

Andre Naffis-Sahely

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Philosopher*

Poetry either pulses with real life or it's just an aborted simulacra. There's no middle ground.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

Fear knows no borders, and the terminology of hate has seeped into every aspect of life.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

One cannot simply decide to write apolitical poetry, in the way one decides to drink lemonade instead of tea, it's far more subliminal than that.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

Everyone wants to be open and inclusive, but nobody wants to pay for it. It's the biggest roadblock to translating living writers, especially poets.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

I've heard of translators collaborating closely with their authors, sometimes even living with them for a while, but that's not me.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

I can't quite see the point of poems like "Wittgenstein Goes for a Walk with A Hawk in Sherwood Forest." I know they're trying to be clever, but they're not.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

I don't like poems that invent memories, I have enough of my own.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

As Trevor Noah recently quipped, the US appears ready to crown its first African dictator: Donald Trump.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

The average political poem - especially the kind that wears this label all too proudly - is both dull and full of brow-beating triteness.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

Most of us have been subjected to terrible political poetry at least once or twice in our lifetimes, and so we tend to shy away from it.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

When it comes to the challenges of the actual process, I soldier on as best I can, on my own.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

I'm of the opinion that poetry is always political, and cannot help but be so, regardless of the poet's intent, given that refusing to deal in politics is in itself a political act.

~Andre Naffis-Sahely

The West is anxious about becoming another Africa, and it has dug deep moats in the hopes of preventing that, but it's too late: it has already become another Africa.

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