

# Vijay Seshadri

## Quotes

*Thinking, Writing, Self, Teacher, Real, People, Ideas, Universe, Fifth Grade,  
Splits, Purity, Book, Hierarchy, Transforming, Struggle, Important, World,  
Knows, Subjectivity, Firsts*

I was always a reader. In the fifth grade, I got some sort of prize for having read hundreds of books from the library.

~Vijay Seshadri

The sun does what it does because the earth tilts.

~Vijay Seshadri

Orwell says somewhere that no one ever writes the real story of their life. The real story of a life is the story of its humiliations.

~Vijay Seshadri

Society imposes an identity on you because of the way you look. Your struggle as a self has to do with an identity being imposed on you that you know is not your identity.

~Vijay Seshadri

You probably have to split yourself in various ways just in order to survive, and to think of yourself as a multitude.

~Vijay Seshadri

I would say that when I write prose I'm a more socially responsible person. I'm much more a citizen of the world. But the instability of the poetry, the emotional jaggedness, is also me.

~Vijay Seshadri

You don't think of yourself as your external representation, or even your national origin or anything like that. You don't reduce yourself to that. That's kind of unthinkable.

~Vijay Seshadri

I resist thinking of myself as a teacher. I think of myself as a writer who has pulled a fast one and hoodwinked this institution into giving me a job and health insurance.

~Vijay Seshadri

I think that when you reveal things that are going to cause pain, you have rhetorical resources in poetry.

~Vijay Seshadri

We all think of ourselves as our subjectivity, our consciousness.

~Vijay Seshadri

It's important for all writers to try to figure out what they're doing.

~Vijay Seshadri

Historically, there are hierarchies of purity. Certain aspects of poetry are very, very pure. The lyric poem can't be anything but the lyric poem.

~Vijay Seshadri

These new theories of the universe, that there are multiple universes just bubbling up constantly - it's all pretty wild.

~Vijay Seshadri

Technology is transforming everything. Who knows what it's doing, we don't really understand it.

~Vijay Seshadri

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