

Jo Brand Quotes

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The thing I thought about doing it was it's Comic Relief and you've got to be funny. So although I did try to sing properly it obviously has hilarious results when you can't sing.

~Jo Brand

People say you should read your criticism because it will make you a better person but it doesn't. It just makes you a sad bitter old showbiz nightmare.

~Jo Brand

There are two types of people in this world: one who opens a packet of biscuits, has one and puts the rest back in the cupboard, and one who eats the whole packet in one go.

~Jo Brand

There are 10-20 times more male comics than female comics; it's something to do with the social structure of society.

~Jo Brand

The problem with comedy audiences - it's like the Coliseum - when they see someone struggling, they don't feel altruistic towards them. They feel slightly repulsed by it.

~Jo Brand

I read that book *Fat is a Feminist* issue, got a bit desperate halfway through and ate it.

~Jo Brand

I'm not really a churchy person, although I do think Jesus was a good bloke.

~Jo Brand

I took my husband to the hospital yesterday to have 17 stitches out - that'll teach him to buy me a sewing kit for my birthday.

~Jo Brand

I have two brothers and we basically spent our lives playing in the woods, falling in ponds, getting chased by wasps and riding donkeys that we shouldn't have been riding.

~Jo Brand

School was great. There were no boys there, which didn't really bother me at the time because I had two brothers, so I was quite pleased not to spend any more time with boys.

~Jo Brand

When I was at school you got an overall general education, on many things, even just basic facts.

~Jo Brand

I think there's a far more general audience now because I've done more populist stuff on telly.

~Jo Brand

And I also felt that no one in an audience could abuse me worse than the sort of abuse I had had at work as a psychiatric nurse.

~Jo Brand

I never think, 'Where am I going to be in a year's time?' That seems to be a sure way of missing the fact that you might be quite happy now.

~Jo Brand

I tend to think the world is a bit of a miserable place, so anyone who can add to people's optimistic, cheerful side is doing a good job, which is what I hope I'm doing.

~Jo Brand

You know it's time for a New Year's resolution to lose weight when you

step on a talking scale and it says, "One at a time, please.

~Jo Brand

My mum always felt that women deserved as much as men, and should have as much power, so I suppose I opted to go into a very male-dominated arena to try and prove that.

~Jo Brand

Anything is good if it's made of chocolate.

~Jo Brand

I've been breastfeeding for two years. I could light the gas ring with my nipples.

~Jo Brand

The way to a man's heart is through his hanky pocket with a breadknife.

~Jo Brand

When I was a nurse my favourite assignment was the anorexic ward. I sometimes ate as many as seventeen dinners

~Jo Brand

A good culture in a hospital can absorb and manage a few bad nurses, but once the culture becomes bad in itself, bad nursing practice is much harder to hide.

~Jo Brand

I cannot abide anyone treating another human being like a piece of dirt, whatever the context.

~Jo Brand

I went on the pill when I was 16, put on four stone... so that proved to be a very effective contraceptive.

~Jo Brand

When I got married, the Sun ran the headline: "Here comes the bride, all fat and wide." Luckily, it was a few days after the wedding - but it was still hideous to read at a great romantic moment.

~Jo Brand

I have seen good nurses and bad nurses. They existed along a continuum: from hard-working, kind and competent people, to office-hugging, bone-idle types, to apathetic, disengaged automatons.

~Jo Brand

I pay a bit more than lip-service to health: I don't eat chips or pre-prepared food, and it might be a comedy sacrilege to admit I do like vegetables, fruit and salad and stuff.

~Jo Brand

I think it's really important to be kind, especially to people whose lives are grim - I try hard to cheer people up in as many ways as I can - if all else fails - I tell 'em a joke!

~Jo Brand

I'm a Luddite with computers, and I'm slightly worried about being hacked as well.

~Jo Brand

Men are fantastic - as a concept.

~Jo Brand

You don't really see ugly people that are old, or a bit grotty and smelly, in the media. If a Martian came down, they would think we were all tall, thin, attractive and wealthy.

~Jo Brand

I'm a terrible sort of non-fussy eater, really. I don't like posh food very much, and the more ingredients something's got in it, the less I tend to like it.

