

John D. MacDonald

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Integrity is not a conditional word. It doesn't blow in the wind or change with the weather.

~John D. MacDonald

My purpose is to entertain myself first and other people secondly.

~John D. MacDonald

Night and gin and music-the right setting for peeling off the thin clinging layers of bullshit and finding one's way down closer to the essential self.

~John D. MacDonald

You have to start knowing yourself so well that you begin to know other people. A piece of us is in every person we can ever meet.

~John D. MacDonald

If the cards are stacked against you, reshuffle the deck.

~John D. MacDonald

A nonreader is somebody standing there in a blindfold.

~John D. MacDonald

The only thing in the world worth a damn is the strange, touching, pathetic, awesome nobility of the individual human spirit.

~John D. MacDonald

Friendships, like marriages, are dependent on avoiding the unforgivable.

~John D. MacDonald

A man with a credit card is in hock to his own image of himself.

~John D. MacDonald

I want story, wit, music, wryness, color, and a sense of reality in what I

read, and I try to get it in what I write.

~John D. MacDonald

Being an adult means accepting those situations where no action is possible.

~John D. MacDonald

If you would be thrilled by watching the galloping advance of a major glacier, you'd be ecstatic watching changes in publishing.

~John D. MacDonald

[To] me organized religion, the formalities and routines, [is] like being marched in formation to look at a sunset.

~John D. MacDonald

It's no good telling somebody they're trying too hard. It's very much like ordering a child to go stand in a corner for a half hour and never once think about elephants.

~John D. MacDonald

All thinking is done with the glands. Logic is added later to tidy things up.

~John D. MacDonald

Now it stands to reason, mister, any damn fool stares into the sun long enough, he'll end up seeing exactly what some other damn fool tells him he's going to see.

~John D. MacDonald

The only thing that prisons demonstrably cure is heterosexuality.

~John D. MacDonald

We were about to give up and call it a night when somebody threw the girl off the bridge.

~John D. MacDonald

We have been endowed with the capacity and the power to create desirable pictures within and to find them automatically in the outer world of our environment.

~John D. MacDonald

People cannot endure inexplicable worthlessness

~John D. MacDonald

...it isn't foolish or wicked to enjoy. Wickedness is hurting people on purpose. I love what you are and who you are and how you are. You give me great joy. And you make horrible coffee.

~John D. MacDonald

I am not suited to the role of going around selling the life-can-be-beautiful idea. It can be, indeed. But you don't buy the concept from your friendly door-to-door lecture salesman.

~John D. MacDonald

In the morning I'm often anti-semantic.

~John D. MacDonald

When you see the ugliness behind the tears of another person, it makes you take a closer look at your own.

~John D. MacDonald

To enjoy enduring success we should travel a little in advance of the world.

~John D. MacDonald

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