

Jeannette Walls

Quotes

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If you want to be reminded of the love of the Lord, just watch the sunrise.

~Jeannette Walls

You should never hate anyone, even your worst enemies. Everyone has something good about them. You have to find the redeeming quality and love the person for that.

~Jeannette Walls

Nobody's perfect. We're all just one step up from the beasts and one step down from the angels.

~Jeannette Walls

Horses were never wrong. They always did what they did for a reason, and it was up to you to figure it out.

~Jeannette Walls

One benefit of Summer was that each day we had more light to read by.

~Jeannette Walls

You can't cling to the side your whole life, that one lesson every parent needs to teach a child is "If you don't want to sink, you better figure out how to swim

~Jeannette Walls

Most important thing in life is learning how to fall.

~Jeannette Walls

But no matter how much planning you do, one tiny miscalculation, one moment of distraction, can end it all in an instant.

~Jeannette Walls

The fact is, you don't love me, and you haven't destroyed me. You don't

have what it takes to do that.

~Jeannette Walls

Confidence doesn't come from thinking you're perfect or flawless. That's arrogance. Confidence comes from appreciating the beauty of your texture.

~Jeannette Walls

When someone's wounded, the first order of business is to stop the bleeding. You can figure out later how best to help them heal.

~Jeannette Walls

In this world, it's not enough to have a fine education. You need a piece of paper to prove you got it.

~Jeannette Walls

You're in a horse race but you're thinking like a sheep. Sheep don't win horse races.

~Jeannette Walls

Life is a drama full of tragedy and comedy. You should learn to enjoy the comic episodes a little more.

~Jeannette Walls

Anyone who thinks he's too small to make a difference has never been bit by a mosquito

~Jeannette Walls

Sometimes you need a little crisis to get your adrenaline flowing and help you realize your potential.

~Jeannette Walls

...he said it was interesting. He used the word 'textured'. He said 'smooth' is boring but 'textured' was interesting, and the scar meant that

I was stronger than whatever had tried to hurt me.

~Jeannette Walls

If you had weak eyes, they needed exercise to get strong. Glasses were like crutches. They prevented people with feeble eyes from seeing the world on their own.

~Jeannette Walls

My advice to anyone is to figure out what you're good at - what it is that you love doing the most in life - and figure out a way to make a living from it.

~Jeannette Walls

You have to find the redeeming quality and love the person for that.

~Jeannette Walls

[Optimism] acts as a self-fulfilling prophecy.

~Jeannette Walls

I wanted to let the world know that no one had a perfect life, that even the people who seemed to have it all had their secrets.

~Jeannette Walls

God deals us all different hands. How we play 'em is up to us.

~Jeannette Walls

Once you'd resolved to go, there was nothing to it at all.

~Jeannette Walls

I never had any question that my parents loved me. I had a real sense of self confidence.

~Jeannette Walls

If you don't want to sink, you better figure out how to swim

~Jeannette Walls

Horses are a mirror of who you are. They're emotionally dependent on you.

~Jeannette Walls

sometimes after I finished a particularly good book, I had the urge to get the library card, find out who else had read the book, and track them down to talk about it

~Jeannette Walls

It's the Joshua tree's struggle that gives it its beauty.

~Jeannette Walls

When God closes a door, he opens a window, but it's up to you to find it.

~Jeannette Walls

If you want to be treated like a mother, act like one.

~Jeannette Walls

Things usually work out in the end." "What if they don't?" "That just means you haven't come to the end yet.

~Jeannette Walls

You'll never make a fortune working for the boss man.

~Jeannette Walls

Don't be afraid of your dark places. ... If you can shine a light on them, you'll find treasure there.

~Jeannette Walls

I was so worried that people wouldn't like me or my story.

~Jeannette Walls

Teaching is a calling too. And I've always thought that teachers in their way are holy - angels leading their flocks out of the darkness.

~Jeannette Walls

Interesting people always have a past.

~Jeannette Walls

Fussing over children who cry only encourages them. That's positive reinforcement for negative behavior.

~Jeannette Walls

Memoir is about handing over you life to someone and saying, This is what I went through, this is who I am, and maybe you can learn something from it.

~Jeannette Walls

Years from now, when all the junk they got is broken and long forgotten, you'll still have your stars.

~Jeannette Walls

I lived in a world that at any moment could erupt into fire. It was the sort of knowledge that kept you on your toes.

~Jeannette Walls

Don't you make fun of me or my children! Some babies are premature. Mine were all postmature. That's why they're so smart. Their brains had longer to develop.

~Jeannette Walls

You didn't need a college degree to become one of the people who knew what was really going on. If you paid attention, you could pick things up on your own.

~Jeannette Walls

Don't worry, God understands,' Mom said. 'He knows that your father is a cross we must bear.

~Jeannette Walls

New Yorkers, I figured, just pretended to be unfriendly.

