeding the myth about how presidential politics are.

~William Devane

Networks don't want a show with a continuing story. There's no backend potential.

~William Devane

A show like Knots or any other show that can be called a soap opera does terribly in syndication because if you're a viewer and you miss a week you don't know what's going on.

~William Devane

It worked well because Don Murray didn't want to be on Knots anymore.

~William Devane

Clint Eastwood is aging beautifully. But someone like Burt Reynolds and others are practically destroying their faces in the amount of work they have.

~William Devane

The business is built on slowing or even stopping the aging process.

~William Devane

I try to watch only real things, which basically amounts to C-Span for

me. I like real people in real situations. I learn from that.

~William Devane

I'm an Irish-American, and I grew up in an Irish-American neighborhood.

~William Devane

If you watch Cheers, in 12 years they didn't age a day.

~William Devane

Joey, my older brother, had his own TV show in the '50s, along with Cathy Callahan.

~William Devane

There's a certain possessiveness of writers sometimes.

~William Devane

When you go to a movie, it's about what's not being said. I tried to bring that to Greg Sumner. It was always about what's not being said.

~William Devane

Writers are not always right however, but then again, I've been on shows where the actors have complete control and change everything and it's terrible.

~William Devane

What I would have liked to do on that show was play a secretary of state who has huge personal business interests throughout the world. That, to me, seems to be more in synch with reality.

~William Devane

I would fix other people's lines if they asked me on occasion. The hard part of writing is the architecture of it, getting the story and structuring it. Not the tweaking of lines.

~William Devane

I'm trying to find a character that's my age and I can sustain week after week. I'd like to do a series.

~William Devane

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