

Jane Haddam

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In my day, we didn't have self-esteem, we had self-respect, and no more of it than we had earned.

~Jane Haddam

You've either got to find a way to make your continuing characters interesting without making them maudlin or overwrought, or you've got to put more emphasis on the suspects.

~Jane Haddam

Everybody is a True Believer. Everybody has a little nugget they're convinced of that is the opposite of the nugget on the other side. And they're convinced it's fact.

~Jane Haddam

Knowledge pursued for its own sake - that's the definition of education, as opposed to training.

~Jane Haddam

I was the executive editor on a little magazine called Greek Accent, whose only claim to fame is that its art director went on to be the art director of Discover for many years.

~Jane Haddam

Nobody in real life ever takes me seriously.

~Jane Haddam

I don't make my own schedule - it's constructed around my sons' school schedules.

~Jane Haddam

Listen to advice. You don't know how many writer's conferences I've taught at where at least half the audience fights all the conventions of the field.

~Jane Haddam

I've been a teacher at the college level, in composition mostly, and I've been an editor on magazines.

~Jane Haddam

People always seemed to know half of history, and to get it confused with the other half.

~Jane Haddam

If you don't burn the candle at both ends, what's the candle got two ends for?

~Jane Haddam

Logic is a wonderful invention. It is so wonderful, people often mistake it for reason. Reason, however, requires sense. Logic requires only consistency.

~Jane Haddam

If there is no way out, the best course of action is to find a way further in.

~Jane Haddam

I really hate those books where the murderer turns out to be somebody you never heard of who pops up in the last chapter.

~Jane Haddam

I'd like to write a history, maybe of the Reformation.

~Jane Haddam

My husband used to take care of the business part of this, and after he died I found I wasn't really any good at it. I hate remembering who owes me what and bugging them if they haven't paid me.

~Jane Haddam

I tend to come up with people more than situations - most of my books

start with a character.

~Jane Haddam

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