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I'm living in separate universes, and I have no idea where I actually belong.

~Jonathan Tropper

I loved her for so long. Our past trails behind us like a comet's tail, the future stretched out before us like the universe. Things happen. People get lost and love breaks.

~Jonathan Tropper

I may not be old but I'm too old to have this much nothing

~Jonathan Tropper

Sometimes it's heartbreaking to see your siblings as the people they've become. Maybe that's why we all stay away from each other as a matter of course.

~Jonathan Tropper

It would be a terrible mistake to go through life thinking that people are the sum total of what you see.

~Jonathan Tropper

I blame Hollywood for skewing perspectives. Life is just a big romantic comedy to them, and if you meet cute, happily ever-after is a forgone conclusion.

~Jonathan Tropper

Everyone always wants to know how you can tell when it's true love, and the answer is this: when the pain doesn't fade and the scars don't heal, and it's too damned late.

~Jonathan Tropper

Even under the best of circumstances, there's just something so damn tragic about growing up.

You lost your wife, Douglas. My heartbreaks for you, it really does. But I lose my husband every day, all over again. And I don't even get to mourn.

~Jonathan Tropper

I've never been shot, but this probably what it feels like, that second of nothingness right before the pain catches up to the bullet.

~Jonathan Tropper

Pity, I've learned, is like a fart. You can tolerate your own, but you simply can't stand anyone else's.

~Jonathan Tropper

Love made us partners in narcissism, and we talked ceaselessly about how close we were, how perfect our connection was, like we were the first people in history to ever get it exactly right.

~Jonathan Tropper

It's amazing how harmless the world can sometimes seem.

~Jonathan Tropper

That's the thing about life; everything feels so permanent, but you can disappear in an instant.

~Jonathan Tropper

But the muse won't always cooperate and she will never be coerced. Sometimes she'd rather take a nap or see a mid-afternoon movie.

~Jonathan Tropper

As far as rapprochements go, it's awkward and vague, but the advantage of being as emotionally inarticulate as we are is that it will do the trick.

At some point, being angry is just another bad habit, like smoking, and you keep poisoning yourself without thinking about it.

~Jonathan Tropper

We are injured and angry, scared and sad. Some families, like some couples, become toxic to each other after prolonged exposure.

~Jonathan Tropper

Loneliness is the theme, and I play it like a symphony, in endless variations.

~Jonathan Tropper

She was smart and funny and vulnerable and just so goddamned beautiful, the kind of beautiful that was worth being shot down over.

~Jonathan Tropper

What it must feel like, I thought, to look at something, anything really, and know that it's for the last time?

~Jonathan Tropper

We're all clichés, all following scripts that have been written and played out long before we landed the role.

~Jonathan Tropper

Phillip is the Paul McCartney of our family: better-looking than the rest of us, always facing a different direction in pictures, and occasionally rumored to be dead.

~Jonathan Tropper

Childhood feels so permanent, like it's the entire world, and then one day it's over and you're shoveling wet dirt onto your father's coffin, stunned at the impermanence of everything.

We don't stop loving people just because we hate them, but we don't stop hating them either.

~Jonathan Tropper

Things have been a mess for so many years that trying to pin down a starting point is like trying to figure out where your skin starts.

~Jonathan Tropper

Fate already warned us to pack it in. We just didn't hear it in time.

~Jonathan Tropper

It's hard to imagine her ever having felt lost, but it's impossible to know the people your parents were before they were your parents.

~Jonathan Tropper

I'm generally somebody who hopes for the best. It's not what one ought to do in my line of work [screenwriting], but it is what I do.

~Jonathan Tropper

I'm really not a fan of voiceovers; I think they become a crutch.

~Jonathan Tropper

Novel writing, to me, is all about language: choosing your words, finding the characters within the words and just really agonizing over every word. It's really crafting this whole piece from nothing.

~Jonathan Tropper

I want to explain everything to him, show him that it's really not as screwed up as it all sounds, but then I remember that it is.

~Jonathan Tropper

Don't you think if I was able to make some changes, I would have already?

Get comfortable with being alone. It will empower you.

~Jonathan Tropper

Forgiveness has its comforts, but it can never give you back what you've lost.

~Jonathan Tropper

At this point in my life, I'm not looking for any happy endings. I'm just looking to get things started.

~Jonathan Tropper

If only all our conflicts could be resolved with a few grunts and a smack in the ass.

~Jonathan Tropper

We all start out so damn sure, thinking we've got the world on a string. If we ever stopped to think about the infinite number of ways we could be undone, we'd never leave our bedrooms.

~Jonathan Tropper

The future just isn't what it used to be

~Jonathan Tropper

...you realize that you don't understand yourself any better than you understand anyone else.

~Jonathan Tropper

There are some people out there who don't wait for what come next. They decide what should come next and they go and make it happen.

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