

# Black Francis Quotes

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I drive a lot. Just for pleasure. Sometimes I'll get in the Cadillac and drive around the city or the country, kind of trying to get lost basically. Y'know, just see where roads lead.

~Black Francis

You should never rely on interviews with musicians as being factual. Most of them are mangled and even have made up stuff in them, that is to say, made up stuff by the writer or editor.

~Black Francis

Wise is the tongue, wet of perfect thought.

~Black Francis

The first thing that inspires any song is a chord progression. When I have one I really like, I get into the lyrics even more.

~Black Francis

I have two step-kids and one of my own on the way. That's three college funds.

~Black Francis

There's more to life than listening to rock music.

~Black Francis

If you're a good band then the filter of the band is pretty strong.

~Black Francis

I listen to Neil Young and jazz and classical stations and, if my girlfriend's driving, it tends to be Hall & Oates.

~Black Francis

It's sour grapes, I admit, I want to be more famous so people are examining my work couplet by couplet, you know what I mean? That's the level where I want to go.

~Black Francis

I can remember back as far as age 8, performing with the Boston Folk Song Society. It was a Woody Guthrie song.

~Black Francis

I've got a small, loyal audience, which is great. And I appreciate that. They're there for me every time.

~Black Francis

If I have more creativity that I want to get out of me, I try to find other ways than pursuing solo records so much.

~Black Francis

I'm not saying that people have to listen to rock music. It's a great, cool thing and it can really be liberating for a lot of people but, hey, so can Charles Dickens so I'm not going to judge.

~Black Francis

As soon as I got into music, I tried to be a working, real artist who gets paid for what he does, who doesn't have a day job.

~Black Francis

I think everybody has a painter inside of them somewhere.

~Black Francis

Everyone thinks I'm a wimp and even my own band hates me. Oh, well. I guess I'll just flip 'em the bird!

~Black Francis

I don't like to have everything all worked out in my head because there's always a chance of it coming out different than you think it should anyway.

~Black Francis

I initially felt shy about doing painting because I wasn't a professional painter. I almost felt like I didn't deserve to paint. But I have gradually adopted a different kind of attitude about this.

~Black Francis

I think that painting is a very ancient form of expression.

~Black Francis

They're pretty good actually, Hall & Oates. I gotta give them credit. They got a lot of toe-tappers.

~Black Francis

But the truth is that critics are by definition critical. That's their job.

~Black Francis

As I paint, I realise, while it's something I do very much by myself, it's very solitary, the creative process feels similar to making music to me now, at least as far as my brain is concerned.

~Black Francis

It's obvious you shouldn't steal, kill or be cruel.

~Black Francis

My most cryptic, strange songs might be my most personal, but that isn't how people are going to receive them, because they don't know the code.

~Black Francis

This is a particular thing, you know, catholic stories of martyrs who had their head removed and then continued to be miraculous in the last moments of their life.

~Black Francis

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