

Janet Fitch Quotes

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She would be half a planet away, floating in a turquoise sea, dancing by moonlight to flamenco guitar.

~Janet Fitch

The phoenix must burn to emerge.

~Janet Fitch

Remember it all, every insult, every tear. Tattoo it on the inside of your mind. In life, knowledge of poisons is essential. I've told you, nobody becomes an artist unless they have to.

~Janet Fitch

Their love as a dragonfly, skimming over echo park, stoppin to visit the lotus. Eating dreams and drinking blue sky.

~Janet Fitch

How right that the body changed over time, becoming a gallery of scars, a canvas of experience, a testament to life and one's capacity to endure it.

~Janet Fitch

It's such a liability to love another person.

~Janet Fitch

Find someone who will tremble for your touch, someone whose fingers are a poem.

~Janet Fitch

Memory is the fourth dimension to any landscape.

~Janet Fitch

Beauty was empty as a gourd, vain as a parakeet. But it had power. It smelled of musk and oranges and made you close your eyes in a prayer.

~Janet Fitch

Poppies bleed petals of sheer excess. You and I, this sweet battle ground.

~Janet Fitch

She should think about her own soul, what she was going to do with this funky tattered pond dank item. Dark and stained, a ruined thing.

~Janet Fitch

You were my home, Mother. I had no home but you

~Janet Fitch

Always learn poems by heart. They have to become the marrow in your bones. Like fluoride in the water, they'll make your soul impervious to the world's soft decay.

~Janet Fitch

How can I shed tears for a man I should never have allowed to touch me in any way?

~Janet Fitch

Take my advice. Stay away from all broken people.

~Janet Fitch

A cliché is everything you've ever heard of.

~Janet Fitch

Whenever she turned her steep focus to me, I felt the warmth that flowers must feel when they bloom through the snow, under the first concentrated rays of the sun.

~Janet Fitch

If evil means to be self-motivated, to be the center of one's own

universe, to live on one's own terms, then every artist, every thinker, every original mind, is evil.

~Janet Fitch

This is what happens when you fall in love. You're looking at a natural disaster.

~Janet Fitch

I felt like time was a great sea, and I was floating on the back of a turtle, and no sails broke the horizon.

~Janet Fitch

Her hatred glittered irresistibly. I could see it, the jewel, it was sapphire, it was the cold lakes of Norway.

~Janet Fitch

Oleander time, she said. Lovers who kill each other now will blame it on the wind.

~Janet Fitch

Pick a better verb. Most people use twenty verbs to describe everything from a run in their stocking to the explosion of an A-bomb.

~Janet Fitch

The poets are the standard bearers of language. Their work lives or dies word by word. When I write and can hear a clunky sentence, I try to write up to the poetry that I have recited beforehand.

~Janet Fitch

I couldn't imagine owning beauty like my mothers. I wouldn't dare.

~Janet Fitch

Writing mirrors the interior self. You know, any book is like the perfect blueprint of the psyche of the author.

~Janet Fitch

What happened to a dream without a dreamer?

~Janet Fitch

I hated labels anyway. People didn't fit in slots--prostitute, housewife, saint--like sorting the mail. We were so mutable, fluid with fear and desire, ideals and angles, changeable as water.

~Janet Fitch

A cliché is like a coin that has been handled too much. Once language has been overly handled, it no longer leaves a clear imprint.

~Janet Fitch

The story of her life. God gave you everything just to take it away. Just so you knew exactly what you were missing.

~Janet Fitch

I wondered where he was now whether I would ever hear him again. Whether someone would love him, someday show him what beauty mean't.

~Janet Fitch

Love is a check, that can be forged, that can be cashed. Love is a payment that comes due.

~Janet Fitch

Loneliness is the human condition. Cultivate it. The way it tunnels into you allows your soul room to grow.

~Janet Fitch

What was the point in such loneliness among people. At least if you were by yourself, you had a good reason to be lonely.

~Janet Fitch

The best you'll ever do is to understand yourself, know what it is that you want, and not let the cattle stand in your way.

~Janet Fitch

I've told you, nobody becomes an artist unless they have to.

~Janet Fitch

Women always put men first. That's how everything got so screwed up.

~Janet Fitch

I wish my life could be like that, knotted up so that even if something broke, the whole thing wouldn't come apart.

~Janet Fitch

I thought clay must feel happy in the good potter's hand.

~Janet Fitch

'She's never where she is,' I said. 'She's only inside her head.'

~Janet Fitch

Don't turn over the rocks if you don't want to see the pale creatures who live under them.

~Janet Fitch

...You know the mistrust of heights is the mistrust of self, you don't know whether you're going to jump.

~Janet Fitch

When you started thinking it was easy, you were forgetting what it cost.

~Janet Fitch

We strive for beauty and balance, the sensual over the sentimental.

~Janet Fitch

It was only natural to want to destroy something you could never have.

~Janet Fitch

I took the volume to a table, opened its soft, ivory pages... and fell into it as into a pool during dry season.

~Janet Fitch

If this was a sandalwood pyre she would have thrown herself in and this paper she'd become would have caught fire and she and him could sail away like two birds.

~Janet Fitch

Don't hoard the past. Don't cherish anything. Burn it. The artist is the phoenix who burns to emerge.

~Janet Fitch

After all the fears, the warnings, after all, a woman's mistakes are different from a girl's. They are written by fire on stone. They are a trait and not an error.

~Janet Fitch

this was the wonderful thing about strangers. they were big blank pieces of paper, you could draw whatever you like on their impressionable surfaces

~Janet Fitch

In a perverse way, I was glad for the stitches, glad it would show, that there would be scars. What was the point in just being hurt on the inside? It should bloody well show.

