

Maureen Johnson Quotes

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The funny thing about stop signs is that they're also start signs.

~Maureen Johnson

I sleep better knowing that a naked cork-eater is not sneaking around at night, stealing my underwear.

~Maureen Johnson

I realize Jubilee is a bit of a stripper name. You probably think I have heard the call of the pole.

~Maureen Johnson

i miss you so much it's giving me a pain in my pancreas.

~Maureen Johnson

Writing is one of the few careers for which you essentially train yourself, the other two major ones being juggling and pickpocketing.

~Maureen Johnson

Fear can't hurt you," she said. "When it washes over you, give it no power. It's a snake with no venom. Remember that. That knowledge can save you.

~Maureen Johnson

It's always easier to say good-bye when you know it's just a prelude to hello.

~Maureen Johnson

You can never visit the same place twice. Each time, it's a different story. By the very act of coming back, you wipe out what came before.

~Maureen Johnson

I like you because you were mad. And you're pretty. And pretty sane for a mad person.

~Maureen Johnson

I may have been a complete lunatic, but I was a complete lunatic with manners.

~Maureen Johnson

I have no phobias. Phobias are irrational. My fears are rational and CAREFULLY CULTIVATED, like roses.

~Maureen Johnson

Guilt isn't always a rational thing, Clio realized. Guilt is a weight that will crush you whether you deserve it or not.

~Maureen Johnson

This pool is a triumph of imagination. That's how you win at life, Gin. You have to imagine your way through. Never say something can't be done. There's always a solution, even if it's weird.

~Maureen Johnson

There is nothing about a bad situation that fourteen hyper cheerleaders can't worsen.

~Maureen Johnson

WORTH IT and perfect are different things. No one's perfect, yet in romance, everyone becomes WORTH IT. And that's the trick.

~Maureen Johnson

A woman who shaves or otherwise depilates her pubic curls has a profound interest in recreational sex.

~Maureen Johnson

My rule is: the second you find yourself doing something you hate, quit doing it.

~Maureen Johnson

I read two mysteries a day when I was a kid. All of Agatha Christie, all

of 'Sherlock Holmes.' I've seen every single British detective show ever made.

~Maureen Johnson

People always say they can't do things, that they're impossible. They just haven't been creative enough.

~Maureen Johnson

Although it was very cold, he wore no coat. I think some English people think coats are for the weak.

~Maureen Johnson

All right. Normal rules apply." "Right." The man walked off, leaving us. "What are the normal rules?" I asked. "He walks away and has a tea break and doesn't ask any questions.

~Maureen Johnson

Hot tea," he said, holding the cups. "It's just wrong.

~Maureen Johnson

I'm the last of the mad ones.

~Maureen Johnson

Why Paris? Paris needs no reason. Paris is its own reason.

~Maureen Johnson

I ran like a thing that runs.

~Maureen Johnson

I try to shake it loose-but these ideas, they cling. It's like I'm shackled to them with an iron chain. They rattle along behind me, dragging against the ground, always reminding me of their presence.

~Maureen Johnson

This is England," he explained. "Tell someone it's a procedure, and they'll believe you. The pointless procedure is one of our great natural resources.

~Maureen Johnson

Oh, the ongoing love affair between hair and mouths. Hair always goes for the mouth. The mouth opens, and hair says, "I'm going in! I'm going in!" like a manic cave diver.

~Maureen Johnson

Some nutter's gone and pulled a Jack the Ripper.

~Maureen Johnson

My final word: don't follow your dreams . . . chase them. With a stick, or a shovel, or whatever you have handy. Get that [bleep]ing dream!

~Maureen Johnson

Welsh is an actual, currently used language and our next-door neighbors Angela and Gaenor spoke it. It sounds like Wizard.

~Maureen Johnson

I am a mass of contradictions.

~Maureen Johnson

Keep calm and carry on. Also, stay in and hide because the Ripper is coming.

~Maureen Johnson

One person's crazy is another person's sane, I guess.

