

Susan Orlean Quotes

*Thinking, Writing, People, Dog, Animal, Book, Home, Mean, Phones, Different,
Children, Hands, Ideas, Country, Real, Long, Perfect, Littles, Car, Kids*

Orchid hunting is a mortal occupation.

~Susan Orlean

I think of myself as something of a connoisseur of procrastination, creative and dogged in my approach to not getting things done.

~Susan Orlean

Living in a rural setting exposes you to so many marvelous things - the natural world and the particular texture of small-town life, and the exhilarating experience of open space.

~Susan Orlean

You have to simply love writing, and you have to remind yourself often that you love it.

~Susan Orlean

A snow day literally and figuratively falls from the sky, unbidden, and seems like a thing of wonder.

~Susan Orlean

Libraries are what is best about us as a society: open, exciting, rich, informative, free, inclusive, engaging.

~Susan Orlean

One of the very best reasons for having children is to be reminded of the incomparable joys of a snow day.

~Susan Orlean

An ordinary life examined closely reveals itself to be exquisite and complicated and exceptional, somehow managing to be both heroic and plain.

~Susan Orlean

There's a marvelous sense of mastery that comes with writing a

sentence that sounds exactly as you want it to.

~Susan Orlean

Even after I'd published three books and had been writing full-time for twenty years, my father continued to urge me to go to law school.

~Susan Orlean

I don't like hiking with convicts carrying machetes.

~Susan Orlean

I teach a non-fiction writing class at New York University, and one of my great pleasures is deciding on the syllabus.

~Susan Orlean

One of my favorite activities as a teen-ager was to watch television over the phone with my best friend.

~Susan Orlean

In my perfect world, we would establish perhaps four national zoos of unimpeachable quality and close the rest of them.

~Susan Orlean

I had forgotten how thrilling a snow day is until my son started school, and as much as he loves it, he swoons at the idea of a free day arriving unexpectedly, laid out like a gift.

~Susan Orlean

I'm happy to be reminded that an ordinary day full of nothing but nothingness can make you feel like you've won the lottery.

~Susan Orlean

The first thing I think about when I wake up most mornings is the fact that I'm tired.

~Susan Orlean

I am unusually Halloween-attentive, because, as it happens, I was born on Halloween, so for me it has always been an occasion of great moment.

~Susan Orlean

I feel somewhat responsible for the Borders Books bankruptcy.

~Susan Orlean

Among all life forms, there are creatures with charisma and creatures without. It's one of those ineffable qualities we can't quite define, but we all seem to respond similarly to.

~Susan Orlean

Every corny thing that's said about living with nature - being in harmony with the earth, feeling the cycle of the seasons - happens to be true.

~Susan Orlean

I went to a football school, which meant that I went to a university that served up education and was simultaneously operating a sports franchise.

~Susan Orlean

The genius of a folk melody or story is not the feeling that it's original but quite the opposite - the feeling that it has existed all along.

~Susan Orlean

Most writing doesn't take place on the page; it takes place in your head.

~Susan Orlean

I think coexisting with another life form is a very rich experience. It's why people keep plants and animals.

~Susan Orlean

Writers like to write, and writing in different forms - short, long, bite-sized, done on the fly, done with painstaking attention - all interest me.

~Susan Orlean

In the course of transferring all my CDs to my iPod, I have found myself wandering the musical hallways of my past and reacquainting myself with music I haven't listened to in years.

~Susan Orlean

I work at home, in the country, and days will go by when, except for my husband and son and the occasional UPS man, the only sentient creatures that see me are my chickens and turkeys.

~Susan Orlean

Here's a habit I never thought I'd develop: I gravitate to anything online that's marked 'most popular' or 'most e-mailed.' And I hate myself a little bit every time I do.

~Susan Orlean

I rarely listen to commercial radio, and when I do, I'm shocked by how many ads there are, and how annoying they are, and how bad the radio station usually is.

~Susan Orlean

We're fascinated by animals because it's almost like having Martians living among us. We can see some familiarity in them, but they're entirely different creatures.

~Susan Orlean

I love Japanese design and fabrics. I also love people who make clothes for mass consumption but do it well and cleverly.

~Susan Orlean

I think the responsibility of running a huge business, which happens if you become a successful designer, probably makes you more careful.

~Susan Orlean

Writing about unknown people means I spend a lot of time arguing to the reader about why it's worth knowing about them. That's challenging, but then the piece is pure discovery.

~Susan Orlean

If you had really loved something, wouldn't a little bit of it always linger?

~Susan Orlean

When my son was born, and after a day of lying-in I was told that I could leave the hospital and take him home, I burst into tears. It wasn't the emotion of the moment: it was shock and horror.

~Susan Orlean

When I still lived in Manhattan, people-watching was my hobby, and I spent many Sunday afternoons eating up the scene from a window seat at a Starbucks on Broadway.

