

# Charles Frazier

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Ask her what she craved, and she'd get a little frantic about things like books, the woods, music. Plants and the seasons. Also freedom.

~Charles Frazier

We are not strong enough to stand up against endless grief, And yet pain is the constant drone of life. So if we are to have any happiness at all, it is only in the passing instant.

~Charles Frazier

She always carried a book, though, in case she needed to read a few pages to avoid unwanted conversation.

~Charles Frazier

Claim your space. Draw a circle of light around it. Push back against the dark. Don't just survive. Celebrate.

~Charles Frazier

Thinking: this journey will be the axle of my life.

~Charles Frazier

All I can say is that we are mistaken to gouge such a deep rift in history that the things old men and old women know have become so useless as to be not worth passing on to grandchildren.

~Charles Frazier

I do the same things I did when I was 12 years old: I ride bikes, I read books, I walk in the woods. And I listen to music.

~Charles Frazier

I had never taken creative writing classes. Hadn't even considered it.

~Charles Frazier

A lizard in the spring - hear his darling sing. A bird with wings to fly - go back to his darling weep and moan till he dies. A mole in the ground -

root a mountain down.

~Charles Frazier

Well, I'm a slow writer. For me, a good day is a page, maybe a page and a half. I'd love to be more efficient, but I am not.

~Charles Frazier

He tried to name which of the deadly seven might apply, and when he failed he decided to append an eighth, regret.

~Charles Frazier

People who are isolated interest me, whether they isolate themselves or have been isolated by circumstances.

~Charles Frazier

It always helps me connect with characters, to think about what music they respond to

~Charles Frazier

Marrying a woman for her beauty makes no more sense than eating a bird for its singing. But it's a common mistake nonetheless.

~Charles Frazier

I've never been very attached to genre labels and never set out intentionally to write historic fiction. Besides, what you consider historic depends on how far back your memory extends.

~Charles Frazier

Needing and getting don't seem likely to match up any time soon...  
What needs doing is mine to do.

~Charles Frazier

We mark some days as fair, some as foul, because we do not see that the character of every day as identical

~Charles Frazier

Surely it is a sin to reject the few gifts we are given. Be happy in the flash of time granted to us or hurt forever.

~Charles Frazier

That's not a thing any of us are granted. To go back. Wipe away what later doesn't suit us and make it the way we wish it. You just go on

~Charles Frazier

My opinion was that if hogs are biting you so often that you have to stop and make up a specific word for it, maybe lack of vocabulary is not your most pressing problem.

~Charles Frazier

What I'm certain I don't want is to find myself someday in a new century, an old bitter woman looking back, wishing that right now I'd had more nerve.

~Charles Frazier

He was himself a case in point, and perhaps not a rare one, for his spirit, it seemed, had been burned out of him but he was yet walking.

~Charles Frazier

[No] matter what a waste one has made of one's life, it is ever possible to find some path to redemption, however partial.

~Charles Frazier

You never know when somebody will pull you to them.

~Charles Frazier

I know I don't need him, but I think I want him.

~Charles Frazier

It is best not to study too much on who gets what they deserve. It can lead to an overly complicated interpretation of God's personal attributes.

~Charles Frazier

Nothing changes what already happened. It will always have happened. You either let it break you down or you don't.

~Charles Frazier

Or maybe it is only that we are so habitually inattentive that when some rare but simple geometry grabs us by the shoulders and shakes us into consciousness, we call our response sacred.

~Charles Frazier

Disease is nature's revenge for our destructiveness.

~Charles Frazier

There was a redemption of some kind, he believed, in such complete fulfillment of a desire so long deferred.

~Charles Frazier

When everything is immediately available and infinitely reproducible, nothing is valuable.

~Charles Frazier

Verbs. All of them tiring.

~Charles Frazier

Contentment is mostly a matter of talking yourself into believing that God will not strike you too hard for leaning in the direction of your hungers.

~Charles Frazier

If I had to give up reading or give up listening to music, I suspect I'd

stick with the music.

~Charles Frazier

I was 46 when 'Cold Mountain' came out. I was settled. We had a nice house in Raleigh and a horse farm.

~Charles Frazier

It is a bad idea to live too long. Few carry it off well.

~Charles Frazier

I've lived out West some... I've always liked the High Plains areas - eastern Colorado, eastern Wyoming, western Nebraska.

~Charles Frazier

It's a good thing war is so terrible or else we'd get to liking it too much.

~Charles Frazier

Our worst pain is confined within our own skin.

~Charles Frazier

When all else is lost and gone forever, there is yearning. Only desire trumps time.

~Charles Frazier

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