~Maureen Johnson

And if we get caught, I will claim I made you go. At gunpoint. I am American. People will assume I'm armed.

~Maureen Johnson

It was clearly one of those mornings when I was particularly American.

~Maureen Johnson

Tell me what you want, what you really, really want," he said.

"Braiiinnnsssss," we said in unison.

~Maureen Johnson

You're...a demon hunter?' 'It's not as exciting as it sounds,' he said.

'There is a surprising amount of paperwork involved.

~Maureen Johnson

Braiiinnnsssss," we said in unison. "It's both sad and incredibly impressive that you were all ready with that one.

~Maureen Johnson

Walk really, really carefully. It's not complicated, but if you mess up, you'll die, so pay attention.

~Maureen Johnson

The kids I talk to are readers, and the craziest, the most dedicated readers you will ever see.

~Maureen Johnson

Quarrels are a natural part of relationships. Making up is always the best part.

~Maureen Johnson

Having your back scratched is not the only reason to be married, but it is a good one, especially for those spots that are so hard to reach by yourself.

~Maureen Johnson

Harry Potter achieved a very special act of actual magic: it made it completely acceptable for an adult to carry around, read and enjoy a

childrens book.

~Maureen Johnson

No sausage?" he asked. Apparently my pork consumption habits were a matter of public record.

~Maureen Johnson

I could pretend, at least, and if I pretended long enough, maybe I could make it into a reality.

~Maureen Johnson

Don't get stabbed. It makes everything awkward.

~Maureen Johnson

Mouth guard. And I think we'll start you in goal." Goal sounded like a special job. I didn't want a special job, unless that special job involved sitting on the side under a pile of blankets.

~Maureen Johnson

I feel warm and reassured," I whispered. "He's like Santa.

~Maureen Johnson

What are you?" I asked. "I'm the Ghost of the Night Before Exams." "And how long did it take you to come up with that?" Jazza asked. "I'm a busy man," he replied.

~Maureen Johnson

Sometimes people graduate but they don't leave. They hang around for years, for no reason. I would think of ghosts like that, I decided.

~Maureen Johnson

Prefects. I had learned this one. Student council types, but with superpowers. They who must be obeyed.

~Maureen Johnson

Something about her suggested that her leisure activities included wrestling large woodland animals and banging bricks together.

~Maureen Johnson

One of them hung a pink bra from our lighting fixture. I left it there. It was a nice bra

~Maureen Johnson

She had always thought applying to college would be exciting. Living away from home, meeting so many new people, Learning new things, making a few poor life desicions.

~Maureen Johnson

because talent alone doesn't make an artist

~Maureen Johnson

The English play hockey in any weather. Thunder, lightning, plague of locusts... nothing can stop the hockey. Do not fight the hockey, for the hockey will win.

~Maureen Johnson

I had always assumed the weekend was a holy tradition, respected by good people everywhere. Not so at Wexford.

~Maureen Johnson

Her kung fu is that powerful.

~Maureen Johnson

It could have been like a fairy tale. But fairy tales aren't real. Things don't work like that. There's a price for everything.

~Maureen Johnson

Salt. Wound. Together at last.

~Maureen Johnson

Go see old virgins! Now ask a strange boy out, you shy, Retarded thing!

~Maureen Johnson

I guess life is full of maybes.

~Maureen Johnson

Once again, her parents' problems had run through her life like a piece of heavy equipment, smashing everything in their way.

~Maureen Johnson

Lecturing Brooks was as useful as lecturing a cat.

~Maureen Johnson

Every time you try to flirt with her, a puppy dies.

~Maureen Johnson

No one in history had ever done less and yet been so wrong.

~Maureen Johnson

She firmly held the theory that everyone gets at least one very stupid superpower.

~Maureen Johnson

She wasn't only gay, she was a gay elf.

~Maureen Johnson

Sometimes it is worth any amount of suffering just to prevent giving your parents the opportunity to be right.

