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Sir Alfred Joseph Hitchcock KBE (August 13, 1899 – April 29, 1980) was a British-born film director and producer, closely associated with the suspense thriller genre. He began directing in the United Kingdom before working mostly in the United States from 1939 onwards, becoming an American citizen in 1956. He directed more than fifty feature films in a career spanning six decades, from the silent film era, through the invention of talkies, to the color era. Hitchcock remains one of the best known and most popular directors of all time, famous for his expert and often unrivaled control of pace and suspense throughout his movies.

There is no terror in a bang, only in the anticipation of it.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

The only way to get rid of my fears is to make films about them.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

Drama is life with the dull parts cut out of it.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

I'm not against the police; I'm just afraid of them.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

I never said all actors are cattle, what I said was all actors should be treated like cattle.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

Television has brought back murder into the home -- where it belongs.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

In the old days villains had moustaches and kicked the dog. Audiences are smarter today. They don't want their villain to be thrown at them with green limelight on his face. They want an ordinary human being with failings.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

There is nothing to winning, really. That is, if you happen to be blessed with a keen eye, an agile mind, and no scruples whatsoever.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

Dialogue should simply be a sound among other sounds, just something that comes out of the mouths of people whose eyes tell the story in visual terms.

- Hitchcock, Alfred

For me, the cinema is not a slice of life, but a piece of cake.

- Hitchcock, Alfred



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