

Joanna Russ

Quotes

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I once asked a young dissertation writer whether her suddenly grayed hair was due to ill health or personal tragedy; she answered: "It was the footnotes".

~Joanna Russ

There are plenty of images of women in science fiction. There are hardly any women.

~Joanna Russ

Minority art, vernacular art, is marginal art. Only on the margins does growth occur.

~Joanna Russ

To die on a dying Earth - I'd live, if only to weep

~Joanna Russ

Ignorance is not bad faith. But persistence in ignorance is.

~Joanna Russ

As my mother once said: The boys throw stones at the frog in jest. But the frogs die in earnest.

~Joanna Russ

To act in a way both sexist and racist, to maintain one's class privilege, it is only necessary to act in the customary, ordinary, usual, even polite manner.

~Joanna Russ

The trouble with men is that they have limited minds. That's the trouble with women, too.

~Joanna Russ

How withered away one can be from a life of unremitting toil.

~Joanna Russ

I'm not a girl. I'm a genius.

~Joanna Russ

Real artists, it seems to me, are those who don't repeat themselves.

~Joanna Russ

There are more whooping cranes in the United States of America than there are women in Congress.

~Joanna Russ

You can't imbibe someone's success by f*cking them.

~Joanna Russ

Sit a man on his ass with nothing to do but eat and the first thing that goes is his mind. It never fails.

~Joanna Russ

Art is collective. Always, it has a tradition behind it.

~Joanna Russ

[T]here is one and only one way to possess that in which we are defective, therefore that which we need, therefore that which we want. Become it.

~Joanna Russ

Privileged groups, like everyone else, want to think well of themselves and to believe that they are acting generously and justly.

~Joanna Russ

When one culture has the big guns and the other has none, there is a certain predictability about the outcome.

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