

# Sjon Quotes

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I have seen the universe! It is made of poems!

~Sjon

Literature acknowledges that life is complicated.

~Sjon

All authors secretly hope that their works will be read in 100 years' time and 200 years, and that they will somehow survive into the future.

~Sjon

What literature brings to our times is always the fact that literature refuses to bring any simple or easy answers.

~Sjon

Politics enter dangerous ground, when people proclaim there are simple answers for our complex world.

~Sjon

Bjork is one of my oldest friends so we share the friendship and common roots. That is what we build on when we work together.

~Sjon

A great number of tourists have been flocking Iceland and those numbers are growing every year. That also raises questions like "How do we receive people?" and "How do we present our country?"

~Sjon

The option is always on the table. When we [with Bjork] were starting as creative kids in the Eighties, we found each other. I was 19, she was 16 and a friendship was made.

~Sjon

[ Bob Dylan] should let the Nobel Prize Committee know if he is accepting it or not. He will not be the first one who declines the prize for

political or personal reasons. He should just tell them.

~Sjon

[Bob Dylan] is a worthy laureate for the Nobel Prize.

~Sjon

I have to face questions like, "Do I simply write the best text I possibly can? Do I specifically engage with contemporary issues? 'Do I consciously try to write something that is timeless?'"

~Sjon

One thing for sure is it will be written in the Icelandic language. All of my literary work is.

~Sjon

I will just take the chance that the language will still be relevant in 100 years, which is something we cannot take for granted with a language that is spoken by 330,000 people.

~Sjon

I'm not one of those writers who writes everyday.

~Sjon

I do quite extensive research for most of my novels.

~Sjon

Much of my time is taken up by reading, researching and trying out ideas.

~Sjon

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