

Josephine Tey

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The truth of anything at all doesn't lie in someone's account of it. It lies in all the small facts of the time. An advertisement in a paper, the sale of a house, the price of a ring.

~Josephine Tey

Horse sense is the instinct that keeps horses from betting on men.

~Josephine Tey

Nothing great ever came out of common sense.

~Josephine Tey

Most people's first books are their best anyways. It's the one they wanted most to write.

~Josephine Tey

It was pleasant to talk shop again; to use that elliptical, allusive speech that one uses only with another of one's trade.

~Josephine Tey

One would expect boredom to be a great yawning emotion, but it isn't, of course. It's a small niggling thing.

~Josephine Tey

A man may own a ship, but unless he is captain of a crew he goes where the ship goes.

~Josephine Tey

Weak people can be very stubborn.

~Josephine Tey

The trouble with you, dear, is that you think an angel of the Lord as a creature with wings, whereas he is probably a scruffy little man with a bowler hat.

~Josephine Tey

You can't have a tin can tied to your tail and go through life pretending it isn't there.

~Josephine Tey

Nothing puts things in perspective as quickly as a mountain.

~Josephine Tey

That was the way with grief: it left you alone for months together until you thought that you were cured, and then without warning it blotted out the sunlight.

~Josephine Tey

If you think about the unthinkable long enough it becomes quite reasonable.

~Josephine Tey

Truth is often terribly thin, don't you think?

~Josephine Tey

Riches ... don't consist in having things, but in not having to do something you don't want to do. ... Riches is being able to thumb your nose.

~Josephine Tey

Truth isn't in accounts but in account-books.

~Josephine Tey

In hospitals there is no time off for good behavior.

~Josephine Tey

Nothing in this world came out of satisfaction. Except the human race.

~Josephine Tey

It is not possible to love and be wise.

~Josephine Tey

Lack of education is an extraordinary handicap when one is being offensive.

~Josephine Tey

After three days without one, the desire to read a newspaper vanished. And really, one was happier without.

~Josephine Tey

I expect this is what death is like when you meet it. Sort of wildly unfair but inevitable.

~Josephine Tey

A thousand people drowned in floods in China are news: a solitary child drowned in a pond is tragedy.

~Josephine Tey

Fasting was good for the imagination but bad for logic.

~Josephine Tey

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