

Janis Ian Quotes

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At the end of the day, all you can hope for is to go on. The older I get, the more I realize that just keeping on keeping on is what life's all about.

~Janis Ian

I've always been an avid reader. If I don't have a book in the car, I'll stop and pick one up just to have something to read. I don't even remember learning to read.

~Janis Ian

Dreams were all they gave for free to ugly duckling girls like me.

~Janis Ian

Libraries are a hallmark of a civilized culture, and librarians represent that culture to all facets of society.

~Janis Ian

There will always be those people who are just backward and ignorant. There will always be those people. They need somebody to feel superior to.

~Janis Ian

It's neat to have finally reached a point where I can accept what I was and what I am.

~Janis Ian

I love seeing teachers outside of school. It's like seeing a dog walk on its hind legs.

~Janis Ian

I learned the truth at seventeen, That love was meant for beauty queens, And high school girls with clear skinned smiles, Who married young and then retired.

~Janis Ian

The best thing you can learn from the worst times of your life is that it always gets better. It may take a month, a year, a decade, but it will get better if you leave yourself open to it.

~Janis Ian

I think I grew up, stopped worrying about what people thought of me, and whether things were going to turn out OK. I'm concentrating on doing the best work I can do and letting it go at that.

~Janis Ian

That's an amazing moment, the first time you hear yourself on radio. It's still thrilling.

~Janis Ian

Did you have an awesome time? Did you drink awesome shooters, listen to awesome music, and then just sit around and soak up each others awesomeness?

~Janis Ian

Those of us with ravaged faces, lacking in the social graces, desperately remained at home, inventing lovers on the phone.

~Janis Ian

At the end of the day, if you don't have a record contract, a studio or a guitar, you can still write songs. You're still an artist. That's something no one can take away.

~Janis Ian

I feel I was born with the music coming to me, and that's not something to be wasted.

~Janis Ian

It seems to be part of the human condition to need someone you can look down on. I still don't get that one.

~Janis Ian

Once you're halfway home, you know that you can probably get the rest of the way there.

~Janis Ian

I bought all my friends guitars and I had a good time with my money. But then one day the IRS came knocking.

~Janis Ian

I started 'Society's Child' on a bus in East Orange as I was going home from school. I saw a black and white couple sitting there and started thinking about it.

~Janis Ian

My parents both were doing the Civil Rights Movement, were very involved with the civil rights to Congress. And my friends' parents were as well.

~Janis Ian

Truth is not the enemy and whatever does not kill us, sets us free.

~Janis Ian

I gave guitar lessons. I tried to join bands. My mom always said it was obvious that nothing was going to stop me.

~Janis Ian

I mean, I would love to have the career Joan Baez is having in Europe right now, but God knows I don't begrudge her that career.

~Janis Ian

I know just enough Japanese to get by if I get lost and greet an audience properly, just from having a lot of Japanese friends and being there over the years.

~Janis Ian

I want to do some fiction writing, I've had some pretty good luck with short stories, I'd like to do a couple of larger things.

~Janis Ian

Going off the road just leaves me more time to be a writer.

~Janis Ian

Wish I'd written Tikkun Olam - a Weavers or Peter Paul & Mary hit!

~Janis Ian

Artists are taught to be humble about their impact, especially in folk music. It's so ingrained that I have a hard time even thinking I had any impact other than what a normal hit song would have.

~Janis Ian

When you're young, the goal is to have a hit. You get a little older and the goal becomes to get to make another record.

~Janis Ian

I played for anybody and everybody from the time I started playing guitar, when I was 10 or 11.

~Janis Ian

Some people would rather stay ignorant and self-satisfied.

~Janis Ian

It's what I do well - I write about things that make people uncomfortable. That's probably the only thing I do better than my peers.

~Janis Ian

I think one of the reasons musicians keep doing what they do and writers keep doing what they do, is that we're totally unsuited for

anything else. And I for one am much too lazy.

~Janis Ian

I see interracial couples all the time in Nashville. I'm a Jew in Nashville. I'm a gay person in Nashville. It's a non-issue in most of the time. That's a huge leap forward.

~Janis Ian

The money when you're having a hit is great, but money can be taken from you. What can't be taken from you is the talent and the effect your work has.

~Janis Ian

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