~Maureen Johnson

Nothing was quite like it was supposed to be.

~Maureen Johnson

Something about this boat screamed, "I am a very popular model in the world's oil-bearing regions. I cost more than your soul!"

~Maureen Johnson

"Why are Americans so fascinated by Ireland?" Keith asked... "you all think you're Irish. What's the appeal? Do you like the accent more? Is it all the magical rocks? Oh, look, a leprechaun."

~Maureen Johnson

I had one class in the morning, the mysteriously named "Further Maths". It was two hours long and so deeply frightening that I think I went into a trance.

~Maureen Johnson

We Deveauxs preferred to talk you to death, rather than face you in physical combat.

~Maureen Johnson

We all know what we're doing. Whether we realize it or not.

~Maureen Johnson

Well, what now? You have no job. I have no job. Wanna play Jenga?

~Maureen Johnson

"We're going to die," Keith said, the moment he was gone. "This man is a serial killer. We're going to die, and he's going to bury us in his garden and build a shed on us."

~Maureen Johnson

"I'm Keith," he said, "and you're . . . clearly mad, but what's your name?"

~Maureen Johnson

Which is both gross and breathtakingly romantic. He could always have just gone upstairs and brushed his teeth, but he stayed and lurked by

the fish for me.

~Maureen Johnson

What tinfoil?" he asked.

~Maureen Johnson

Also, when on a campaign to convince a stranger that you aren't a few fries short of a Happy Meal, throwing around phrases like "tangentially Swedish" is not the best way to go.

~Maureen Johnson

It makes you very cool," he said, taking big, jumping steps to get in front of me. "CNN would interview you, for sure. Daughter of Flobie! But don't worry. I'll keep them back!

~Maureen Johnson

Irony is the word I forget the meaning of immediately after I look it up, but I kind of feel like I live in a constant state of it.

~Maureen Johnson

This wasn't a position she wanted to be in. And yet . . . yet she knew that she was going to do it anyway.

~Maureen Johnson

It was like the entire world was colluding to make me feel insane, and it was doing a really good job.

~Maureen Johnson

Did you hear?" he asked. "They found another body around nine this morning. It's the Ripper, definitely." "Good morning," I replied. "Morning. Listen to this. The second victim.

~Maureen Johnson

Did I just kill someone?" "You can't kill a dead person," Callum said.

"Makes no sense.

~Maureen Johnson

You could wear the same outfit every single day and no guy - who isn't gay - will notice.

~Maureen Johnson

It's always awkward when someone doesn't realize you're joking and devotes thought time to what you've said. Double that when the person is wearing tinfoil.

~Maureen Johnson

Stuart must have sensed my despair from the way I began lightly banging my forehead on the table.

~Maureen Johnson

Being an author means, almost by definition, that you make up characters and then complicate their lives. That's it, really. You make up characters and give them problem after problem after problem.

~Maureen Johnson

Tired, but not the kind of tired that sleep fixes.

~Maureen Johnson

It was as if the news itself wanted to reassure me. Even Jack the Ripper himself had reappeared as part of the greeting committee.

~Maureen Johnson

New start or not, there was a line to be drawn, and that line was singing musicals to yourself as serious psychological motivation.

~Maureen Johnson

I knew it was beautiful, but knowing something is beautiful and caring about it are two very different things, and I didn't care.

~Maureen Johnson

The whole "weak in the knees" thing, which she always thought was just some idiotic expression back from the golden age of idiotic expressions, was real. -Suite Scarlett

~Maureen Johnson

Were you playing with Stuart?" she asked. The question was loaded. I was a filthy, filthy woman, and even the five-year-old knew it.

~Maureen Johnson

You'd been petting a stuffed dog?' she said 'A dead one?' 'It was a really well stuffed dog' I clarified. 'I have seen some bad taxidermy. This was top-notch work. It would have fooled anyone.

~Maureen Johnson

We study there a lot because... what other choice does society give us, right? It's Starbucks or death, sometimes.

~Maureen Johnson

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