

# The Poet of Reportage

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Can writing change anything? Yes.  
I believe profoundly that it does.  
Without this faith, I wouldn't  
be able to write.

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