

Jennifer Weiner

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Divorce isn't such a tragedy. A tragedy's staying in an unhappy marriage, teaching your children the wrong things about love. Nobody ever died of divorce.

~Jennifer Weiner

I've learned that some broken things stay broken, and I've learned that you can get through bad times and keep looking for better ones, as long as you have people who love you.

~Jennifer Weiner

Sometimes the worst thing that happens to you, the thing you think you can't survive...it's the thing that makes you better than you used to be.

~Jennifer Weiner

You should be concerned about the state of your soul, not the state of your bank account.

~Jennifer Weiner

He loved me. He loved me, but he doesn't love me anymore, and it's not the end of the world.

~Jennifer Weiner

Everyone has sorrow. Everyone has obligations. Everyone keeps going. You lean on the people who love you. You do the best you can, and you keep going.

~Jennifer Weiner

Is it still there?" I asked, staring at his head, bent over, as he wedged the stethoscope beneath my left breast. And then, before I could stop myself, "Does it sound broken?"

~Jennifer Weiner

People will want you to behave a certain way, to make a certain choice because it reinforces the way they see the world...But you have to do

what's right for you.

~Jennifer Weiner

My feeling about my own work is, I could be writing 'The Aeneid' and they would still have to call it chick lit or mommy lit or menopausal old hag lit.

~Jennifer Weiner

Head's all empty, I don't care,' he'd sing to me, quoting the Grateful Dead, and I'd force a smile, thinking that my head was never empty and that if it ever was, you could be darn sure I'd care.

~Jennifer Weiner

Read everything. Read fiction and non-fiction, read hot best sellers and the classics you never got around to in college.

~Jennifer Weiner

When you get everything you wanted, I think maybe you do have to be a little grateful for the people who got you there... whether or not they thought they were doing you any favors at the time.

~Jennifer Weiner

I'd love to spend a day being supermodel beautiful.

~Jennifer Weiner

Many writers secretly long to be performers. You always get the 'if you weren't a writer' question. I would be a back-up singer, to stand in the back and go like 'do, do, do.

~Jennifer Weiner

Hefty? I'd railed to Peter, waving the clipping for emphasis. Hefty? For the record 'Hefty' is a trash bag. I'm festively plump.

~Jennifer Weiner

If you wish for something hard enough, the fairy tales teach us, you can get it in the end. But it's hardly ever the way you thought it would be, and the endings aren't always happy ones.

~Jennifer Weiner

I think it has as much to do with honoring my own voice as it does with feeling a responsibility to my readers or my daughters.

~Jennifer Weiner

I was lucky to receive help at the beginning of my career and now I want to help other writers as much as I can.

~Jennifer Weiner

I don't like futons. They can't commit. I'm a bed! I'm a couch! I'm a bed! I'm a couch!

~Jennifer Weiner

There's nothing wrong with keeping your mouth shut if you don't have anything nice to say.

~Jennifer Weiner

I also believe that if you're really a writer, you'll write, and that nobody could stop you.

~Jennifer Weiner

I can carry a tune with a three-note range. Once I'm out of that range, I'm in trouble.

~Jennifer Weiner

I was an English major in college, took a ton of creative writing courses, and was a newspaper reporter for 10 years.

~Jennifer Weiner

I don't particularly like being angry about stuff. I'd rather hang out with

my daughter and write my little books.

~Jennifer Weiner

People are always coming up to me with my books and saying, 'You write these things I think but I could never say,'

~Jennifer Weiner

I want to live in a world where people are judged by who they are instead of what size they wear.

~Jennifer Weiner

There's all kinds of love in the world, and not all of it looks like the stuff in greeting cards.

~Jennifer Weiner

Every mother I've ever met, pretty much without exception, is doing the best job she can ever do.

~Jennifer Weiner

I hope that's what I've taught my girls - to be fair, to recognize their own position and their own good fortune, to use their voices to make things better. Beyond that, I'd tell them just to be kind.

~Jennifer Weiner

Back in the day, when I was starting out, I'd get five or 10 emails and I'd respond to every one. But after my third or fourth book it got too time-consuming.

~Jennifer Weiner

I have these "pinch me" moments when I realize I got to be the thing I wanted to be growing up. I'm right where I belong.

~Jennifer Weiner

I'm going to continue writing. I'll always be a storyteller. But I'm also

taking time to enjoy my life.

~Jennifer Weiner

I have the best divorce of anyone I've heard of.

~Jennifer Weiner

I think there are a lot of books about thin, attractive people having thin, attractive people's problems. I'm better set up to tell a different story.

~Jennifer Weiner

I think I'm much more comfortable talking about other books than my own!

~Jennifer Weiner

The idea you can tell a writer of a specific religion to stop writing about that religion is presumptuous.

~Jennifer Weiner

If you get the you-are-a-genius label, it can limit you. Because I'm not so scrutinized, I have more freedom. And that let's me write what I want.

~Jennifer Weiner

If you put a pink cover on something, critics make a certain set of assumptions and may not even read the book. But my readers are happy with it.

~Jennifer Weiner

My publisher feels that my readers are loyal to the voice of my stories, the characters I'm creating.

