

Janet Flanner Quotes

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Wreckage, Keep Going, Artist, Quality, Defeat, Sentences, Class, Maternity,
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I keep going over a sentence. I nag it, gnaw it, pat and flatter it.

~Janet Flanner

When you look at the startling ruins of Nuremberg, you are looking at a result of the war. When you look at the prisoners on view in the courthouse, you are looking at 22 of the causes.

~Janet Flanner

I act as a sponge. I soak it up and squeeze it out in ink every two weeks.

~Janet Flanner

Genius is immediate, but talent takes time.

~Janet Flanner

In the history of art there are periods when bread seems so beautiful that it nearly gets into museums.

~Janet Flanner

Never have nights been more beautiful than these nights of anxiety. In the sky have been shining in trinity the moon, Venus and Mars. Nature has been more splendid than man.

~Janet Flanner

... people who don't want something are less likely to get it than people who do want something.

~Janet Flanner

The older women were Sunbeams and I guess we were Cherubs or Lambs, but our mothers were Nightingales.

~Janet Flanner

I'm fond of anything that comes from the sea, and that includes sailors.

~Janet Flanner

She had storms all her life, but she died peacefully.

~Janet Flanner

By jove, no wonder women don't love war nor understand it, nor can operate in it as a rule; it takes a man to suffer what other men have invented . . .

~Janet Flanner

She died with a knife in her hand in her kitchen, where she had cooked for fifty years, and the death was solemnly listed in the newspaper as that of an artist.

~Janet Flanner

Genius is a talent only for living, those who possess it have little gift for dying.

~Janet Flanner

Women have invented nothing in all that, except the men who were born as male babies and grew up to be men big enough to be killed fighting.

~Janet Flanner

Isadore [Duncan], who had an un-American genius for art, for organizing love, maternity, politics and pedagogy on a great personal scale, had also an un-American genius for grandeur.

~Janet Flanner

When I hear a writer say that they 'put in a call,' I want to pull my hair out.

~Janet Flanner

The stench of human wreckage in which the Nazi regime finally sank down to defeat has been the most shocking fact of modern times.

~Janet Flanner

[Charles de Gaulle] has been abysmally careless, like a man running a bus over mountains, who forgot to equip it with good brakes.

~Janet Flanner

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