

Janet Suzman Quotes

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My mother was very agnostic. She would never set foot in the synagogue, she couldn't be doing with it.

~Janet Suzman

Now that we have a democracy and you can go back and the airport air is not laden with evil any more, you can actually breathe oxygen when you land in Johannesburg.

~Janet Suzman

And I think that that emphasis on keeping a family together, alike, I think it's important.

~Janet Suzman

Jews have had to carry around their own sense of self in a carpet bag and I think perhaps too much emphasis might be being put on nationality and on the other hand patriotism, that sort of thing.

~Janet Suzman

I mean one of the basic rules when you're acting is that you mustn't stand in judgement on a character, you mustn't say Hitler was a bad man because you can't act in that way.

~Janet Suzman

Always you find that the more decisive event wins so my father's sort of annual decisiveness which came upon him on the Day of Atonement every year, he suddenly remembered that he was Jewish.

~Janet Suzman

I find its attention to living this life rather than the next one exhilarating because I think even independently of Judaism that that's the right way to go about life.

~Janet Suzman

One tries to be an observer as an actor and indeed as a director

because the small things, the give-away things are what are really interesting to a performer.

~Janet Suzman

It was but then, when you're, one of the great poisonous events that have infected us all who were in South Africa is that the idea of difference is drip fed into your veins. It's that that you fight.

~Janet Suzman

But I think theatre in a repressive society is an immensely exciting event and theatre in a luxurious old, affluent old society like ours is an entertaining event.

~Janet Suzman

I suppose meeting people whether it's in real life and actually shaking their flesh and blood hand or shaking the mystical hand of the character all rub off on you in some way.

~Janet Suzman

I still find that a kind of stricture of the heart happens when I see any form of bigoted or racist behaviour. I get an actual pain in my heart.

~Janet Suzman

You learn from mistakes, but Shakespeare is one big non mistake isn't he? He just got everything right really.

~Janet Suzman

But now I've got a young son and his interest is in science and now when I talk to him, I see that in the science sphere of our lives there is new, there is progress.

~Janet Suzman

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