

Kiran Desai

Quotes

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Bananas, Self, Mother, Light*

Writing, for me, means humility. It's a process that involves fear and doubt, especially if you're writing honestly.

~Kiran Desai

The present changes the past. Looking back you do not find what you left behind.

~Kiran Desai

I do think that the modern India does belong to writers who are living in India.

~Kiran Desai

The Indian diaspora is a wonderful place to write from and I am lucky to be part of it.

~Kiran Desai

A journey once begun, has no end

~Kiran Desai

I don't think you can write according to a set of rules and laws; every writer is so different.

~Kiran Desai

Could fulfillment ever be felt as deeply as loss?

~Kiran Desai

No fruit dies so vile and offensive a death as the banana.

~Kiran Desai

Jemu watched his father disappear. He didn't throw the coconut and he didn't cry. Never again would he know love for another human being that wasn't adulterated by another, contradictory emotion.

~Kiran Desai

Sadness was so claustrophobic.

~Kiran Desai

When you write on your own, you can write the extremes. No one else is watching and you can really go as far as you need to.

~Kiran Desai

She'd have to propel herself into the future by whatever means possible or she'd be trapped forever in a place whose times had already passed.

~Kiran Desai

Slowly, painstakingly, like ants, men would make their paths and civilization and their wars once again, only to have it wash away again.

~Kiran Desai

I feel as comfortable anywhere as I feel uncomfortable anywhere.

~Kiran Desai

We think of immigration as a Western issue but, of course, it isn't.

~Kiran Desai

I love Truman Capote, Tennessee Williams, Flannery O'Connor. I read a lot of American writers.

~Kiran Desai

The publishing world is very timid. Readers are much braver.

~Kiran Desai

Why couldn't she be part of that family? rent a room in someone else's life.

~Kiran Desai

New York is a lovely city. It is an easy city to go back to and an easy

city to leave. Every time I go there I immediately make travel plans.

~Kiran Desai

All day, the colors had been those of dusk, mist moving like a water creature across the great flanks of mountains possessed of ocean shadows and depths.

~Kiran Desai

When I was growing up the publishing world seemed so far away. When my mother wrote a book, she would look up the address of publishers on the backs of the books she owned and send off her manuscript.

~Kiran Desai

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