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EMILY DICKINSON

"Forever is composed of nows."

MAYA ANGELOU

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

HARPER LEE

"People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for."
To Kill a Mockingbird

"I hate to hear you talk about all women as if they were fine ladies instead of rational creatures. None of us want to be in calm waters all our lives."
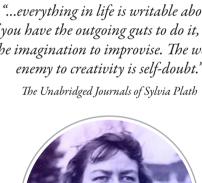**—JANE AUSTEN**
Persuasion

SYLVIA PLATH

"...everything in life is writable about if you have the outgoing guts to do it, and the imagination to improvise. The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt."
The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath

ALICE WALKER

"No person is your friend (or kin) who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow."

MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT SHELLEY

"The beginning is always today."

FLANNERY O'CONNOR

"The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."

AMY TAN

"We dream to give ourselves hope. To stop dreaming—well, that's like saying you can never change your fate."
The Hundred Secret Senses

THE BRONTË SISTERS

"But life is a battle: may we all be enabled to fight it well!"
The Letters of Charlotte Brontë

"If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."
—TONI MORRISON

SANDRA CISNEROS

"I have to understand what my strengths and limitations are and work from a true place."

ZORA NEALE HURSTON

"It's no use of talking unless people understand what you say."

EDITH WHARTON

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that receives it."

"A word after a word after a word is power."
—MARGARET ATWOOD