

# Allison Joseph Quotes

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Odd*

I think that the people who really accomplish things in this world have to have a little bit of crazy in them.

~Allison Joseph

I like when a poem ends on its "receipts," meaning it gives me something tactile or tangible to dwell on as I exit the reading experience. So I strive to end my own poems that way as well.

~Allison Joseph

I write to be recorder, observer, participant, and sometimes, even judge. I want to engage the world as I see it with my whole self - all of those different aspects of it.

~Allison Joseph

I switch between fixed forms and free verse often, and enjoy being a poet who can "swing both ways," so to speak.

~Allison Joseph

Poetry is such an ancient art, and I consider myself young within that art.

~Allison Joseph

I write a lot, and then forget what I've written, and then come back to it and say, "Not bad, I should do something with this!"

~Allison Joseph

Only after my father's death could I speak my own individual truths about him. In a sense, I had to turn him into a character, a figure I could control through language.

~Allison Joseph

Part of elegy is confrontation - not just with the idea of death, but with the person who has died.

~Allison Joseph

I lived a life I knew I had to hide My father's edicts resolutely grim.

~Allison Joseph

Editing is work, and it's hard to do while working on one's own writing.

~Allison Joseph

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