

Tama Janowitz

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Long after the bomb falls and you and your good deeds are gone, cockroaches will still be here, prowling the streets like armored cars.

~Tama Janowitz

With publicity comes humiliation.

~Tama Janowitz

The older a woman gets, the more invisible you become.

~Tama Janowitz

Most of my life is just spent lying in bed. I mean, it's enough pressure to write the words. Do I need to use the additional energy exerted by sitting up?

~Tama Janowitz

The novel is never really in the first draft. The novel really happens in the revisions.

~Tama Janowitz

Whether I'm critically well received, whether or not I sell books - of course it becomes progressively harder to get them published - nevertheless, it's what I do, every day.

~Tama Janowitz

Crimes, sins, nightmares, hunks of hair: it was surprising how many of them has something to dispose of. The more I charged, the easier it was for them to breathe freely once more.

~Tama Janowitz

I felt my whole life was a facsimile of a life.

~Tama Janowitz

Why would I want to read something about somebody that's just a really nice, decent person who overcomes terrible trials? That's not how

life is to me.

~Tama Janowitz

I feel like I sort of missed the eighties. At the time, we didn't know we were having fun, which is probably the way it always is.

~Tama Janowitz

I was like a social worker for lepers. My clients had a chunk of their body they wanted to give away; for a price I was there to receive it.

~Tama Janowitz

I think the sixties must have been quite a lot of fun.

~Tama Janowitz

Brownstein's is a fresh and jaunty voice, with a jazz snap all his own.

~Tama Janowitz

I think powerful women don't care whether or not they're liked.

~Tama Janowitz

Fame is really great in a lot of ways, you know? People are a lot nicer to you. Like, the more famous you are, the more free presents you get. And invitations to really amazing things.

~Tama Janowitz

I think in a lot of ways, writing, when you're really in there, is like being an actress because you're in somebody else's head.

~Tama Janowitz

As a writer, I don't think it's my responsibility to make a point. I just write and hope there's someone who'll like it.

~Tama Janowitz

I don't want my novel to be like Madame Bovary, finely crafted with the

life edited out of it. I want my novel to be like a friend telling me a story -- so we go off on thoughts; that's the way it is.

~Tama Janowitz

Every book I write, the media just keeps punching me in the face.

~Tama Janowitz

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