

# Joanne Greenberg Quotes

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Innocence, Defense, Listening, Practice, Book, Children, Money, Mind, Doe,  
Baby*

The hidden strength is too deep a secret. But in the end...in the end it is our only ally.

~Joanne Greenberg

There is nothing that you can do to me that my own craziness doesn't do to me smarter and faster and better.

~Joanne Greenberg

all children blackmail their parents with their innocence.

~Joanne Greenberg

The people on the edge of Hell were most afraid of the devil; for those already in hell the devil was only another and no one in particular.

~Joanne Greenberg

The creative strength is good enough and deep enough to bring itself to flower and to grow in spite of this sickness.

~Joanne Greenberg

A nut is someone whose noose broke.

~Joanne Greenberg

The horror of the Pit lay in the emergence from it, with the return of her will, her caring, and her feeling of the need for meaning before the return of the meaning itself".

~Joanne Greenberg

The rose-garden world of perfection is a lie and a bore too!

~Joanne Greenberg

Anybody can hear - it takes brains to listen.

~Joanne Greenberg

"I'm sorry I'm young," Deborah answered with a bitterness that was half

prose. "We have a right to be as crazy as anyone else"

~Joanne Greenberg

Measure the hate you feel now, and the shame. That quantity is your capacity also to love and to feel joy and to have compassion.

~Joanne Greenberg

suicide is a crime - the only crime that, if successful, guarantees that the perpetrator will not be punished for it. This makes it the most serious crime of all.

~Joanne Greenberg

To praise one thing is not to damn another.

~Joanne Greenberg

She now knew that the death she feared might not be a physical one, that it could be death of the will, the soul, the mind, the laws, and thus not death, but a perpetual dying.

~Joanne Greenberg

The woman was sane; she accepted the heavy penalties of reality and enjoyed its gifts also.

~Joanne Greenberg

If I want to die, what am I saving myself for?

~Joanne Greenberg

Don't cut bangs with a hatchet. Don't do brain surgery with a pickax.

~Joanne Greenberg

Sometimes the world is so much sicker than the inmates of its institutions.

~Joanne Greenberg

Worrying is one of my few forms of prayer.

~Joanne Greenberg

At least being nuts is being somewhere.

~Joanne Greenberg

Money in the hand is real - coins and bills. The rest I don't believe in, and I don't think I ever did, really. What's a check, after all, but a promise - mine, the bank's. Me, I know, but the bank?

~Joanne Greenberg

suicide is the ultimate 'one-up,' as it were, the accusation that brooks no defense, the argument won at last.

~Joanne Greenberg

What cook can match herself against hunger and memory?

~Joanne Greenberg

I have found this to be true, that one sin begets a dozen others.

~Joanne Greenberg

What do you do with mother love and mother wit when the babies are grown and gone away?

~Joanne Greenberg

A humane and authentic book written by another voice from the trenches.

~Joanne Greenberg

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