

Joyce Johnson Quotes

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I'd learned myself by the age of sixteen that just as girls guarded their virginity, boys guarded something less tangible which they called Themselves.

~Joyce Johnson

Nothing ever happened except God.

~Joyce Johnson

I believe in the curative powers of love as the English believe in tea or Catholics believe in the Miracle of Lourdes.

~Joyce Johnson

If time were like a passage of music, you could keep going back to it until you got it right.

~Joyce Johnson

Everyone knew in the 1950s why a girl from a nice family left home. The meaning of her theft of herself from her parents was clear to all - as well as what she'd be up to in that room of her own.

~Joyce Johnson

Legend adheres to artists whose deaths seem the corollaries of their works.

~Joyce Johnson

We tend to make up the people we fall in love with

~Joyce Johnson

We derive a lot of the reality of ourselves through interactions with others.

~Joyce Johnson

Sacrificing everything for one's craft is something some people can't help. They can't help themselves. They must do it. They're driven to do

it.

~Joyce Johnson

A lot of artists don't survive, do they? You work very hard and finally you get what you want and it destroys you.

~Joyce Johnson

If you want to do creative work, there are tremendous sacrifices involved, and tremendous financial sacrifices too. It requires dedication and solitude.

~Joyce Johnson

Fame and success put tremendous demands on people. It robs them of their necessary privacy and anonymity. That's hard for even healthy people to deal with.

~Joyce Johnson

I think even celebrities deserve their privacy. I really do. It's sort of a hideous spectacle, the public feeding on all this information.

~Joyce Johnson

Jack Kerouac did what he most wanted to do. He wrote great prose. He became the writer he wanted to be.

~Joyce Johnson

I became intent on saving him through showing him that he was loved.

~Joyce Johnson

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