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Feminism now seems to be defined as success is defined: as being as good at capitalism as men are. I feel very estranged from it.

~Jessa Crispin

I understand maybe some people are more impressionable than my hard, cynical self, but maybe they need to figure out how to be less of that.

~Jessa Crispin

I was twenty-one when I was hired by Planned Parenthood. It was my first work experience outside of either temping or working for my father at his store.

~Jessa Crispin

Once you leave, you're no longer of that country, but you are never actually of the country that you go to, and if you go back, you're not anywhere. You never belong to anything.

~Jessa Crispin

American culture never necessarily made sense to me, but they should warn you: leaving comes with a huge sense of alienation that never goes away.

~Jessa Crispin

Talk to people who know more than you. I feel like we're in this stupid sea of opinion, like "My opinion is valid because it's mine and I have it." ~Jessa Crispin

You don't have to go to New York and you don't have to go to LA or London. Go somewhere cheap. Go somewhere with free art museums and then just go to art museums.

~Jessa Crispin

Go to a place and just send out emails. That's my entire life. I go to

countries and I ask, "Who would I know who lives here?" Not even do I know, but who exists and is on the planet.

~Jessa Crispin

There's this resistance to actually talking to people who are smarter than you about things and I don't know why that is.

~Jessa Crispin

I knew my motivations for going to each place and what I was looking for. If I don't do that then I generally don't write about my travels.

~Jessa Crispin

I like European and South American literature, but mostly I read nonfiction.

~Jessa Crispin

I think American literature is in a tedious place, horrible place. I can't even engage with it.

~Jessa Crispin

I don't behave the way people necessarily want me to, but I tried behaving that other way for a short period of time and it didn't take.

~Jessa Crispin

I have a really good life and I really like it.

~Jessa Crispin

I don't think that I can be settled and I don't think that I would ever want to be.

~Jessa Crispin

I don't think you can write an experience as you're having it without being an idiot.

~Jessa Crispin

My belief that the publishing industry is run by prigs and cowards dates back to many years before I even had the idea for the book.

~Jessa Crispin

Men exist on the planet. We have to deal with them at some point.

~Jessa Crispin

Women still get angry at me. I mean, men go after me sometimes, but most of the bad responses come from women.

~Jessa Crispin

I never asked anybody to take me seriously.

~Jessa Crispin

I mean, many times your creative problem is accidentally your personal problem, but it's not quite the same.

~Jessa Crispin

Most of what I do is for creative people - writers and painters and photographers - trying to work through creative problems.

~Jessa Crispin

I have yet to get sued. My father thinks I should get liability insurance.

~Jessa Crispin

I don't tell clients what to do. I don't even really tell them what the future is.

~Jessa Crispin

I believe in free will.

~Jessa Crispin

I would never tell anybody to get a divorce.

~Jessa Crispin

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