

Jim Thompson Quotes

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Then he laughed and she laughed. And quivering with the movement of the train, the dead man seemed to laugh too.

~Jim Thompson

I kissed her, a long hard kiss. Because baby didn't know it, but baby was dead, and in a way I couldn't have loved her more.

~Jim Thompson

There are things that have to be forgotten if you want to go on living.

~Jim Thompson

There are thirty-two ways to write a story, and I've used every one, but there is only one plot - things are not as they seem.

~Jim Thompson

When life attains a crisis, man's focus narrows. [â€¦] The world becomes a stage of immediate concern, swept free of illusion.

~Jim Thompson

You've got forever; and somehow you can't do much with it. You've got forever; and it's a mile wide and an inch deep and full of alligators.

~Jim Thompson

I'd been chasing females all my life, not paying no mind to the fact that whatever's got tail at one end has teeth at the other, and now I was getting chomped.

~Jim Thompson

I found out long ago that the place where the law is apt to be abused the most is right around a courthouse.

~Jim Thompson

If the Good Lord made a mistake in us people it was in making us want to live when we've got the least excuse for it.

~Jim Thompson

A weed is a plant out of place.

~Jim Thompson

I ain't saying you're a liar, because that wouldn't be polite. But I'll tell you this, ma'am. If I loved liars, I'd hug you to death.

~Jim Thompson

There is only one plot-things are not what they seem.

~Jim Thompson

What smells good in the store may stink in the stewpot.

~Jim Thompson

If we all had all we wanted to eat, we'd crap too much. We'd have inflation in the toilet paper industry.

~Jim Thompson

It doesn't matter what answers you get if you ask the wrong questions.

~Jim Thompson

You can't stamp on a man's corns when he's got his feet cut off.

~Jim Thompson

I told her the world was full of nice people. I'd have hated to try to prove it to her, but I said it, anyway.

~Jim Thompson

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