

# Jane Alison Quotes

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Sometimes, Finished, Phases, Order, Two, Bus, Desire, Teaching, Memories,  
Perfect*

Teaching writing puts you on the point of a pin in terms of what you want your own writing to be.

~Jane Alison

When you're waiting for a bus, the thing to do is smoke a cigarette.

~Jane Alison

When you get immersed in whatever you're writing, the world does suddenly get so filtered through what you're writing. And then of course what you're writing then filters the world right back.

~Jane Alison

I sometimes think that we expect too much resolution in this world.

~Jane Alison

Early in the phase of being in a female body, there's all this desire that comes at you, a lot of it hostile, a lot of it dangerous, a lot of it ruinous.

~Jane Alison

I do some messing around with things, not necessarily about me but about place and people and the things around.

~Jane Alison

I grew up flying over oceans and moving and sailing.

~Jane Alison

My first memory is on a ship from California back to Sydney. Water is just a natural place of home and not home.

~Jane Alison

I know perfectly well that you can't not want anything and live.

~Jane Alison

You have to want something or you're finished.

~Jane Alison

There's a lot of water in everything I've ever written. There's always oceans and pools.

~Jane Alison

You can sometimes find something good on the other side of doing something very, very painful.

~Jane Alison

Like a lot of writers, I just got sick to death of conventional fiction. I absolutely couldn't stand the illusion of reality and plot. I just couldn't stomach it.

~Jane Alison

In order to have a real life of any romance, there has to be a level of fantasy.

~Jane Alison

I don't think you can have an imagination without having fantasy, and you can't have that rich a life without an imagination.

~Jane Alison

I wouldn't underestimate the power of writing a letter.

~Jane Alison

I know that I was able to find my way out of most of my feelings by writing.

~Jane Alison

I think sometimes to still be angry is appropriate, but you want to be able to live with it.

~Jane Alison

Sometimes there isn't a way to hug and make everything better.

~Jane Alison

I've always wanted to figure out how to do a walking story. I'd never figured out how to do one and have it work or be interesting or have anything that it's about.

~Jane Alison

That's what perfect means. You're finished.

~Jane Alison

I suppose you retire from trying. If you retire from trying, you think, "Maybe love will just come my way if I don't want it anymore."

~Jane Alison

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