

Jorie Graham

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What poetry can, must, and will always do for us: it complicates us, it doesn't â€˜soothe.'

~Jorie Graham

A poem is a private story, after all, no matter how apparently public. The reader is always overhearing a confession.

~Jorie Graham

If there is anything I love most, in the poems I love, it is the audible braiding of that bravery, that essential empty-handedness, and that willingness to be taken by surprise, all in one voice.

~Jorie Graham

The primary function of the creative use of language - in our age - is to try to constantly restore words to their meanings, to keep the living tissue of responsibility alive.

~Jorie Graham

The storm: I close my eyes and, standing in it, try to make it mine.

~Jorie Graham

Oh how we want to be taken and changed, want to be mended by what we enter.

~Jorie Graham

I think I am probably in love with silence, that other world. And that I write, in some way, to negotiate seriously with it.

~Jorie Graham

There are moments in our lives which, threaded, give us heavenâ€™

~Jorie Graham

The way things work / is that eventually / something catches.

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Brilliant, hard-earned and honest. The erasures and reappearances of figure and ground-that hard drama-have rarely been so movingly undertaken. A heartbreakingly beautiful work.

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