~Jo Brand

So, my style has hopefully changed over the years and it is more relaxed, and I do tend to smile and have more than one expression these days hopefully - which I didn't at the beginning.

~Jo Brand

I believe that if your brain has to get to grips with complicated words, then you won't get Alzheimer's. I'm sure it's not true, but I do believe it.

~Jo Brand

I have a utilitarian approach to dressing; as long as I quite like it and it covers me up, I don't care what it is.

~Jo Brand

There are lots of people who believe that caricature of me the tabloids created, so they think they don't like me.

~Jo Brand

It's very difficult to learn not to take nasty heckles personally.

~Jo Brand

I wouldn't say I was organised at all. I just have to prioritise. Is it more important for them to be organised, or to have their dinner, do you know what I mean?

~Jo Brand

Each generation has a backlash against the generation before.

~Jo Brand

It's a video release as well so I have to be perfectly honest and go,

probably not specifically for DVD, but there are extra bits on it that aren't on anything else, so as exciting as that sounds.

~Jo Brand

By crying on my bed, drinking quite a lot and feeling tempted by drugs. Well, just not reading it to be perfectly honest with you. I know it's a bit of a copout.

~Jo Brand

So, I kind of rather was hoping that people thought it would have a nice mixture of different topics and it also takes in the fact that I've had two children recently.

~Jo Brand

I thought I was funny as a kid. I used to play tricks on my brothers - I'd tie a two-shilling piece to a bit of cotton, then pull it away as they went to grab it.

~Jo Brand

I think self-esteem is fluid. It's not a fixed state, and so some days are better than others.

~Jo Brand

I like the purity of stand-up because it is all about whether people laugh at your jokes. Either they laugh or they don't.

~Jo Brand

They say revenge is a dish best eaten cold, but for most people, by the time it's ready to eat, they just don't fancy it any more.

~Jo Brand

I must be an anorexic because an anorexic looks in the mirror and sees a fat person.

~Jo Brand

On the whole, you can have a private life and be famous. But when milestones happen in your life like having children or getting married, privacy goes out of the window.

~Jo Brand

I've no interest in fashion, shoes, handbags, or sweaty shopping.

~Jo Brand

I did try when I wasn't doing the singing to do as much comedy as I could because I thought with Comic Relief you are duty bound to anyway.

~Jo Brand

British ferries have stopped transporting live animals to the Continent. This has made it very difficult for England fans to get to Away matches.

~Jo Brand

To me, a politician's job is to listen to constituents' problems and try to sort them out.

~Jo Brand

When you get to know someone, you find there's something nasty in their woodshed.

~Jo Brand

I used to get a lot of people saying 'Oh, you are such a lucky granny.' But the fact of the matter is you can be a grandma at 35 these days.

~Jo Brand

My doctor told me I should get out of breath three times a week, so I took up smoking.

~Jo Brand

Fat people are brilliant in bed. If I'm sitting on top of you, who's going to

argue?

~Jo Brand

I suspect most politicians feel overwhelmed because people's lives are a real struggle, full of unhappiness, and you would probably feel powerless to do anything about it.

~Jo Brand

Over the years I attempted to make my style a bit more relaxed 'cause the initial style you couldn't watch for more than ten minutes without wanting to kill me.

~Jo Brand

Regular panelists on shows can be terrifying. They own that space, and many guest comics suspect they are favoured in the edit, while their own hilarious jokes end up being ejected into the ether.

~Jo Brand

I've never, ever had people being aggressive to me in public or abusing me, and actually quite a lot of men do say to me, 'You're quite good' - though they can't bear to go, 'You're great.'

~Jo Brand

I often tell audiences at the start of my shows that I'm not gay because I've got petitions from lesbian groups saying 'Can you tell people you're heterosexual because you're giving us a bad name.'

~Jo Brand

I was really, because I thought it was extremely excruciating when I watched a tape of it, that my husband taped for me and I never watched it again after that.

~Jo Brand

I wasn't one of those hideous children who make their parents sit

through hour-long performances when you're seven. I didn't do anything like that thankfully.