~Jeannette Walls

It was good work, the kind of work that let you sleep soundly at night and, when you awoke, look forward to the day.

~Jeannette Walls

Mom could say that in hindsight, but it seemed to me that when you were in the middle of something, it was awful hard to figure out what part of it was God's will and what wasn't.

~Jeannette Walls

The dangerous falls were the ones that happened so fast you didn't have time to react

~Jeannette Walls

I'm a big believer in luck - the harder you work, the luckier you become.

~Jeannette Walls

Whoever coined the phrase 'a man's got to play the hand that was dealt him' was most certainly one piss-poor bluffer.

~Jeannette Walls

I find books that have a moral and spiritual center, that speak to what is really important and lasting, hugely appealing.

~Jeannette Walls

I believe that everyone has some huge talent in them; the really lucky ones discover what it is.

~Jeannette Walls

I always wanted to be a serious journalist.

~Jeannette Walls

When I asked my mother, "how do I tell people about you" her answer was "tell the truth". But of course, the truth is never simple.

~Jeannette Walls

I found out that people are incredibly compassionate and kind. It really changed my view of the world.

~Jeannette Walls

That was the thing to remember about all monsters, They love to frighten people, but the minute you stare them down, they turn tail and run.

~Jeannette Walls

She was developing what Mom called a bit of a sarcastic streak.

~Jeannette Walls

Everything in life is gray, you know.

~Jeannette Walls

We're stronger than we realize.

~Jeannette Walls

When I got a little older, I started writing for the high school newspaper, The Maroon Wave, and that's when I fell in love with journalism.

~Jeannette Walls

You West Virginia girls are one tough breed," he said. You got that right," I told him.

~Jeannette Walls

A lady's hair is her crowning glory

~Jeannette Walls

What I do know is that wondering why you survived don't help you survive.

~Jeannette Walls

It's so much of what art and creativity are, being able to confront your own demons. If you can do that, you can get through just about everything.

~Jeannette Walls

One of the most challenging aspects of writing a memoir is finding your own voice, and you should be very careful about being influenced by someone else's voice.

~Jeannette Walls

My older sister achieved her dream of being an artist. She's an illustrator living in Manhattan.

~Jeannette Walls

I'm a fairly fast, but sloppy writer, so I'm a big fan of re-writing, and re-writing again.

~Jeannette Walls

One thing about whoring: It put a chicken on the table.

~Jeannette Walls

Books are my very favorite gift to give. If you give a book to someone and they really respond to it, you feel you've actually changed their life in some way.

~Jeannette Walls

Whenever I'm reading a book I enjoy, I always develop a mental list of

the people I want to share it with.

~Jeannette Walls

She had her addictions and one of them was reading.

~Jeannette Walls

People are like animals. Some are happiest penned in, some need to roam free. You go to recognize what's in her nature and accept it.

~Jeannette Walls

She never felt sorry for herself, and that was something I decided I admired most in people.

~Jeannette Walls

All seasons have something to offer

~Jeannette Walls

My life is not just about the past.

~Jeannette Walls

Too much hard luck can create a permanent meanness of spirit in any creature.

~Jeannette Walls

I sit down at my desk pretty early in the morning and write all day until about 4 or 5 p.m.

~Jeannette Walls

Look at the way you live. You've sold out. Next thing I know you'll become a Republican." She shook her head. "Where are the values I raised you with?"

~Jeannette Walls

I feel like I failed," I said. "Don't beat yourself up," Jim said. "She might

not have turned out like you planned, but that don't mean she turned out wrong.

~Jeannette Walls

No child is born a delinquent. They only became that way if nobody loved them when they were kids. Unloved children grow up to be serial murderers or alcoholics.

~Jeannette Walls

Why spend the afternoon making a meal that will be gone in an hour," she'd ask us, "when in the same amount of time, I can do a painting that will last forever?"

~Jeannette Walls

It's really not that hard to put food on the table if that's what you decide to do.

~Jeannette Walls

Life there was hard and it made people hard.

~Jeannette Walls

Unlike diamonds, watches were practical. They were for people on the run, people with appointments to keep and schedules to meet.

~Jeannette Walls

Life's too short to care about what other people think. Besides, they should accept us for who we are

~Jeannette Walls

If you don't think you're hurt, then you aren't

~Jeannette Walls

Sometimes you have to get sicker before you can get better.

~Jeannette Walls

No one expected you to amount to much," she told me. "Lori was the smart one, Maureen the pretty one, and Brian the brave one. You never had much going for you except that you always worked hard.

~Jeannette Walls

When people kill themselves, they think they're ending the pain, but all they're doing is passing it on to those they leave behind.

~Jeannette Walls

Mom always said people worried too much about their children. Suffering when you are young is good for you, she said. It immunized your body and your soul.

~Jeannette Walls

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