

# Jon McGregor

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Want, Embarrassing, Complicated, Email, Book, Busy, Watches, Names,  
Needs, Paper, Clouds*

If nobody speaks of remarkable things, how can they be called remarkable?

~Jon McGregor

There are so many people in the world, and I want to know them all but I don't even know my next-door neighbor's name.

~Jon McGregor

The whole city stopped - And this is a pause worth savouring, because the world will soon be complicated again.

~Jon McGregor

there are only these: sparkling eyes, smudged lipstick, fading starlight, the crunching of feet on gravel, laughter, and a slow walk home.

~Jon McGregor

All the emails I get these days start with sorry but I've been so busy, and I don't understand how we can be so busy and then have nothing to say to each other.

~Jon McGregor

I wonder how many ways there are for a mother to produce that wreckage in her own daughter, and my muscles tense as I think of them.

~Jon McGregor

I once saw a picture in the paper of John Hegley with 'poet' written on his knuckles, and I thought that was pretty cool, so I was quite up front about it.

~Jon McGregor

Everybodys got their own situation and their own needs.

~Jon McGregor

Last week I was just someone who had had a first novel published.

~Jon McGregor

I'm surprised, but I'm glad, I realise that this is what i wanted that night last week, to simply make a connection and keep hold of it.

~Jon McGregor

It is something I recognise in myself. I do eavesdrop. I do people-watch, a lot.

~Jon McGregor

Now that I've had a book published, it is quite validating, but a bit embarrassing.

~Jon McGregor

It takes a lot of energy and creativity to make such screwed up lives carry on. And the kind of will people have to survive, year after year, dealing with that stuff, is weirdly impressive.

~Jon McGregor

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