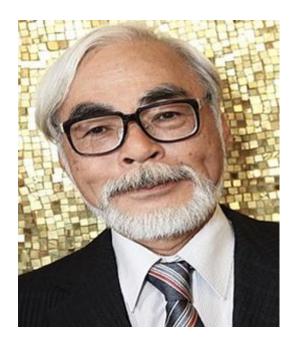
The Wonderful World of Hayao Miyazaki

1. The introduction of Hayao Miyazaki

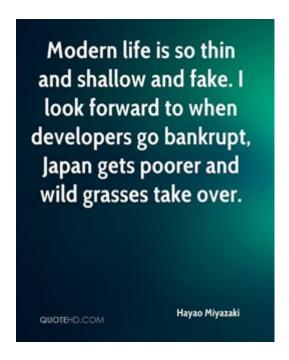
Strongly against war, Miyazaki expresses his anti-war concepts through his works. Perhaps it is because he was born during World War II and lived the early years of his life surrounded by air-raid sirens and daily bombings. Take his movie Howl's Moving Castle for example. It conveys anti-war messages and tells the story of Howl, a wizard who refuses to become involved in war because of his pacifist views. It was said that the film has been inspired by Miyazaki's outrage at the Iraq war. Nonetheless, the animator never makes a film without including hopeful concepts in it. That is, he being haunted by his traumatic experience of war, his animated films are unbelievably optimistic. He chooses to express optimism in his animations in spite of the fact that he calls himself a pessimist. By doing so, he hopes his movies will encourage the young generations to view the world in a positive fashion.



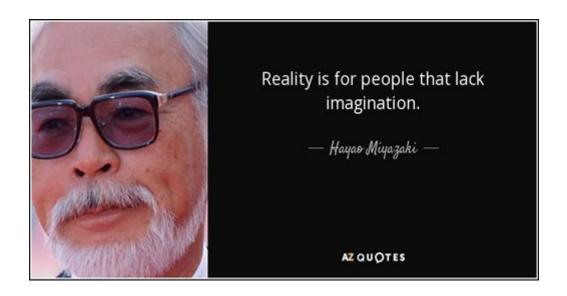
2. The Quotes of Hayao Miyazaki



Always believe in yourself. Do this and no matter where you are, you will have nothing to fear.



Modern life is so thin and shallow and fake. I look forward to when developers go bankrupt, Japan gets poorer and wild grasses take over.



Reality is for people that lack imagination.



See with eyes unclouded by hate.

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