

John Fante

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For your information, a good novel can change the world. Keep that in mind before you attempt to sit down at a typewriter. Never waste time on something you don't believe in yourself.

~John Fante

Almighty God, I am sorry I am now an atheist, but have You read Nietzsche?

~John Fante

If there is work there is warmth, that when a man has freedom of movement it is enough, for then his blood is hot too

~John Fante

Ask the dust on the road! Ask the Joshua trees standing alone where the Mojave begins. Ask them about Camilla Lopez, and they will whisper her name.

~John Fante

I felt his hot tears and the loneliness of man and the sweetness of all men and the aching haunting beauty of the living

~John Fante

Los Angeles, give me some of you! Los Angeles come to me the way I came to you, my feet over your streets, you pretty town I loved you so much, you sad flower in the sand, you pretty town!

~John Fante

When stuck, hit the road.

~John Fante

You are nobody, and I might have been somebody, and the road to each of us is love.

~John Fante

Arturo Bandini: -What does happiness mean to you Camilla? Camilla:
-That you can fall in love with whoever you want to, and not feel
ashamed of it.

~John Fante

Sick in my soul I tried to face the ordeal of seeking forgiveness. From
whom? What God, what Christ? They were myths I once believed and
now they were beliefs I felt were myths.

~John Fante

Look at the people who review. Look at their commitment to being
"right" and "safe". If I had listened to my critics I would have given up
years ago.

~John Fante

Ah, Los Angeles! Dust and fog of your lonely streets, I am no longer
lonely. Just you wait, all of you ghosts of this room, just you wait,
because it will happen, as sure as there's a God in heaven.

~John Fante

Well, this is good for me, this is experience, I am here for a reason,
these moments run into pages, the seamy side of life.

~John Fante

Like my father, I am very impatient. I have a strong bullshit detector. I
may finish one book in twenty that I have started.

~John Fante

Literary criticism is generally bunk. Nonsense. Usually based on
self-serving post-intellectual bullshit.

~John Fante

I have wanted women whose very shoes are worth all I have ever
possessed.

~John Fante

I write every morning. Two hours. Then I take a break and become my own secretary for a few hours. If I am "hot" I write in the afternoon and at night too.

~John Fante

So it happened at last: I was about to become a thief, a cheap milk-stealer. Here was your lash-in-the-pen genius, your one story-writer: a thief.

~John Fante

Someday, as an exercise, you might ask a writer to give himself the questions he wants to answer. If you really want a writer's opinions, you have to ask for them. What you read might surprise you.

~John Fante

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