

Zoe Kazan Quotes

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I have mad luck. I'm super-good at games like backgammon or anything that requires rolling dice.

~Zoe Kazan

Sometimes I feel that the people I'm writing are more real to me than the people around me. When you take that imaginative leap, you're living so much in that world.

~Zoe Kazan

I find playwriting really painful. I love it, or I wouldn't do it, but I don't love the theater as much as I love movies.

~Zoe Kazan

I find playwriting to be incredibly difficult compared to screenwriting. Part of it is that I grew up watching movies and not watching plays.

~Zoe Kazan

Nothing's going to come to you by sitting around and waiting for it.

~Zoe Kazan

What I did have was an incredible amount of belief in myself.

~Zoe Kazan

I think action should be revealed through character, so if you have a plot problem, it's probably a character problem.

~Zoe Kazan

I was really surprised when I started working and realized that you're actually on your own, a lot of the time. It makes you really responsible, as an actor.

~Zoe Kazan

I think movies have much more magic than the theater. Theater can be a magical experience, but movies thrust their subjectivity on you in a

more profound way.

~Zoe Kazan

And when I get bored, it's like the worst parts of me come out. I really veer to self-destructive tendencies quickly.

~Zoe Kazan

Well, I have a sister that I'm very close with, and that relationship is probably the most intense relationship of my life to date, probably of my life, period.

~Zoe Kazan

I think even probably the people we look up to the most, and think are on the Mount Olympus of actors - they're still experiencing nervousness.

~Zoe Kazan

I think the written word is my first love. I was just a very imagination - centered child and a big part of that imaginary life came from reading.

~Zoe Kazan

Part of the challenge of being a girl living in the 21st Century, looking back, the danger is to not judge your character by your own standards.

~Zoe Kazan

It's a good thing I learned some humility and perspective as I got older.

~Zoe Kazan

I love to act and that's sort of my first love. That's what I started out doing.

~Zoe Kazan

So often you're asked to play impossibly perfect version of yourself on screen that it's nice to get to bring in those parts that you think aren't as

worth looking at.

~Zoe Kazan

I'm not that interested in writing for myself. That's not where my impetus as a writer comes from.

~Zoe Kazan

When I'm writing, I look like a fool because the parts are moving through me and I'm crying and laughing and making faces.

~Zoe Kazan

I've gotten incredibly lucky with the people I've gotten to work with. It's made my mind better, and it's made me a better person.

~Zoe Kazan

I've always really been interested in the Pygmalion myth and both what it has to say about creativity and what it has to say about relationships between men and women.

~Zoe Kazan

You set up the story, but the characters start talking, and they go places that you didn't expect. You have to follow.

~Zoe Kazan

I think most actors jump at the chance to do something where the camera's on them all the time.

~Zoe Kazan

I quite enjoy a high-waisted cotton panty.

~Zoe Kazan

My hero is Michelle Williams, who I grew close to when we did 'Meek's Cutoff.' She's an extraordinary actor and mom.

~Zoe Kazan

I'm used to very low-budget situations. In 'The Exploding Girl,' we were literally changing in Starbucks because we didn't have trailers.

~Zoe Kazan

I do not do my own taxes. It's too many forms. "Here are my 70,000 forms. I have no idea." I would be in jail.

~Zoe Kazan

I'm always disappointed after an audition when I don't get a part and I hear, "Oh, she was too X, or too Y," and it's too much of a quality.

~Zoe Kazan

If I'm not working, I don't feel complete.

~Zoe Kazan

I feel like a lot of my work on stage, I've gotten to play a wider range of characters than I have on film. This feels closer to who I am than stuff I've played on stage, or, like, Olive Kitteridge.

~Zoe Kazan

I wouldn't wear makeup, and I didn't like to let boys open the door for me because I felt like it was sexist.

~Zoe Kazan

I'm pretty sure I ate ants in Mexico.

~Zoe Kazan

I stopped Googling myself a long time ago. I'm sure there's plenty of misinformation out there, but I am blissfully unaware of it.

~Zoe Kazan

There's part of me that's grateful for the delusion, because it takes a very hard shell to get started as an actor, and I don't have a very hard shell.

~Zoe Kazan

I don't feel like I have a super straightforward relationship with the idea of fame. It makes me sort of level things out in my own brain almost immediately when I meet someone.

~Zoe Kazan

We all have our essential nature. If you're good with numbers, you don't even know you're good with numbers because that's how your mind works.

~Zoe Kazan

It's fun for me to be with someone who loves reading as much as I do, because he'll give me things to read that I wouldn't normally seek out, and I think vice versa.

~Zoe Kazan

When we do something we're not proud of, a lot of people don't want to look at that, people may say "what people don't know won't hurt them."

~Zoe Kazan

I think, a lot of times, directors assume that whatever they get from you the first time, whether it be at an audition or on set, is all that you can bring.

~Zoe Kazan

I've definitely gotten to work with female directors, and I feel lucky because of that. I just feel like more voices should be represented.

~Zoe Kazan

On a personal level, just for me in my own work, I would say the most interesting thing has been getting to work with the people that I've worked with.

~Zoe Kazan

I don't love the word "quirky." I think it's a word that's a catchall. It's a word that doesn't stand in empathy with the person, it stands in judgment of them. It's a very externalized word.

~Zoe Kazan

I don't think a lot of people are like, "I'm just quirky!" Or if they are, it's a stage they're going through as they figure out who they are. I never felt like I was choosing roles that were quirky.

~Zoe Kazan

I've worked with a lot of really famous people. It stops being weird really quickly. For me, at least.

~Zoe Kazan

I always wrote. My parents are writers. It just seemed like something people did.

~Zoe Kazan

I don't like pretentious films or pretentious people.

~Zoe Kazan

I hate going to bed. I read scripts, clean, listen to the radio - I've fallen asleep to 'This American Life' more times than I can count!

~Zoe Kazan

I really love people. I love to meet people. I'm curious about people.

~Zoe Kazan

I'm klutzy, and I don't embarrass easily.

~Zoe Kazan

I don't have a lot of patience for boring arthouse movies.

~Zoe Kazan

I never wanted to be a playwright.

~Zoe Kazan

I took a writing class in college, liked it, and my first year out of school I couldn't get a job, so I wrote a play.

~Zoe Kazan

In New York you can just walk out and be among people. You're on the subway among people, you go to cafes, you can talk to people.

~Zoe Kazan

I would not wear any clothes that had a brand name on them, and I only read books that were canonical.

~Zoe Kazan

I love bad movies, whereas going to the theater for me is a painful experience. I think it's really hard to sit and watch actors do something live and have it not go well.

~Zoe Kazan

I read a lot of plays as a kid, but I didn't see that many plays, so I feel better-versed in film history and film structure. I just think it's easier to think in pictures.

~Zoe Kazan

If I ever feel that acting is just soul-sucking and I don't want to do it anymore, I could stop.

~Zoe Kazan

Anytime that I've felt uninspired, I don't force myself to sit down and write. I only do it when I feel the impulse.

~Zoe Kazan

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