

# Lidia Yuknavitch

## Quotes

*Writing, Character, Art, Thinking, Real, Book, Stories, Water, Ideas, Body, Beautiful, Fighting, People, Ocean, Girl, Play, Memoir, Doe, Different, Form*

Words carry oceans on their small backs.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

Birth is of course violent. Menstruation is violent. Trust me, if men's penises opened up once a month and shot blood, we'd be hearing about the violence of it.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

Sometimes saviors look different than you thought they would.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

I am not alone. Whatever else there was or is, writing is with me.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

The rocks. They carry the chronology of water. All things simultaneously living and dead in your hands.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

When someone says something dunderheaded to me about the material, it's usually a big neon sign revealing their own damage or ignorance, so my compassion kicks in.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

In water, like in booksâ€”you can leave your life.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

Make up stories until you find one you can live with.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

Laughter can shake you from the delirium of grief

~Lidia Yuknavitch

We live through sound and lightâ€”through our technologies.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

Aspiration gets stuck in some people. It's difficult to think yes. Or up. When all you feel is fight or run.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

The maternal impulse in animals to protect their young - that kind of instinct and subsequent violence is quite beautiful. Mythic even.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

Underneath the forms of fiction and poetry, you can bet your ass the ground comes from someone's actual life experience.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

I drop to the curb like childhood leaving a body.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

I just want my stories to be mine.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

Fiction and poetry expose intimate things from a person's life every bit as much as memoir does, and sometimes more. I don't quite see or live the distinction you are making about the forms.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

I don't have much interest in writing if there are not opportunities to crack open the inherited forms. The writing I love to read most does this as well. I'm a form junkie.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

The practice of employing metaphor and image and composition and linguistic choices to move the reader through the content.

~Lidia Yuknavitch

I'm kind of still down with Virg Woolf on this one: "women must kill the aesthetic ideal through which they themselves have been 'killed' into

art."

~Lidia Yuknavitch

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