Words are a lens to focus one's mind. -AYN RAND Don't try to figure out what other people want to hear from you; figure out what you have to say. It's the one and only thing you have to offer. -BARBARA KINGSOLVER

"We write to taste life twice, in the moment and in retrospect." -ANAIS NIN

"If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."

-TONI MORRISON

"One day I will find the right words, and they will be simple." -JACK KEROUAC

"No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader. No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader." -ROBERT FROST

"I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn." -ANNE FRANK "Let me live, love, and say it well in good sentences." -SYLVIA PLATH "Don't bend; don't water it down; don't try to make it logical; don't edit your own soul according to the fashion. Rather, follow your most intense obsessions mercilessly." -FRANZ KAFKA "What doesn't kill us gives us something to write about." -JULIE WRIGHT "Write while the heat is in you. The writer who postpones the recording of his thoughts uses an iron which has cooled to burn a -HENRMODAWIDHT'HOREAU

"To gain your own voice, you have to forget about having it heard." -ALLEN GINSBERG

"We are volcanoes. When we women offer our experience as our truth, as human truth, all the maps change. There are new mountains." -URSULA K. LE GUIN

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing." -BENJAMIN FRANKLIN "Vulnerability is sexy--it shows we are relatable, honest and real." -VANESSA VAN EDWARDS

"Get it down. Take chances. It may be bad, but it's the only way you can do anything really good." -WILLIAM FAULKNER "A word after a word after a word is power." -MARGARET ATWOOD

"Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you're passionate about something, then you're more willing to take risks."

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