

# Gregory Orr Quotes

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I believe in poetry as a way of surviving the emotional chaos, spiritual confusions and traumatic events that come with being alive.

~Gregory Orr

To me, poetry is about survival first of all. Survival of the individual self, survival of the emotional life.

~Gregory Orr

Every breath is a resurrection.

~Gregory Orr

That's crudely put, but If we're not supposed to dance, Why all this music?

~Gregory Orr

When you're a young poet, reading is a search for your lost family.

~Gregory Orr

Beauty is like life itself: a dawn mist the sun burns off. It gives no peace, no rest.

~Gregory Orr

Poetry is the thread that leads us out of the labyrinth of despair and into the light.

~Gregory Orr

When it's right you can't say Who is kissing whom.

~Gregory Orr

To guide someone through the halls of hell is not the same as love.

~Gregory Orr

With "poets dead and gone" as Keats says in "Mermaid Tavern" they are alive and talking to us and us to them.

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