

# Leslie Marmon Silko

## Quotes

*Writing, Long, Stories, People, Different, Memories, Letting Go, Believe, World,  
White, Gone, Tree, Enemy, Felt, Ifs, Flesh, Heaven, May, Graduates,  
Sometimes*

As long as the hummingbird had not abandoned the land, somewhere there were still flowers, and they could all go on.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

I will tell you something about stories . . . They aren't just entertainment. Don't be fooled. They are all we have, you see, all we have to fight off illness and death.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

But as long as you remember what you have seen, then nothing is gone. As long as you remember, it is part of this story we have together.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Because if you weren't born white, you were forced to see differences; or if you weren't born what they called normal, or if you got injured, then you were left to explore the world of the different.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

But sometimes what we call 'memory' and what we call 'imagination' are not so easily distinguished.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

the ancient people perceived the world and themselves within that world as part of an ancient continuous story composed of innumerable bundles of other stories.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

What is it about us human beings that we can't let go of lost things?

~Leslie Marmon Silko

You don't have anything if you don't have the stories.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Writing cant change the world overnight, but writing may have an enormous effect over time, over the long haul.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Anybody can act violently - there is nothing to it; but not every person is able to destroy his enemy with words.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

The Indian wars have never ended in the Americas.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

the snow ... came in thick tufts like new wool - washed before the weaver spins it.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Things which don't shift and grow are dead things.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

the material world and the flesh are only temporary - there are no sins of the flesh, spirit is everything!

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Time limits are fictional. Losing all sense of time is actually the way to reality. We use clocks and calendars for convenience sake, not because that kind of time is real.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Moonflowers blossom in the sand hills before dawn, just as I followed him.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Fortunately, her year of graduate classes prepared her for obnoxious conduct.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

The truth of course was otherwise, but Lecha had never felt she owed anyone the truth, unless it was truth about their own lives, and then they had to pay her to tell them.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

Being alive was all right then: he had not breathed like that for a long time.

~Leslie Marmon Silko

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