

# Josh Lanyon Quotes

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Home, Fall, Two, Sweet, Love You, Horse, Mind, Needs, Eye*

Like true philosophers I've come to believe that religion is an illusion of childhood, outgrown after proper education.

~Josh Lanyon

People loved you in the way they knew how - and often it was not the way you knew. Or needed.

~Josh Lanyon

He needed fresh air and sunshine. A walk in the woods and afterward a good book to read by the fire. Yeah, that was the life.

~Josh Lanyon

You're kind of a smart ass when you're not flat on your face.

~Josh Lanyon

Cops before breakfast. Before coffee even. As if Mondays weren't bad enough.

~Josh Lanyon

If there was one life skill everyone on the planet needed, it was the ability to think with critical objectivity

~Josh Lanyon

I thought of the words of the Renaissance philosopher Michel de Montaigne. "If you press me to say why I loved him, I can say no more than because he was he, and I was I.

~Josh Lanyon

The only thing worse than opera is someone who hums along with opera.

~Josh Lanyon

I don't know if real courage lies in storming barricades or simply not denying the truth.

~Josh Lanyon

Rachel delivered it like an official pronouncement. Like she was one of the fairies gifting Sleeping Beauty's christening: Beauty. Intelligence. Heterosexual.

~Josh Lanyon

To find them all in one package...well, perhaps better not to dwell on his package in my fragile state.

~Josh Lanyon

Vintage books, old china, antiques; maybe I love old things so much because I feel impermanent myself.

~Josh Lanyon

All cynics are disappointed idealists. The more stars in the eyes, the harder the fall.

~Josh Lanyon

I'm not insane. This is very simple, very straightforward. Provided he doesn't kill me, its foolproof.

~Josh Lanyon

Then, like a born and bred asshole, he added to the sheriff, "He writes murder mysteries.

~Josh Lanyon

This is how God made me. You are how God made you. All God's chillun are made how God made 'em. You think God made a mistake, take it up with Him.

~Josh Lanyon

He looked okay. No, to be honest. He looked a lot better than okay. He looked...fine. Fine, as in get the Chiffons over here to sing a chorus.

~Josh Lanyon

He never lied to me. I just didn't ask the questions I didn't want to know the answers to.

~Josh Lanyon

Hey, its not much of a closet is it?" "No. Its not. I don't like closets. Life's to short to spend hiding in the dark.

~Josh Lanyon

Peter is ... adjusting. He's back in school, and he's doing quite well. I wish you could find it in your heart to forgive him." "I've got this funny resentful streak about people who try to kill me.

~Josh Lanyon

I thought again how odd it was to be on formal terms with someone you had once permitted to lick your ears.

~Josh Lanyon

I thought I recognized you." Really? He remembered me looking like Swamp Thing? How flattering.

~Josh Lanyon

Have I ever told you, you look like Monty Clift? he inquired in a deep, seductive voice. Before or after the accident?

~Josh Lanyon

And why is it the best looking ones are always straight?

~Josh Lanyon

Love... doesn't happen every day. It doesn't happen at all for some people

~Josh Lanyon

You couldn't hurt a fly." Actually I was pretty good at pinging flies right out of the air, but I tried to look appropriately harmless.

~Josh Lanyon

I didn't approve of murder on general principles. Not even of people who seemed to go around begging for it.

~Josh Lanyon

One thing I've noticed about getting older, it takes twice as much work to get half the results one formerly achieved by falling out of bed.

~Josh Lanyon

Drink your coffee -- people in Africa are sleeping.

~Josh Lanyon

Adrien, people get killed all the time. Since when is it your job to find out what happened to them?" "I'm not usually suspected of murdering them." "You have been as long as I've known you.

~Josh Lanyon

I'm a thirty-something gay man with a dodgy heart. I sell books for a living. Who wants to read about that?

~Josh Lanyon

He was probably selfish in the sack. Probably selfish and greedy and...unsophisticated. And hung like a horse.

~Josh Lanyon

Not as intolerable as being dead, in my opinion, but I'm very fond of me. I would miss me a lot.

~Josh Lanyon

Kit, you're forty. You look thirty. You act...well, never mind. You're carrying on like you think you're seventy

~Josh Lanyon

Shrugging out of the damaged shirt, Jake said roughly, "I still dream about you." "I have nightmares about you." I dragged my T-shirt over my head, threw it aside.

~Josh Lanyon

She shrugged another plump shoulder. "I never listened to Porter when he got going." Ah. At last. The secret to a successful marriage.

~Josh Lanyon

Everything a gay man does makes a political statement. Everything matters: where you bank, where you shop, where you eat. When you hold your lover's hand in public

~Josh Lanyon

I think it was Mark Twain who said, "Get your facts straight, and then you can distort them as much as you like."

~Josh Lanyon

I want people to react to my work, to think, to question, to challenge, to cry and laugh and feel.

~Josh Lanyon

Kevin refilled my plastic cup with more box wine. I smiled thanks. Kevin smiled welcome. Jake kicked my ankle.

~Josh Lanyon

Knowing and believing are two different things.

~Josh Lanyon

You were the first in every way that counted.

~Josh Lanyon

I'm never wrong? Who besides Republican presidents and evil masterminds can say that with a straight face?

~Josh Lanyon

Anyone who wasn't half-stoned on pain meds would have instantly realized what a really bad idea this plan was, but since that didn't include me, I didn't worry about it.

~Josh Lanyon

I never meant to get involved with you, Adrien. Rest easy; you're not.

~Josh Lanyon

...Jake, a homosexual cop buried so deep in the closet he didn't know where to look for himself.

~Josh Lanyon

Tiffs among the faggots were apparently the stuff of quiet merriment.

~Josh Lanyon

Focus on someone else's problems for a change, I instructed myself. You need the practice. From now on you'll have to live in a world you didn't make up. Horrible thought.

~Josh Lanyon

Hearts got broken every day. Nobody died from that. But it did kind of fade the sunlight and drain the color from the days.

~Josh Lanyon

You got a little bit of an attitude, Mr. English, if you don't mind my saying so. I don't mind.

~Josh Lanyon

I know that asshole you were with in college --â€• â€œCan we leave that asshole out of it?â€• Please, gentlemen, one asshole at a time.

~Josh Lanyon

You don't look so hot, Adrien." "Yeah, well I'm having a bad heart day." His upper lip curled in a semblance of a smile. "Tell me about it.

~Josh Lanyon

The problem with a life spent reading is you know too much.

~Josh Lanyon

I hadn't liked him at first. He did sort of grow on you after a while. Like the cosmopolitans. Or maybe because of the cosmopolitans.

~Josh Lanyon



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