

Charles Simic

Quotes

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Inside my empty bottle I was constructing a lighthouse while all others were making ships.

~Charles Simic

The highest levels of consciousness are wordless.

~Charles Simic

He who cannot howl will not find his pack.

~Charles Simic

The world is beautiful but not sayable. That's why we need art.

~Charles Simic

The secret wish of poetry is to stop time.

~Charles Simic

Insomnia is an all-night travel agency with posters advertising faraway places.

~Charles Simic

When people ask me how to find happiness in life I tell them, First learn how to cook.

~Charles Simic

If I believe in anything, it is in the dark night of the soul. Awe is my religion, and mystery is its church.

~Charles Simic

Poetry: three mismatched shoes at the entrance of a dark alley.

~Charles Simic

One writes because one has been touched by the yearning for and the despair of ever touching the Other.

~Charles Simic

Poetry is an orphan of silence. The words never quite equal the experience behind them.

~Charles Simic

A poem is an invitation to a voyage. As in life, we travel to see fresh sights.

~Charles Simic

I slept little, read a lot, and fell in love frequently.

~Charles Simic

The truth is dark under your eyelids.

~Charles Simic

Silence is the only language god speaks.

~Charles Simic

For Emily Dickinson every philosophical idea was a potential lover. Metaphysics is the realm of eternal seduction of the spirit by ideas.

~Charles Simic

Poems are other people's snapshots in which we see our own lives.

~Charles Simic

Making art in America is about saving one's soul.

~Charles Simic

I'm not a stickler for truth. To me, lying in poetry is much more fun. I'm against lying in life, in principle, in any other activity except poetry.

~Charles Simic

Only brooms Know the devil Still exists, That the snow grows whiter
After a crow has flown over it

~Charles Simic

Wanted: a needle swift enough to sew this poem into a blanket.

~Charles Simic

Poetry is an orphan of silence.

~Charles Simic

The ambition of much of today's literary theory seems to be to find ways to read literature without imagination.

~Charles Simic

If the sky falls they shall have clouds for supper.

~Charles Simic

Here is something we can all count on. Sooner or later our tribe always comes to ask us to agree to murder.

~Charles Simic

I left parts of myself everywhere,
The way absent-minded people leave
Gloves and umbrellas
Whose colors are sad from dispensing so much
bad luck

~Charles Simic

Only poetry can measure the distance between ourselves and the Other.

~Charles Simic

The poem I want to write is impossible. A stone that floats.

~Charles Simic

The stars know everything, So we try to read their minds. As distant as they are,
We choose to whisper in their presence.

~Charles Simic

A 'truth' detached and purified of pleasures of ordinary life is not worth a

damn in my view. Every grand theory and noble sentiment ought to be first tested in the kitchen-and then in bed, of course.

~Charles Simic

When you play chess alone it's always your move.

~Charles Simic

To submit to chance is to reveal the self and its obsessions.

~Charles Simic

There are people who live inside their heads and their intellects. It's something one is born with and stuck with. It's not something you make a decision about.

~Charles Simic

A poem is an instant of lucidity in which the entire organism participates.

~Charles Simic

The stone is a mirror which works poorly. Nothing in it but dimness. Your dimness or its dimness, who's to say? In the hush your heart sounds like a black cricket.

~Charles Simic

In their effort to divorce language and experience, deconstructionist critics remind me of middle-class parents who do not allow their children to play in the street.

~Charles Simic

There's no preparation for poetry.

~Charles Simic

Words make love on the page like flies in the summer heat and the poet is only the bemused spectator.

~Charles Simic

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