

# Jessica Hagedorn

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I'm preparing for a multimedia theater piece, Airport Music, that's coming up in New York City.

~Jessica Hagedorn

My identity is linked to my grandmother, who's pure Filipino, as pure as you can probably get. And that shaped my imagination. So that's how I identify.

~Jessica Hagedorn

I don't believe in sampling some Tibetan music just to make it sound groovy, but you do your homework, you understand what you're doing with it.

~Jessica Hagedorn

Don't say Fili, sister. Say Pili. In Tagalog, pili means to choose. Pino means fine. Pilipino equals 'fine choice.

~Jessica Hagedorn

Adaptability is the simple secret of survival.

~Jessica Hagedorn

Everything matters. Time is precious.

~Jessica Hagedorn

Hybridity keeps me from being rigid about most things. It has taught me to appreciate the contradictions in the world and in my life. I scavenge from the best.

~Jessica Hagedorn

Life is not simple, and people can't be boxed into being either heroes or villains.

~Jessica Hagedorn

I love writing dialogue, and I think a lot of my writing is visual and very

cinematic.

~Jessica Hagedorn

[On The Philippines:] ... eighty dialects and languages are spoken; we are a fragmented nation of loyal believers, divided by blood feuds and controlled by the Church.

~Jessica Hagedorn

I'm an underdog person, so I align myself with those who seem to be not considered valuable in polite society.

~Jessica Hagedorn

There is real beauty in my eyes when I lose my mind.

~Jessica Hagedorn

I think for a lot of so-called post-colonial peoples, there's a feeling of not being quite legitimate, of not being pure enough.

~Jessica Hagedorn

Becoming a mother has helped make me a tougher, stronger writer.

~Jessica Hagedorn

It's not just NYU. There are days when I feel like I'm stranded in some upscale mall in Pasadena. Don't even get me started on the insidious transformation of Bleecker Street!

~Jessica Hagedorn

I also identify as a Latin person, a person who has Latin blood.

~Jessica Hagedorn

There are certain regions in the country where the indigenous people eat dogs.

~Jessica Hagedorn

Music is very influential to my writing, as are theater and film.

~Jessica Hagedorn

The punk scene in NY was so gritty and nihilistic & I was like ooh I want to do that

~Jessica Hagedorn

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