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In short? It is exhausting being me. Pretending to be normal is draining and requires amazing amounts of energy and Xanax.

~Jenny Lawson

[On acupuncture:] The needles are small and won't hurt at all. In fact, they'll feel good. Ha, ha! Just kidding. They feel like needles. Because they are.

~Jenny Lawson

Because you are defined not by life's imperfect moments, but by your reaction to them. And because there is joy in embracing - rather than running from - the utter absurdity of life.

~Jenny Lawson

Every time I get scared or feel like I'm not going to be good enough at something, I say that mantra to myself. "Pretend you're good at it."

~Jenny Lawson

When Hailey was born my first thought was that I needed a drink and that hospitals should have bars in them.

~Jenny Lawson

So many of us feel like we're misfits until we finally find our tribe - the other people who are are strange in the same way - and suddenly everything clicks.

~Jenny Lawson

It's amazing how much you're missing in a depressive state until you start to come out on the other side. It's like breathing again after being underwater for far too long.

~Jenny Lawson

But really, what else are you going to talk about in line at the liquor store? Childhood trauma seems like the natural choice, since it's the

reason why most of us are in line there to begin with.

~Jenny Lawson

Meanwhile, I was doodling pictures of vampiric cougars.

~Jenny Lawson

If you enjoyed high school, you were probably a psychopath or a cheerleader. Or possibly both.

~Jenny Lawson

High School Is Life's Way of Giving You a Record Low to Judge the Rest of Your Life By)

~Jenny Lawson

It's funny because the most sane women I've ever met are my mom and my grandmothers. I think you have to be incredibly sane and self-aware to function in relatively insane environments.

~Jenny Lawson

One ox, two oxen. One fox, two foxen.

~Jenny Lawson

A hug is like a strangle you haven't finished yet.

~Jenny Lawson

I try to be appreciative of what I have instead of bitter about what I've lost.

~Jenny Lawson

Writing is my therapy. In addition to my real therapy. God knows where I'd be without it. I'd probably still be at my last job, working in HR at a religious organization. I was horribly miscast.

Then I yelled through his door, "It's an anniversary gift for you, asshole. Two whole weeks early. FIFTEEN YEARS IS BIG METAL CHICKENS.

~Jenny Lawson

I'm pretty sure 'ferral cats' is code for 'vampire cougars.

~Jenny Lawson

...and whenever I had menstral cramps, I could just pretend that Voldemort was close.

~Jenny Lawson

Have you ever been homesick for someplace that doesn't actually exist anymore? Someplace that exists only in your mind?

~Jenny Lawson

Like books, the Internet has saved my life. It helped me recognize that so many people I adore suffer from the same things I do.

~Jenny Lawson

A friend is someone who knows where all your bodies are buried. Because they're the ones who helped you put them there." And sometimes, if you're really lucky, they help you dig them back up.

~Jenny Lawson

YOU are using a frisbee as a plate." "Uh, what? I'm not using a--oh hang on, this is a frisbee. Weird." Victor glared at me. "Dude, calm down, I'll wash it afterward. It's probably dishwasher safe.

~Jenny Lawson

Writing about my illness put me into places. It was very triggering. I had to completely remove myself and practice self-care. I learned to be patient.

I very much own the fact that I'm a misfit. The Internet makes everyone realize they're screwed up.

~Jenny Lawson

Some people we define as trolls are just critics. Sometimes they have a point. And I hear them. But for the ones who comment "I want to kill you in your sleep," I respond to them too.

~Jenny Lawson

Knock-knock, motherfucker.

~Jenny Lawson

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~Jenny Lawson

When I was little, my father used to sell guns and ammo at a sporting goods store, but I always told everyone he was an arms dealer, because it sounded more exciting.

~Jenny Lawson

When I'm blogging, I think book writing is easier and vice versa. Writing is lonely work, and the good thing about blogging is that you have immediate feedback from commenters.

~Jenny Lawson

I had no idea how complicated and solitary it could be to write a simple book.

~Jenny Lawson

A house should look lived in, and I consider it clean as long as I don't stick to it and it doesn't give me cholera.

I am the Wizard of Oz of housewives (in that I am both "Great and Terrible" and because I sometimes hide behind the curtains

~Jenny Lawson

Dissension is healthy, even when it gets loud.

~Jenny Lawson

If you could hear the insane stuff going on in my head, it would scare the hell out of you. Probably. Or fascinate you. Depends on how easily you're startled, I guess.

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