

“Books saved my sanity, knowledge opened the locked places in me and taught me first how to survive and then how to soar.”

- Gloria Anzaldua

“Everybody has a chapter they don’t read out loud.”

- Unknown speaker

“The problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete.”

- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

“Language exerts hidden power, like the moon on  
the tides.”

- Rita Mae Brown

“Language is never neutral.”

-Paolo Freire

“Language, identity, place, home: these are all of a place - just different elements of belonging and not-belonging.”

- Jhumpa Lahiri

“For every language that becomes extinct, an image of man disappears.”

- Octavio Paz

“Language is the source of misunderstandings.”

-Antoine de Saint-Exupery

“When everyone at school is speaking one language, and a lot of your classmates' parents also speak it, and you go home and see that your community is different -there is a sense of shame attached to that. It really takes growing up to treasure the specialness of being different.”

- Sonia Sotomayor

“Our language is the reflection of ourselves. A language is an exact reflection of the character and growth of its speakers.”

- Cesar Chavez

“Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning.”

- Maya Angelou

“I'm a teacher and a writer; my life is words. When I see the denigration of language, it hurts me, and it's easy to denigrate a word by trivializing it.”

- Elie Wiesel

“It does not require many words to speak the truth.”

- Chief Joseph

“He said that if culture is a house, then language was the key to the front door; to all the rooms inside. Without it, he said, you ended up wayward, without a proper home or a legitimate identity.”

- Khaled Hosseini

“Nothing of me is original. I am the combined effort of everyone I know.”

- Chuck Palahniuk