~Janet Fitch

I emitted some civetlike female stink, a distinct perfume of sexual wanting, that he had followed to find me here in the dark.

~Janet Fitch

Panic was the worst thing. When you panicked, you couldn't see possibilities. Then came despair.

~Janet Fitch

here, here is my dark world. you carry it for a change. im out

~Janet Fitch

Do you ever want to go home?' I asked Paul. He brushed an ash from my face. 'It's the century of the displaced person,' he said. 'You can never go home.

~Janet Fitch

Being in the library is so addictive for me that I really have to exercise self-control so I can get some writing done at home.

~Janet Fitch

Just because a poet said something didn't mean it was true, only that it sounded good.

~Janet Fitch

What is real is always worth it.

~Janet Fitch

I decided that if I was never going to sell anything as long as I lived, I might as well do what I want to do 'cause then at least I would've done what I wanted to do in life. What's that worth?

~Janet Fitch

I use my fiction to explore my own unconscious issues. I usually don't even know what's going on with me until I'm writing. That doesn't mean my books are autobiographical.

~Janet Fitch

My house is modern, but I like my writing room to be old fashioned. I

write on a little wooden secretary desk.

~Janet Fitch

As a person with terrible handwriting, I love the computer. I've waited all my life for the computer.

~Janet Fitch

The sound of her laughter was sticky as sap, the smell of night-blooming jasmine soft as a milk bath.

~Janet Fitch

I felt beautiful but also interrupted. I wasn't used to being so complicated.

~Janet Fitch

There is no God, there is only what you want.

~Janet Fitch

I've been depressed many times in my life. But under it all I'm an optimist.

~Janet Fitch

Kindness was the last thing she needed. She had to stay in the icy place, the numb place, and their warmth threatened to melt her just when she needed the cold.

~Janet Fitch

she was such a bad actress. she never said her lines rite, it was something perverse in her nature. and wat was her line anyway?

~Janet Fitch

purification in fire. public cremation

~Janet Fitch

It's all I ever really wanted, that revelation. The possibility of fixed stars.

~Janet Fitch

No matter where I was, my compass pointed west. I would always know what time it was in California.

~Janet Fitch

I felt like an undeveloped photograph that he was printing, my image rising to the surface under his gaze.

~Janet Fitch

Reading LOVE JUNKIE is like watching a sleepwalker taking a stroll on a freeway. All you can do is pray. Gorgeously written, piercingly honest.

~Janet Fitch

I felt suddenly cruel, like I'd told small children there was no tooth fairy, that it was just their Mom sneaking into their room after they went to bed.

~Janet Fitch

And I thought, there was no God, there was only what you wanted.

~Janet Fitch

If sinners were so unhappy, why would they prefer their suffering? But now I knew why. Without my wounds, who was I?

~Janet Fitch

How many people ask you to come share their life?

~Janet Fitch

I wanted to tell her not to entertain despair like this. Despair wasn't a guest, you didn't play its favorite music, find it a comfortable chair. Despair was the enemy." -white oleander

~Janet Fitch

It's their skins I'm peeling," she said. "The skins of the insipid scribblers, which I graft to the page, creating monsters of meaninglessness.

~Janet Fitch

The stupid things you say in the rain, that can't ever be washed away.

~Janet Fitch

I closed my eyes to watch tiny dancers like jeweled birds cross the dark screen of my eyelids.

~Janet Fitch

His voice was cloves and nightingales, it took us to spice markets in the Celebs, we drifted with him on a houseboat beyond the Coral Sea. We were like cobras following a reed flute.

~Janet Fitch

Wasn't that the way it always was? You didn't know, you couldn't tell, you just let it happen... Perhaps they didn't know themselves. Sometimes the line was very fine.

~Janet Fitch

She would buy magic every day of the week. Love me, that face said. I'm so lonely, so desperate. I'll give you whatever you want.

~Janet Fitch

She was a beautiful woman dragging a crippled foot and I was that foot. I was bricks sewn into the hem of her clothes, I was a steel dress

~Janet Fitch

I'm a fish swimming by...catch me if you want me.

~Janet Fitch

I wandered through the stacks, running my hands along the spines of the books on the shelves, they reminded me of cultured or opinionated guests at a wonderful party, whispering to each other.

~Janet Fitch

I was tired of men. Hanging in doorways, standing too close, men who made you love them then changed their minds.

~Janet Fitch

Who are you? the band sang. I tried to remember but I really couldn't say.

~Janet Fitch

Love could never bloom in a concrete block room.

~Janet Fitch

Dawn tinted the darkness like water ink.

~Janet Fitch

No matter how unappealing, each of them imagines he is somehow worthy.

~Janet Fitch

These people picked you up and played with you and then left you lying in the rain

~Janet Fitch

her scruffy innocence to impregnate with his dreams. reason was seductive, it gave the appearance of truth

~Janet Fitch

What can I say about life? Do I praise it for letting you live, or damn it for allowing the rest?

~Janet Fitch

To know I was beautiful in his eyes made me beautiful.

~Janet Fitch

like a kid kicked out of class. humiliated and free.

~Janet Fitch

echo, the death of a sound that had nowhere to go but to come back.

~Janet Fitch

Who can judge another man's suffering?

~Janet Fitch

Death like a lover, caressing him, promising him peace, running its fingers through his hair, its tongue in his ear. She put her own two fingers in her mouth. Im so sorry. And pulled the trigger

~Janet Fitch

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