

Kate Zambreno

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I do think that memoirs by women are reviewed differently and considered somewhat outside of the canon.

~Kate Zambreno

My rage and sense of alienation as to how women have been written, have allowed themselves to be written, in so many ways, has political roots.

~Kate Zambreno

All of my wildness is in the writing. I have discovered I have to be orderly and boring in my personal life to be wild in my work.

~Kate Zambreno

It is only through having a stable loving partnership that I began to feel in control enough to attempt a strict writing discipline, to realize something I always knew was simmering underneath.

~Kate Zambreno

People are depressed for many reasons, one of which I think is how we have been taught to react to trauma, to stress.

~Kate Zambreno

People are more concerned about the economy than these ridiculous concerns as to gender inequity in society, as manifested in marriages, in the mental health system, and then in literature.

~Kate Zambreno

I'm exposing faultlines, dealing especially with rhetoric. Showing that heterosexuality is a disease, or at least its inheritance.

~Kate Zambreno

If one writes the rules then one can contradict oneself. It's all about rhetoric, about official narratives.

~Kate Zambreno

On the whole, most biographies about literary women tend to diagnose them.

~Kate Zambreno

I think the online space can be a free space, in that we are not reliant online on the publishing industry or readers who just don't get it.

~Kate Zambreno

For years I lived rather medicated and muted - I did not possess language to describe my vague feelings of unhappiness, to politicize it, to attempt to transcend it.

~Kate Zambreno

I always remember my childhood as traumatic, for various reasons; I always felt alienated, outside.

~Kate Zambreno

With fiction, the works of women are often over-interpreted as autobiography, especially when the main character is a woman, especially if she is seen as privileged.

~Kate Zambreno

The memoir by women, read by female readers, is considered a market form, not "great literature."

~Kate Zambreno

The nonfiction novel or literary memoir as authored by women is usually given a much harder time in mainstream criticism.

~Kate Zambreno

I think so often, especially if the work is perceived of as being drawn from life, the woman, not her book, is reviewed.

~Kate Zambreno

I think the mad wives and mistresses are my hysterics - even the fictionalized ones. I want to trace how they were silenced, I want to find for them an escape route.

~Kate Zambreno

I am worthy of being read. I mean, one has to be convinced of one's genius.

~Kate Zambreno

My writing has always been considered extremely important, even though I make slim-to-no money at it.

~Kate Zambreno

I am home because I am a writer, but sometimes, when I'm not productive (productivity: the expectations of capitalism), I feel like a terrible housewife, or a sick person.

~Kate Zambreno

I think that writing and publishing are different. I think I will always write; I might not always publish. The idea of not publishing is wonderful!

~Kate Zambreno

The hope in literature is that we are allowed to be imperfect, to write of our imperfection, without being overly critiqued for being unlikeable.

~Kate Zambreno

I think for a woman, getting older can help, through personal experience, although of course older women are then rendered invisible in our society, another existential crisis.

~Kate Zambreno

When I get too worked up about things I have always escaped into catatonia.

~Kate Zambreno

I don't think men experience the embargo on channeling the autobiography in their literature.

~Kate Zambreno

I have almost never been compared to male writers in any review. All women.

~Kate Zambreno

Patriarchy is having the power to name.

~Kate Zambreno

I think genius can have a lot to do with nerve. And permission.

~Kate Zambreno

The biographies of the great men see their excesses as signs of their greatness.

~Kate Zambreno

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