

Jay McInerney

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I think men talk to women so they can sleep with them and women sleep with men so they can talk to them.

~Jay McInerney

I'd like to have the kind of house someday where a carousel horse wouldn't be out of place in the living room.

~Jay McInerney

Sometimes I think the difference between what we want and what we're afraid of is about the width of an eyelash.

~Jay McInerney

The capacity for friendship is God's way of apologizing for our families.

~Jay McInerney

Delia's arms were inscribed with a grid of self-inflicted wounds, an intricate text of self-loathing

~Jay McInerney

There's a socialist bias to the consensus of the literary world: a '30s mentality that says factory workers are more worthy of our attention.

~Jay McInerney

I like the fact that I'm living in the world rather than in a university.

~Jay McInerney

If it's red, French, costs too much, and tastes like the water that's left in the vase after the flowers have died and rotted, it's probably Burgundy.

~Jay McInerney

Reading a novel is just a much more involving and intimate experience than the act of watching a film. I mean, you literally get inside of a novelist's head, and you invest many hours to do so.

~Jay McInerney

Most novelists I know went through a period of intense self-examination and self-loathing after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. I certainly did.

~Jay McInerney

The most interesting things that happen in my books are usually the things that arise spontaneously, the things that surprise me.

~Jay McInerney

Your heartbreak is just another version of the same old story.

~Jay McInerney

I love to imagine inside the head of a woman.

~Jay McInerney

Love is the eternal quest: almost everyone wants to love and be loved.

~Jay McInerney

Your presence here is only a matter of conducting an experiment in limits, reminding yourself of what you aren't.

~Jay McInerney

My former wife is a very eccentric woman, which is why I still love her.

~Jay McInerney

We've been hearing about the death of the novel ever since the day after Don Quixote was published.

~Jay McInerney

I realized that I might not ever make it as a writer, that it might be because I wasn't good enough, or that it might be because the odds were just too long.

~Jay McInerney

The only sensible approach is not to take it too seriously. What counts is the writing.

~Jay McInerney

If being a spokesman for a generation is a fleeting occupation, being a symbol of an era is downright dangerous for anyone who has the bad luck to outlive it.

~Jay McInerney

A modest critique of an age in which an actor is the President, in which fashion models are asked for their opinions, in which getting into a nightclub is seen as a significant human achievement.

~Jay McInerney

"Socialist" is the nastiest thing you can say about an American politician in some quarters.

~Jay McInerney

Eat, drink and remarry is my motto.

~Jay McInerney

I remain a fan of my friend Bret Easton Ellis's 'American Psycho.' I think as a book about New York in the '80s it was pretty excellent.

~Jay McInerney

Taste ... is a matter of taste (Tad Allagash)

~Jay McInerney

I'm a romantic; you have to be to marry four times.

~Jay McInerney

It's the cynics who never get married.

~Jay McInerney

Mine is not an autonomous imagination.

~Jay McInerney

When you catch yourself lying to your therapist, you know it's a waste of money.

~Jay McInerney

Something changed. Somewhere along the line you stopped accelerating.

~Jay McInerney

Yeah, 'Gossip Girl' is a good show. It's a real New York show, like 'Sex and the City.'

~Jay McInerney

Everything becomes symbol and irony when you've been betrayed

~Jay McInerney

He insisted on a single trade secret: that you had to survive, find some quiet, and work hard every day.

~Jay McInerney

A creative writing program is only as good as its teachers, and I was fortunate in having two great writers as mentors.

~Jay McInerney

Great minds sink alike, right?

~Jay McInerney

Most of the people I write about have been ambitious outlanders who have been attracted to New York from other parts of the world.

~Jay McInerney

There is a type of writer that can happily bury themselves in the country

and dig very deep, but I'm not like that.

~Jay McInerney

I envy those writers who outline their novels, who know where they're going. But I find writing is a process of discovery.

~Jay McInerney

The only thing worse for smoking than drinking is quitting drinking. Because then it's the only thing you can do.

~Jay McInerney

There is a shabby nobility in failing all by yourself.

~Jay McInerney

I don't think I've left a trail of weeping women in my wake. I mean, the number of serious relationships I've had has not been into double digits.

~Jay McInerney

Anybody who becomes a movie star becomes successful at projecting a certain image to the public.

~Jay McInerney

I don't want to have my life fall apart for my work.

~Jay McInerney

Add anchovies to almost anything, in moderation, and it will taste better.

~Jay McInerney

You know, I'm always surprised when I read profiles, and they make me sound so jaded. I am so not jaded.

~Jay McInerney

Sometimes I think everything I touch turns into a Page Six item.

~Jay McInerney

There aren't many shy writers left.

~Jay McInerney

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