

J. P. Donleavy

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When I die, I want to decompose in a barrel of porter and have it served in all the pubs in Dublin. I wonder would they know it was me?

~J. P. Donleavy

On Being Old. It's not nice but take comfort that you won't stay that way for ever.

~J. P. Donleavy

Writing is turning one's worst moments into money.

~J. P. Donleavy

I'm starved for love. Not ordinary love but real love. The love that's like music or something.

~J. P. Donleavy

Dear Mr Skully, I have caught my neck in a mangle and will be indisposed for eternity. Yours in death S.D.

~J. P. Donleavy

Expect the worst and that's what you'll get only it will be much worse.

~J. P. Donleavy

I got disappointed in human nature as well and gave it up because I found it too much like my own.

~J. P. Donleavy

The purpose of writing is to make your mother and father drop dead with shame.

~J. P. Donleavy

Blessed are they who in this sea of frailty, climb aboard a piece of ass as it floats by.

~J. P. Donleavy

Rid the mind of knowledge when looking for pleasure. Or start thinking and find a lot of pain.

~J. P. Donleavy

I'm all for Christianity, but insolence must be put down.

~J. P. Donleavy

Revenge is what I want. Nothing but pure unadulterated revenge. But my mother brought me up to be a lady.

~J. P. Donleavy

The inhabitants will always see both sides of an argument so long as it can result in a fight.

~J. P. Donleavy

You know, there must be happiness somewhere, when a lawyer dies.

~J. P. Donleavy

When you don't have any money, the problem is food. When you have money, it's sex. When you have both, it's health. If everything is simply jake, then you're frightened of death

~J. P. Donleavy

And no. I must not go on thinking. For the pain will never go away. You just go on and live. In the dust of desertion. Still falling where last I loved.

~J. P. Donleavy

To marry the Irish is to look for poverty.

~J. P. Donleavy

See all the women seated, youth in their face lifts, old age in their hands.

~J. P. Donleavy

The best book of the year, Grobel's writing is quite marvelous. The Hustons reads vividly, just like one of John Huston's great films.

~J. P. Donleavy

At the age of 18 I don't think that I thought very differently than I did at the age of 25. I think we instinctively have the knowledge and adapt the knowledge we need.

~J. P. Donleavy

If you're going to love somebody, love somebody who needs it.

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