

Tove Jansson Quotes

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Long, Journey, Adventure, Writing, Important, Running, Rain, Mean, Rocks,
Lying, Going Away*

It is simply this: do not tire, never lose interest, never grow indifferentâ€”lose your invaluable curiosity and you let yourself die. It's as simple as that.

~Tove Jansson

Storms probably exist only because after them we can have a sunrise.

~Tove Jansson

A person can find anything if he takes the time, that is, if he can afford to look. And while he's looking, he's free, and he finds things he never expected.

~Tove Jansson

Maybe my passion is nothing special, but at least it's mine.

~Tove Jansson

It's only the sea,' said Moomintroll. â€”Every wave that dies on the beach sings a little song to a shell. But you mustn't go inside because it's a labyrinth and you may never come out again.

~Tove Jansson

There's no need to imagine that you're a wondrous beauty, because that's what you are.

~Tove Jansson

There are those who stay at home and those who go away, and it has always been so. Everyone can choose for himself, but he must choose while there is still time and never change his mind.

~Tove Jansson

You must go on a long journey before you can really find out how wonderful home is.

~Tove Jansson

You can't ever be really free if you admire somebody too much.

~Tove Jansson

One has to discover everything for oneself. And get over it all alone.

~Tove Jansson

All things are so very uncertain, and that's exactly what makes me feel reassured.

~Tove Jansson

The thing about God, she thought, is that He usually does help, but not until you've made an effort on your own.

~Tove Jansson

...now and then a giggling trail of mermaids appeared in our wake. We fed them oatmeal.

~Tove Jansson

He didn't remember, he didn't worry, he just was.

~Tove Jansson

He was the owner of the moonlight on the ground, he fell in love with the most beautiful of the trees, he made wreaths of leaves and strung them around his neck.

~Tove Jansson

For a while she considered being ill, but she changed her mind.

~Tove Jansson

Most of the people are homesick anyway, and a little lonely, and they hide themselves in their hair and are turned into flowers.

~Tove Jansson

I don't want to hear about them any more. I could vomit on the

Moomintrolls.

~Tove Jansson

Smell is important. It reminds a person of all the things he's been through; it is a sheath of memories and security.

~Tove Jansson

Some people just shouldn't be disturbed in their inclinations, whether large or small. A reminder can instantly turn enthusiasm into aversion and spoil everything.

~Tove Jansson

It's strange,â€• Moominmamma thought. â€œStrange that people can be sad, and even angry because life is too easy. But that's the way it is, I suppose. The only thing to do is to start life afresh.

~Tove Jansson

I mean, anyone can let Danger out but the really clever thing is finding somewhere for it to go afterwards.

~Tove Jansson

Everyone must imagine his own snakes because no one else's snakes can ever be as awful.

~Tove Jansson

It was a particularly good evening to begin a book.

~Tove Jansson

You can't always be friendly. It's impossible, there isn't the time.

~Tove Jansson

I need to write down my observations. Even the tiniest ones; they're the most important.

~Tove Jansson

Dogs are mute and obedient, but they have watched us and know us and can smell how pitiful we are.

~Tove Jansson

A very long time ago, Grandmother had wanted to tell about all the things they did, but no one had bothered to ask. And now she had lost the urge.

~Tove Jansson

My bag was as light as my happy-go-lucky heart.

~Tove Jansson

Everything's much too big here,' thought Moominmamma. 'Or perhaps I'm too small.

~Tove Jansson

And all you can do is just read," she said. She raised her voice and screamed, "You just read and read and read!" Then she threw herself down on the table and wept.

~Tove Jansson

One ought to have the right to have a secret and to spring it as a surprise. But if you live inside a family you have neither.

~Tove Jansson

One can't be too dangerous, if they like to eat pancakes. Especially with jam on it.

~Tove Jansson

I'm not sure I would have ever started to draw, let alone write, if my childhood hadn't been so happy. It was a mixture of comfort and adventure. An excellent mixture!

~Tove Jansson

They were always doing something. Quietly, without interruption, and with great concentration, they carried on with the hundred-and-one small things that made up their world.

~Tove Jansson

I'll have to calm down a bit. Or else I'll burst with happiness

~Tove Jansson

It looks rather ordinary," said the Snork. "Unless you consider that a top hat is always somewhat extraordinary, of course.

~Tove Jansson

Making a journey by night is more wonderful than anything in the world.

~Tove Jansson

But he thought all the strange words were beautiful, and he had never had a book of his own before.

~Tove Jansson

The hemulen woke up slowly and recognised himself and wished he had been someone he didn't know.

~Tove Jansson

It's risky to talk about one's most secret dreams a bit too early.

~Tove Jansson

One must use the night.

~Tove Jansson

I love borders. August is the border between summer and autumn; it is the most beautiful month I know.

~Tove Jansson

Why are you in such a rush?" Sophia asked, and her grandmother answered that it was a good idea to do things before you forgot that they had to be done.

~Tove Jansson

One makes a trip by day, but by night one sets out on a journey.

~Tove Jansson

It is still summer, but the summer is no longer alive. It has come to a standstill; nothing withers, and fall is not ready to begin. There are no stars yet, just darkness.

~Tove Jansson

Someone who eats pancakes and jam can't be so awfully dangerous. You can talk to him.

~Tove Jansson

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