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Biographies are like seashells; not much can be learned from them about the mollusk that once lived inside them.

Czesław Miłosz, Miłosz's ABCs (2001)

I like maps, because they lie.

Because they give no access to the vicious truth.

Because great-heartedly, good-naturedly they spread before me a world not of this world.

Wisława Szymborska, "Map" (2011)