~Susan Orlean

Sometimes I think I've figured out some order in the universe, but then I find myself in Florida

~Susan Orlean

I suppose I do have one embarrassing passion- I want to know what it feels like to care about something passionately.

~Susan Orlean

You can find out anything you want about a car now, and especially every bit of information about the price, without relying on the dealers.

~Susan Orlean

Why, I wonder, should the popularity of a news story matter to me?
Does it mean it's a good story or just a seductive one?

~Susan Orlean

Oversized houses, like oversized cars, seem to be a particularly
American fixation.

~Susan Orlean

Knowledge is a beautiful thing, but there are a few things I wish I didn't
know.

~Susan Orlean

On the very same day that I ordered an iPad 2, I went shopping to buy
myself a letter opener. I like to cover all my bases.

~Susan Orlean

Dog parks are more cliquish than any other human gathering with the
possible exception of seventh grade. Deal with it.

~Susan Orlean

Every single one of my books had its title changed almost as we were
going to press, for all sorts of different reasons.

~Susan Orlean

I am dismayed to realize that much of the advice I used to parcel out to
aspiring writers has passed its sell-by date.

~Susan Orlean

Unlimited choice is paralyzing. The Internet has made this form of
paralysis due to option overload a standard feature of comfortable
modern life.

~Susan Orlean

The biggest problem with working at a treadmill desk: the compulsion to

announce constantly that you are working at a treadmill desk.

~Susan Orlean

I wonder what book signings will be like when most of the books we read are electronic. Will authors sign something else? A flyer, perhaps? A special kind of card devised for the purpose?

~Susan Orlean

I love convincing a reader that an unusual or seemingly ordinary subject is worth his or her time - it's part of the fun for me as a writer.

~Susan Orlean

When you're researching you're learning. When you're writing, you're teaching.

~Susan Orlean

Like writing, running is so much about mind over matter. There are times when you have to override the discomfort and keep pushing. That capacity to endure and then prevail is just amazing.

~Susan Orlean

I like the idea that people get engaged thinking about design, about creativity. I don't see how it could possibly be bad.

~Susan Orlean

Human relationships used to be easy: you had friends, boy- or girlfriends, parents, children, and landlords. Now, thanks to social media, it's all gone sideways.

~Susan Orlean

Keeping animals, I have learned, is all about water. Who even knew chickens drank water? I didn't, but they do, and a lot.

~Susan Orlean

I love writing traditional magazine pieces, and especially their breadth of reporting and the deliberateness of the writing.

~Susan Orlean

I've tried a lot of different apps to manage Twitter on my phone (I use Hootsuite on my laptop), but I think the official Twitter app is really good.

~Susan Orlean

It is hard to imagine Thomas Kinkade as anything less than supremely self-assured.

~Susan Orlean

Animals can seem more pure. Without complication, I mean, animals are selfless. What animals do for us, they do out of instinct.

~Susan Orlean

The fact that dogs are not people means you don't have as much response to the particulars.

~Susan Orlean

I've definitely taken a lot of consolation from animals in my life. There have been times when I've been really sad, and they gave solace and comfort and companionability more than a person.

~Susan Orlean

I think part of a hero construct is overcoming loss, or being abandoned, or having to make your own way in the world.

~Susan Orlean

Being a good designer certainly doesn't guarantee that you're good at business. It's probably more surprising when the two talents coexist in one person.

~Susan Orlean

Sometimes I'm dazzled by how modern and fabulous we are, and how easy everything can be for us; that's the gilded glow of technology, and I marvel at it all the time.

~Susan Orlean

States should pass laws making it illegal to own or trade wild animals; the phony 'educational' permits that many private owners have used to skirt those laws should be eliminated.

~Susan Orlean

The iPhone calendar isn't bad, but it isn't great, either. It only offers a day view and a month view - it doesn't have a week view, which drives me crazy.

~Susan Orlean

The thing is, I have a zillion apps, and I'm always looking for the perfect arrangement for them, so scrambling my home screen is part of that eternal quest.

~Susan Orlean

There are cultures that believe having your photograph taken steals your soul. I don't think there is a stolen soul in a picture, but still - why is it so hard to throw them away?

~Susan Orlean

I don't turn to greeting cards for wisdom and advice, but they are a fine reflection of the general drift of the culture.

~Susan Orlean

I want a chainsaw very badly, because I think cutting down a tree would be unbelievably satisfying. I have asked for a chainsaw for my birthday, but I think I'll probably be given jewelry instead.

~Susan Orlean

I would like to make sleeping my new hobby, except that I'm too tired, really, to have a hobby. But a girl can always dream.

~Susan Orlean

I can imagine a future in which real books will exist but in a more limited, particular way.

~Susan Orlean

I have worked on PCs and on Macs and, while I have my preferences, I don't find it crippling to work on one rather than the other.

~Susan Orlean

The lesson we have yet to learn from dogs, that could sustain us, is that having no apprehension of the past or future is not limiting but liberating.

~Susan Orlean

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