

# John Patrick Shanley

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Whatever you do in terms of telling a story, the most important thing that you can define is who you are.

~John Patrick Shanley

Theatre is the safe place to do the unsafe things that need to be done.

~John Patrick Shanley

There are people who...tell you that the light in your heart is a weakness. Don't believe it! It's an old tactic of cruel people to kill kindness in the name of virtue.

~John Patrick Shanley

Everything is painful, so why not be honest about the pain?

~John Patrick Shanley

I'd like to thank everybody who ever punched or kissed me in my life and everybody who I ever punched or kissed.

~John Patrick Shanley

Where the terror is, you must go.

~John Patrick Shanley

I think that certainty is a closed door, It's the end of the conversation. Doubt is an open door.

~John Patrick Shanley

When I write a screenplay - and I think this is true for a lot of people - you direct the movie. That's what writing a screenplay is.

~John Patrick Shanley

Monogamy is like a 40-watt bulb. It works, but it's not enough.

~John Patrick Shanley

I have doubts! I have such doubts!

~John Patrick Shanley

Trying to lead an interesting life, a fruitful life, is a big challenge.

~John Patrick Shanley

dear god, whose name i do not know. thank you for my life. i forgot...  
how BIG... thank you. thank you for my life.

~John Patrick Shanley

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