~Jo Brand

I've always been criticised for how filthy my material is. Victoria Wood said to me once, 'I wish I was a bit ruder, like you,' and I said, 'Well, I wish I was a bit cleaner, like you.'

~Jo Brand

I can honestly say I've never sold any arms to a repressive foreign regime while reassuring everyone at home that the weapons will be used for nice things.

~Jo Brand

I don't hold any candle for drama versus comedy.

~Jo Brand

I think some people ramp a side of themselves up for performance purposes.

~Jo Brand

I think it's difficult, if you're a quite private person like I am, to write about your life very intimately.

~Jo Brand

I am a hip-hop artist, as you probably know. My hip-hop name is Big Smalls.

~Jo Brand

I buy smoked mackerel in a vain attempt at being healthy. I do actually really like it, and you don't have to cook it, which is handy.

~Jo Brand

I don't like doing stand-up, because I don't like standing up.

~Jo Brand

I have such admiration for single mothers. I simply don't comprehend how you'd cope with that intensity, the lack of breaks, ever, on your own.

~Jo Brand

I like to read my diary occasionally to remind myself what a miserable, alienated old sod I used to be.

~Jo Brand

I like to shock people.

~Jo Brand

I never ever take into consideration the consequences of my actions until it's too late.

~Jo Brand

I remember when Victoria Wood started to come through, and I thought she was great, though she and I are very different in our approach.

~Jo Brand

I like reading, I like boring things, and yet I think people for ages had this image of me that I was on the tube with a chainsaw looking for any likely candidate.

~Jo Brand

I don't know really, it doesn't feel like it has changed to me but I think to have to move with the times. Try out different areas and not get stuck in 1978.

~Jo Brand

My personal opinion is that you can't be racist towards white people. You can be prejudiced about them, but being prejudiced isn't an illegal

act, whereas being racist can be.

~Jo Brand

Not many women will go out on a limb to make themselves really unattractive and unfeminine so you can get the laughs, but it's a great thing to do in my book.

~Jo Brand

People are so different in reality from the picture created of them on TV. So it's all a creation; everything is made up.

~Jo Brand

When you cry, you don't look very attractive; you look snotty and blotchy. People seem to manage to cry quite prettily these days, and to me, that smacks of not being very genuine.

~Jo Brand

Suffice to say, many women find their first appearance on a comedy panel show to be their last. Second chances seem to be given less often to the female of the species.

~Jo Brand

It wasn't a conscious effort to have kids later. It was just the way life goes.

~Jo Brand

Inside every fat person there's a thin person looking to get out - They've just eaten them.

~Jo Brand

I think a lot of women are incredibly tough and they're just really admirable. Especially the way that, given what they've got, they just manage to carry on.

~Jo Brand

There's something people do to you when they bully you that makes you feel like you're on your own. But don't keep things inside, it's really damaging if you do.

~Jo Brand

One thing Christians do have in common is that they can't help coming across as smug.

~Jo Brand

I look like Julian Clary on steroids.

~Jo Brand

I think the key attributes for a good speaker are someone that's articulate and someone that puts a fair amount of humour into what they do.

~Jo Brand

I thought I was funny as a kid.

~Jo Brand

I used to get nervous about three weeks before a gig... now I've managed to condense it down to a manageable ten minutes.

~Jo Brand

I was always being called upon to be an honorary boy alongside my brothers. I don't think I'd be a comic now if it hadn't been for that.

~Jo Brand

I'd love to live in Kent but it's all a question of work.

~Jo Brand

I'm too nervous to eat before I go onstage, and I'll usually eat out after the performance or when I get home at midnight.

~Jo Brand

There's lots of different feminist groups. It's not as straightforward as just looking like a plumber.

~Jo Brand

The comedian sticks as religiously to her theme as a dancer sticks to a diet.

~Jo Brand

No one I know is actually so rude as to tell me I've become duller since having children. But I'm sure they think it.

~Jo Brand

Jeremy Clarkson is rather charming, but I can't stomach his public persona. I don't like his casual racism and casual misogyny.

~Jo Brand

Most of us manage the fateful things that happen in our lives the best we can, certainly not to a Stalin-like 20-year plan.

~Jo Brand

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