

Kwame Dawes

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I am most interested in people. I try to capture their complexity and contradiction and beauty. It does not matter where they are from.

~Kwame Dawes

This poet is a griot in search of a village.

~Kwame Dawes

When people open up and share their stories, you have a responsibility to tell these truths truthfully and with the same quest for grace and beauty that you see in them.

~Kwame Dawes

All memory is fiction.

~Kwame Dawes

Maybe that is the power of poetry. It somehow transcends news cycles, and becomes a part of our collective imagination. That is the beauty of the art form I like to play with.

~Kwame Dawes

I believe that all fiction is personal and all writing is at some level personal.

~Kwame Dawes

Latino poets, are really having a significant impact on American poetics today.

~Kwame Dawes

My concern is always that I can do justice to what I see and hear.

~Kwame Dawes

The aesthetic, as I understand it, is really about the way in which we understand beauty and speak and think about beauty.

~Kwame Dawes

Racist writing is a craft failure.

~Kwame Dawes

Our goal is to publish African poets in as many ways as possible.

~Kwame Dawes

One of the blessings and curses of my life is that I carry so many projects at the same time.

~Kwame Dawes

HIV is no respecter of persons. Any of us could find ourselves with the disease, and then what? We tend to stigmatize as a way to deceive ourselves about our invincibility. But it is a delusion.

~Kwame Dawes

There is no access to contemporary poetry in the libraries.

~Kwame Dawes

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