

Winona Ryder Quotes

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When you finally accept that it's OK not to have answers and it's OK not to be perfect, you realize that feeling confused is a normal part of what it is to be a human being.

~Winona Ryder

You go through spells where you feel that maybe you're too sensitive for this world. I certainly felt that.

~Winona Ryder

Crazy isn't being broken, or swallowing a dark secret. It's you or me, amplified.

~Winona Ryder

There was a time when I was 19 when I really, really, really thought I was going crazy. I was exhausted and going through a terrible depression.

~Winona Ryder

I was very depressed after breaking off my engagement with Johnny ten years ago. I was embarrassingly dramatic at the time, but you have to remember I was only 19 years old.

~Winona Ryder

I've learned that it's OK to be flawed, that life can be messy, that some days you glide and some days you fall, but most important, that there are no secret answers out there.

~Winona Ryder

You have good days and bad days, and depression's something that, you know, is always with you.

~Winona Ryder

You can't pay enough money to... cure that feeling of being broken and confused.

~Winona Ryder

I am not a person who can really sit around and think about regrets because with every bad experience that you have, there is weirdly something good that comes from it.

~Winona Ryder

I was inspired by lots of people, certainly in acting and in writing and stuff, but I never wanted to be somebody else.

~Winona Ryder

I don't use the Internet, but apparently you can find out everything on it.

~Winona Ryder

I remember when I first started being in magazines, I had pretty thin skin. I was this nerd that read books and stayed home and didn't go out.

~Winona Ryder

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~Winona Ryder

I write pretty much every day, but I don't have any desire to publish anything.

~Winona Ryder

A woman who wears high heels is very different, I think, than a woman who wears sandals.

~Winona Ryder

Dear Diary: My teen angst bullshit now has a body count.

~Winona Ryder

People think that they just want movies like *Pretty Woman*, when really they - at least the ones that I know personally - have been waiting for something that doesn't completely insult them.

~Winona Ryder

I was very lucky because Tim Burton really gave me a career. I don't think Hollywood would've known what to do with me. If I hadn't done *'Beetlejuice,'* I think I would've just gone back to my school.

~Winona Ryder

Remember, I'm the kind of kid who used to get stuffed into a locker by school bullies. I've never felt like I'm a big star at any level of my life.

~Winona Ryder

I'm the type who'd rather not work than work on something I'm not into. I've done that a couple of times, and I feel like I can totally see it in my performance.

~Winona Ryder

For a long time, I was almost ashamed of being an actress. I felt like it was a shallow occupation. People would be watching my every move.

~Winona Ryder

Scapegoating will go on forever. We need someone to blame - illegal immigrants, single moms, people in prison. We need someone to victimize.

~Winona Ryder

As an actress, you go where the stories are. I don't really care where it's seen, at this point. I just want to tell good stories and do good roles that I haven't done before.

~Winona Ryder

It's an indication of how cynical our society has become that any kind of

love story with a sad theme is automatically ridiculed as sentimental junk.

~Winona Ryder

As an actress, you want to try new things. You don't want to repeat yourself. That becomes more important to you, as you get older.

~Winona Ryder

What's awful about being famous and being an actress is when people come up to you and touch you. That's scary, and they just seem to think it's okay to do it, like you're public property.

~Winona Ryder

In high school, I dressed up as every James Bond girl. I was a teenage Pussy Galore.

~Winona Ryder

I was exhausted and going through a terrible depression.

~Winona Ryder

I don't want to preach, and I don't want to tell people what to do.

~Winona Ryder

Googling yourself is maybe one of the worst things you can do. I did it once, and someone had to talk me off a ledge.

~Winona Ryder

In America, I don't know how much longer the environment is going to exist. I sort of strongly believe that we're in danger.

~Winona Ryder

If I showed you scripts from my first few movies, the descriptions of my characters all said 'the ugly girl'.

~Winona Ryder

Weird people follow you in the streets, you can't sit alone in a restaurant or a cafe and read a book in peace, and I think everybody values those moments of being alone.