~Jennifer Weiner

I don't think any writer chooses what his or her work is called.

~Jennifer Weiner

My lazy, unfair assumption is that everything's easier when you're young and stunning. And maybe it is! But I'd like to see for myself.

~Jennifer Weiner

I grew up with a feminist mom and the understanding that, as someone coming from a position of (relative) privilege, it was my job to speak up when things weren't fair.

~Jennifer Weiner

I'm so glad that social media gives me a chance to do that, to celebrate books I love and help proselytize for books I love.

~Jennifer Weiner

I love it when people ask who my influences are... or what my favorite part of my last book was... or the last great book I read.

~Jennifer Weiner

I love it when people ask if Jennifer Weiner is a pen name. Um, if I wanted a pen name I could have done a LOT better than this!

~Jennifer Weiner

When an older writer tries to tell a younger writer through a review what kind of career she should be pursuing, it tends to speak to the reviewer's anxieties rather than the book itself.

~Jennifer Weiner

There's something really nice about writing something on Wednesday and watching it being performed live for a studio audience on Tuesday. You never really get that with novels.

~Jennifer Weiner

Women are far and away the bigger consumers of fiction than men, but men are still far and away the more reviewed, the more critically esteemed, the more respected. That can get frustrating.

~Jennifer Weiner

Having a day job again I found really kind of fueled my fiction, because it became almost this forbidden thing where I had to sneak off and do it in private.

~Jennifer Weiner

People say I'm not good at writing about men. My dad left when I was 16. Give me a break. I'm doing the best I can.

~Jennifer Weiner

If a writer writes poems and short stories and novels, but nobody ever reads them, is she really a writer?

~Jennifer Weiner

If you write thrillers or mysteries or horror fiction or quote-unquote speculative fiction, men might read you, and the 'Times' might notice you.

~Jennifer Weiner

Whenever people with money have power over people with less money, you have the potential for exploitation.

~Jennifer Weiner

Right now women are using surrogates because they can't be pregnant. What worries me is the possibility that soon they'll use surrogates because they don't want to be pregnant.

~Jennifer Weiner

Being a novelist is hard for anyone - male or female. You don't get to quit your day job.

~Jennifer Weiner

I went to Princeton, I minored in women's studies.

~Jennifer Weiner

I wonder if novels work for women because they give us a safe place to talk about our ish.

~Jennifer Weiner

I wrote my first books when I was single and then I got married and then had a kid and there were different things happening in my life.

~Jennifer Weiner

I'm not cut out to be a famous person; I can't do my hair and makeup well enough.

~Jennifer Weiner

I'm not in charge of my life.

~Jennifer Weiner

My book sales make 'real writers' possible.

~Jennifer Weiner

...thinking that the world was like an orange, that I could split it open with my thumbnail and find a whole different world, the grown-up world, the secrets beneath the skin.

~Jennifer Weiner

There are a lot of women like me in the world, and we rarely get to see ourselves.

~Jennifer Weiner

I remember things like that...A lifetime's accreditation of unkindness, all of those little lingering hurts that I carried around like stones sewn into my pockets.

~Jennifer Weiner

Baby," groaned the guy-Ted? Tad?-something like that-and crushed his lips against the side of her neck, shoving her face against the wall of the toilet stall.

~Jennifer Weiner

This is motherhood for you,' said my own mother. 'Going through life with your heart outside your body.

~Jennifer Weiner

I like blogs. they're good times.

~Jennifer Weiner

I don't trust happiness. I turn it over as if it were a glass at a flea market or a rug at a souk, looking for chipped rims or loose threads.

~Jennifer Weiner

Found, I told myself. Try to get found.

~Jennifer Weiner

Maybe it was inertia -or worse, fear- that was keeping me in the same place.

~Jennifer Weiner

She hated the implied familiarity when customers requested things from her by name.

~Jennifer Weiner

The way I see it,â€• she began, â€œyour mother's devoted her whole life to you kids.â€• She said â€œyou kidsâ€• in precisely the same tone I would have used for â€œyou infestation of cockroaches

~Jennifer Weiner

Regular women carry pictures of their babies, their husbands, their summer houses. Fat ladies carry pictures of themselves at their

skinniest.

~Jennifer Weiner

There are two kinds of houses in the neighborhood where I grew up-the ones where the parents stayed married, and the ones where they didn't.

~Jennifer Weiner

As many times as I told her she was beautiful, I know that she never believed me. As many times as I said it didn't matter, I knew that to her it did.

~Jennifer Weiner

The truth is, what I learned this year is that life is hard...Good people die for no reason. Little kids get sick. The people that are supposed to love you end up leaving.

~Jennifer Weiner

If there had been an exercise I'd liked, would I have gotten this big in the first place?

~Jennifer Weiner

I get really starstruck and tongue tied when I'm around other writers and the conversation tends not to go well.

~Jennifer Weiner

The condom broke. I know how stupid that sounds. It's the reproductive version of the dog ate my homework.

~Jennifer Weiner

You move forward because thats the way it works; thats the only place you can go.

~Jennifer Weiner

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