

# Jonathan Evison

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Doe, Mind, Jocks, Collaboration, Math, Filled, Stuff, Reading, Old You, Ifs,  
Believe*

As a result of manifest destiny, we gutted our resources.

~Jonathan Evison

Reading is, at its best, not an escape; it is genuine experience. A novel is not a monologue, but a conversation, a collaboration between writer and reader, an invaluable exchange of human conditions.

~Jonathan Evison

Can we really be whoever we want to be, now that we've collected all that we are?

~Jonathan Evison

I usually write in my underwear, with a space heater running full blast, and three dogs sleeping at me feet.

~Jonathan Evison

I love being a struggling artist; it makes me feel very alive.

~Jonathan Evison

You have to smile, if you expect anybody to smile back.

~Jonathan Evison

My neediness is not a hole to be filled but something beneath the skin scratching to get out.

~Jonathan Evison

I know I've lost my mind. But I'm not concerned, because it's the first thing I've lost in a long time that actually feels good.

~Jonathan Evison

You have to find hope. Hope is such a shape shifter. You tend to look in the rearview mirror for hope, but when its gone, you have to look forward. You have to get in the van and keep driving on.

~Jonathan Evison

I discovered John Fante when I was 17 years old - strangely, not through Charles Bukowski, but through William Saroyan, who was his drinking buddy.

~Jonathan Evison

I really believe in challenging myself, pushing myself to new places.

~Jonathan Evison

The jocks that used to stuff me into a locker when I was a punk rocker are my best buddies now.

~Jonathan Evison

People really do change. Don't let anyone tell you differently. That the future does not conform to the past is not the exception, but the rule.

~Jonathan Evison

I'll never stop caring. But the thing about caring is, it's inconvenient. Sometimes you've got to give when it makes no sense to at all. Sometimes you've got to give until it hurts.

~Jonathan Evison

It's not easy getting old, you know. Things become a lot less clear.

~Jonathan Evison

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