~Winona Ryder

I'd always find the positive in someone.

~Winona Ryder

I was regarded as the school freak which further reinforced a lot of inhibitions and doubts I had about myself. I was a shy, frightened teenager for a long time.

~Winona Ryder

I love books and going to bookstores. My favorite sound is the sound of the needle hitting the record.

~Winona Ryder

Somehow I was invited to visit with Audrey Hepburn. I had this afternoon with her, and she gave me a couple things. She was so gracious and everything you would think that she would be.

~Winona Ryder

I have this sense that I didn't really start growing up until my twenties.

~Winona Ryder

It's really good to be able to think about past loves without having a pit in my stomach, or cringing or feeling heart-broken, or like they hate you. Don't you think?

~Winona Ryder

Even though 'Heathers' didn't make a lot of money, I really was able to transition into a situation where people thought I could play an attractive role because of it.

~Winona Ryder

You've got to grow up sometime.

~Winona Ryder

I'm not into older guys. To tell you the truth, Richard Gere is not the sexiest man alive, in my book.

~Winona Ryder

I don't hang out with agents and producers and I'm not into the business side at all.

~Winona Ryder

You try to get out there and live. I've always had good friends who've been very supportive and help make me feel good and grounded because I've never felt attached to the film industry.

~Winona Ryder

It would be great if teenagers could make movies. It's sad how some writers think they can write about stuff they don't understand.

~Winona Ryder

It's equally as important to me to be a good friend, and a good sister, and a good daughter. I'm very close with my family and friends.

~Winona Ryder

Focus should be on the art of film, not on the business of film.

~Winona Ryder

I remember being 18, and my first boyfriend said to me, "Unless you're in the room, you don't know if it's true." We were talking about gossip.

~Winona Ryder

It's just people should realize that the celebrity aspect of being an actor is very rarely enjoyable for people like me who would always rather go unnoticed and disappear into the crowd.

~Winona Ryder

Most of my wardrobe is vintage, and I've worn dresses to the Oscars that I got for \$10.

~Winona Ryder

I feel my best when I'm happy.

~Winona Ryder

My parents really instilled this idea in me of being your own person, almost to the extent that I couldn't do wrong. I'd get a bad grade and they'd be like, "No! What you did was great!"

~Winona Ryder

Looking back - I did have a lot of success and a lot of great opportunities earlier in my career.

~Winona Ryder

I was always like, "I'm going to be the drunk judge who's like, 'Objection!' 'In chambers!'â€%"

~Winona Ryder

As a character, it's very interesting to play someone who wants to change their life and have him change it.

~Winona Ryder

The older you get, the more yourself you can be and the less worried you are about what other people think.

~Winona Ryder

I'm not into wrinkles.

~Winona Ryder

I love photography and first editions. I have that in my genes. My father

was an archivist.

~Winona Ryder

I definitely believe in legalizing drugs. It does take the mystery away. It takes the money away, so suddenly there are no drug wars. If you're a junkie, you can get help easier.

~Winona Ryder

If a film is well made, then great, whatever it's about.

~Winona Ryder

I think I really scored with my parents. All of my friends pretty much came from broken homes, and my parents are still together, but not only that, they're still in love and still write together.

~Winona Ryder

I want to be a good person, and a person that people enjoy working with, 'cause I certainly enjoy working with other people.

~Winona Ryder

I'm not interested in playing the girl that's just there to make the guy, you know, give him a talking to.

~Winona Ryder

All we want is to be treated like human beings, and not to be patronized, or experimented on like guinea pigs.

~Winona Ryder

Reverend Hale is so interesting because at first he's like, "Oh, she's got the mark." Then by the end he's like, "You're all crazy."

~Winona Ryder

But I've always felt a need to have a life which is completely separate - at least as far as possible - from the kind of illusory lifestyle that comes

with being a celebrity.

~Winona Ryder

My father is an atheist. My mother is Buddhist. They encouraged my siblings and me to take the best part of other religions to make our own belief system.

~Winona Ryder

I don't have anything left to offer in the teen-angst area. I've done it every way I know how.

