

Jonathan Dee

Quotes

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More than periods where I don't write anything, I have periods where I just write junk and I know I'm writing junk but I can't stop.

~Jonathan Dee

Novels are a kind of experiment in selfhood, for the reader as well as for the author.

~Jonathan Dee

You never want to have to give your child bad news of any kind.

~Jonathan Dee

I seem to have a talent for writing endings that seem just right to me but that frustrate other people.

~Jonathan Dee

Kenneth Branagh. There was a time in my life when people would tell me constantly that I look like him. I could do a lot worse than that.

~Jonathan Dee

New York is ultimately not the synthesis but merely the sum of its unfathomable subjectivities, its personal histories, its uncategorisable figures.

~Jonathan Dee

You should not really entertaining anyone else, but trying to be yourself, because there are already more good books than you or I could ever read in our lifetime.

~Jonathan Dee

I personally feel I still have so much to learn as a writer; each novel is better than the one before, just because I'm getting better at it.

~Jonathan Dee

I once saw John Updike get in front of a crowd and read a story that

he'd written in 1958, and I just thought, I can't even look at stuff I wrote a year ago, I can't believe he's doing this.

~Jonathan Dee

That's a long way of saying no, I'm always too bound up in thinking about the characters in whatever I'm working on and trying to make good to dwell on characters from previous books.

~Jonathan Dee

Luckily for you, you can close the book *The Postman Always Rings Twice* and break out of it, and James M. Cain can't. I can't think of any redeeming feature he has, but he's extremely compelling.

~Jonathan Dee

I worry that's what people are going to think about me if they kind of go backwards. But if that didn't happen to you, I'll feel better.

~Jonathan Dee

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