

Alejandro Zambra

Quotes

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To read is to cover one's face. And to write is to show it.

~Alejandro Zambra

If you write, and you are really alone (writing is a lonely thing), you learn to be alone without suffering. When you read, you also learn to do this. When you write, you deal with things.

~Alejandro Zambra

You can say that literature is about topics like love, death, and all that, but I think there is only one topic that applies to all literature and that is belonging.

~Alejandro Zambra

I knew little, but at least I knew that: no one could speak for someone else. That although we might want to tell other people's stories, we always end up telling our own.

~Alejandro Zambra

For me, writing is a way of finding out about things I didn't know before I began writing.

~Alejandro Zambra

Everything has been said and everything has been done, but you still feel like you are looking for something.

~Alejandro Zambra

You're looking for something, I don't know what I'm looking for, but I'm looking. Writing is a lot about that. When you write a poem. When you write a novel.

~Alejandro Zambra

I am still trying to find out things. And I inevitably tell myself the story in different ways every time I think about it.

~Alejandro Zambra

You are told that you have to eliminate un-useful sentences, but as a writer you know how important details are.

~Alejandro Zambra

When you read a novel, you know what to expect because you've been reading novels for a long time.

~Alejandro Zambra

As a child, all you see is that adults are not playing. Adults are not talking too much. Adults don't want to relate to each other.

~Alejandro Zambra

I was going to be a memory when I grew up.

~Alejandro Zambra

We rely too much on the people we share our lives with. We hold them responsible for things they are not even aware of. We start blaming them.

~Alejandro Zambra

I've been writing most of my life; it's just something I do.

~Alejandro Zambra

I don't have any doubts that I need writing. I need it personally because this is the way I think.

~Alejandro Zambra

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