~Winona Ryder

One of my friends committed suicide when I was in high school, and it's the most tragic thing anybody can go through.

~Winona Ryder

My parents were great in the sense that they treated me like a human being when I was growing up. They showed me how beautiful things can be and how ugly they can be.

~Winona Ryder

What's great is my parents aren't stuck in the '60s. My dad is so into the culture of today.

~Winona Ryder

I really lucked out in terms of how my parents encouraged me to develop my own personality so I didn't just feel incredibly insecure and like I didn't fit in.

~Winona Ryder

That first movie I did, Lucas [1986], was probably the closest to me. And Beetlejuice a little bit, in the sense that I did look like that. All they did was like put a little white powder here.

~Winona Ryder

I was so spoiled in a way. I worked very hard, but there was just a wealth of great roles.

~Winona Ryder

I love westerns. John Ford is one of the 10 best directors.

~Winona Ryder

I've recommended girls for jobs that I had a different part in, and agents have been like, "No, don't ..." It's so surprising to me.

~Winona Ryder

I watched this documentary on Madonna. I remember I grew up hearing she wanted to rule the world. Actually, she worked really hard - really, really hard.

~Winona Ryder

I remember when I did Little Women, I didn't watch the Katharine Hepburn one over and over, which I thought I would do. Heathers, I was completely obsessed with.

~Winona Ryder

I think it's important to have as much as a normal life and take the time to get perspective because it only helps your work in the long run.

~Winona Ryder

I don't believe I am influencing anybody but myself.

~Winona Ryder

Life's short, so if you're going to spend months doing something, it's gotta be pretty special... But I'm very happy to enter my Baby Jane years, and hopefully segue into the Ruth Gordon years.

~Winona Ryder

My parents are awesome, but they're pretty left-wing.

~Winona Ryder

I feel like I had to learn how to take care of myself and find out what made me happy aside from just making films.

~Winona Ryder

I'm not a big one on - I don't know what to call it - getting all glamorous. I don't really worry about my looks, and I don't worry about getting old. Exterior beauty doesn't mean a lot to me.

~Winona Ryder

The actors that I do know are people who I think have souls, you know?

~Winona Ryder

If something brilliant comes along but I really feel like it's too old for me - that I'm not gonna have the experience it takes - I'm not gonna do it. Even if it's "a big mistake for my career".

~Winona Ryder

A lot of the old movie theaters are closing down now, which is really sad. It's still in the back of my mind.

~Winona Ryder

You know you're getting older when they're making TV shows, sequels or plays for things that you did. It's very flattering and very humbling, indeed.

~Winona Ryder

I, myself, am strange and unusual.

~Winona Ryder

I'm 44 years old. So, it's really great to watch younger generations getting their opportunities, and being there to support them in that.

~Winona Ryder

Actors do these really gross, gun-'em-down movies, and I always wonder why. They're not good movies. And it's like, "Why are you doing them? Aren't you rich enough?"

~Winona Ryder

I'm not a drug user myself. I'm too little to take drugs - my body can't take it.

~Winona Ryder

I try to just pay attention to what I'm feeling. If something is scary to me, then that's sometimes a good sign - although, sometimes it's not.

~Winona Ryder

I've read the Bible. I think the Bible's a great book, but it's a novel. It's beautifully written and la-di-da, but people really took it the wrong way.

~Winona Ryder

You look at people like Gena Rowlands, but she had [John] Cassavetes to write these amazing roles for her.

~Winona Ryder

I was raised to believe that religion is a beautiful thing, but it's fiction.

~Winona Ryder

Bette Davis in All About Eve was huge for me. Her acting was staggering.

~Winona Ryder

There's like this great thing that Bette Davis said when someone asked her, "How do you get into Hollywood?" "Take Fountain!"

~Winona Ryder

You do a movie if it's good and if you want to do it. It doesn't matter if it's small or big or expensive or cheap. If you want to say the words, you're gonna say them. You can't strategize.

~Winona Ryder

One thing you have to have when you act is energy.

~Winona Ryder

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