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You know, I loved math. My mom was a math teacher.

~Joan Cusack

I was never the 'babe,' so I knew I'd never get those big roles. I'd always be the best friend or the quirky sidekick.

~Joan Cusack

Skating is big in Chicago. There's a lot of hockey; a lot of the boys play hockey. And figure skating is big.

~Joan Cusack

Don't live vicariously through your kids or try to shape them into who you wanted to be, like the popular kid or an athlete. Children should be given the opportunity to be themselves.

~Joan Cusack

We need comedies in the world! We need to laugh, it's all so hard.

~Joan Cusack

I think that everything's hard now anyways, so you might as well do stuff that you love and believe in.

~Joan Cusack

Sometimes I sing and dance around the house in my underwear. Doesn't make me Madonna. Never will.

~Joan Cusack

It's important to being a healthy person. So while you're here on the earth, you might as well enjoy it. And it's hard to enjoy things when you're crazy.

~Joan Cusack

Can they do both? That's a huge balance, I think, with kids- trying to find the right- it's everything, you know, it's social life, it's academics, it's

### sports.

~Joan Cusack

I play- it's kind of like a slice-of-life, LA women in their forties, playing forty kind of what's their friendship like, and what's their life like and so I just play one of the four friends.

~Joan Cusack

I want my kids to experience passion. I want them to see that I have things I feel passionate about because it is such a great feeling to really love something.

~Joan Cusack

A relationship is hard in and of itself. And having kids is really hard work, but I think it's really meaningful, as is a relationship. But they all take work.

~Joan Cusack

I think it's fun to have work that you can relate to, that you can feel like is meaningful.

~Joan Cusack

I think there's a million talented people out there, it's just a matter of luck a lot of the time.

~Joan Cusack

I think acting has helped me come out of my shell because when I play a character, I can't be self-conscious.

~Joan Cusack

I think just because life is hard, it does seem fun to have a break and laugh about things, so I think in the end, my instincts go there.

~Joan Cusack

It's incredibly, incredibly difficult to get a movie made.

~Joan Cusack

I mean that I think I find the psychology of people more interesting than politics. I think the psychology of politics is more interesting than straight politics.

~Joan Cusack

I think America has a bad rap right now... and hopefully Obama will change that.

~Joan Cusack

It was fun; you know, at this point in my life it's like, I want to do stuff that's meaningful.

~Joan Cusack

Maybe I'm more drawn to those kind of parts because they are meaningful to me. I mean, more parent-y ones, I find them interesting to do.

~Joan Cusack

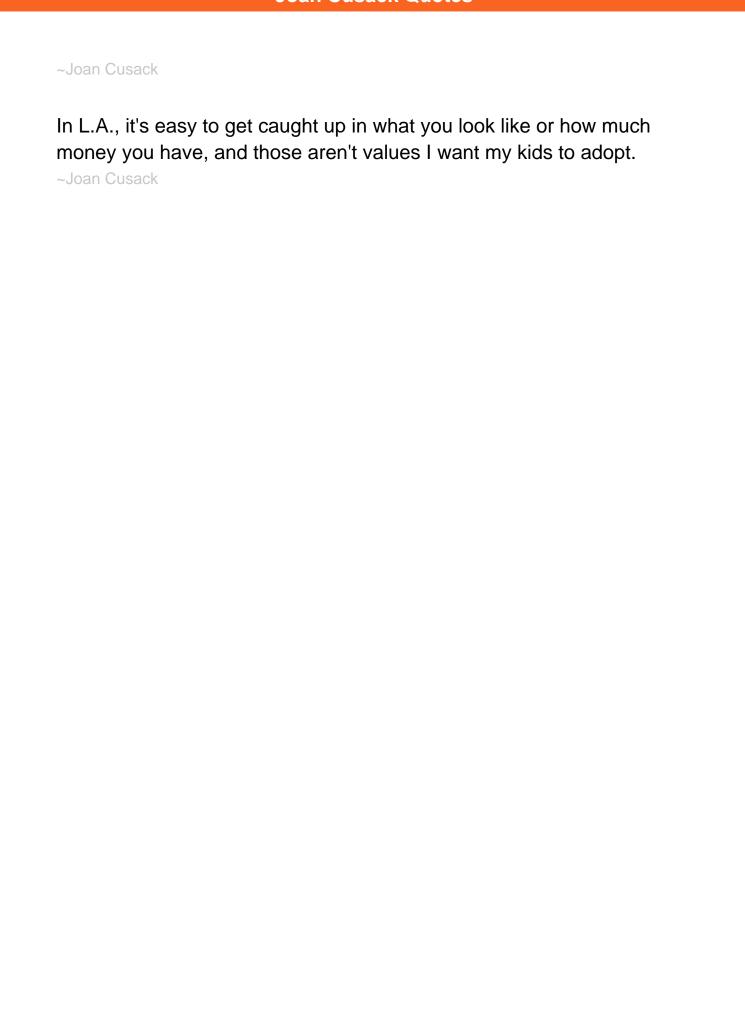
A lot of women get out of the business because it's so not family-friendly. And so women that could be in there making good women-roles don't do it, 'cause they're smart and get out.

~Joan Cusack

As a woman, you listen to more female singers, like guys listen to more rock bands. So in that way, they influence you because you're trying to create an identity; you look to others to model.

~Joan Cusack

The fact of the matter is, if you have to have a process, I think, to figure out how to make everything work together, you just don't get that. But maybe there's a way to do it.



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