

Charlie Brooker Quotes

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If technology is a drug - and it does feel like a drug - then what, precisely, are the side-effects?

~Charlie Brooker

The biggest teenage taboo is being strait-laced. It's easy to tell a researcher you went to a house party that turned into an orgy. It's less easy to say you like eating toast and watching QI.

~Charlie Brooker

My theory is that we used to have several personalities, and now we're encouraged to have one online.

~Charlie Brooker

Man the lifeboats. The idiots are winning.

~Charlie Brooker

That's not something that we've gone in thinking 'Right! How are we going to examine that now?' It's just when you take a step back you see that they're actually all sort of in that mode.

~Charlie Brooker

Whenever anything nice happens in the world I always expect something appalling to happen immediately afterwards.

~Charlie Brooker

I'm actually quite pro-technology, but I'm a worrier, so I like to envision worst-case scenarios.

~Charlie Brooker

The iPad falls between two stools - not quite a laptop, not quite a smartphone. In other words, it's the spork of the electronic consumer goods world.

~Charlie Brooker

In summary, our world is doomed.

~Charlie Brooker

Technology by default became the thing that was a new thing that had swept in and was altering it everything.

~Charlie Brooker

I'm trying to think overall. Some of our stories [Black Mirror], I think you're right in that they don't tend to have a message.

~Charlie Brooker

Online you're encouraged to perform one personality for everyone.

~Charlie Brooker

In the U.K. I'm probably better known as a comedy writer - or certainly that's my background is in writing comedy.

~Charlie Brooker

Your grades are not your destiny: they're just letters and numbers which rate how well you performed in one artificial arena, once.

~Charlie Brooker

Many people find bald, unvarnished truths so disturbing, they prefer to ram their heads in the sand and start dreaming at the first sign of scientific reality.

~Charlie Brooker

I tried to be all intellectual and erudite and with others I'd just swear and curse and be an idiot. And suddenly, when they're all in one space, I don't know who I am.

~Charlie Brooker

In a weird way, when everyone's feeling that the world's going to hell in a hand basket, I kind of relax a little more because I often feel like that.

~Charlie Brooker

I am neurotic, and I'm a worrier.

~Charlie Brooker

Generally I know that we've hit on a good idea if there's a moment where I'm going "HA HA HA!" because that's usually my starting point, me laughing.

~Charlie Brooker

When I was a chain smoker, I used to wake up and the first thing I'd do was reach for a cigarette, basically. And now I do the same thing for a smartphone, basically.

~Charlie Brooker

Hi-def is merely the latest in a string of evolutionary leaps that have transformed the way we sit slumped in front of a box wishing we were dead.

~Charlie Brooker

[Worshipping God] is like fellating someone who intermittently stubs fags out on your head for no good reason. And we all know how unsatisfying that can be.

~Charlie Brooker

"Proper work" usually involves performing a task you hate on behalf of people you'd gleefully club to death with a bull's knee if only it were legal to do so.

~Charlie Brooker

People gravitate towards their own era, nostalgia therapy is a real thing that's being tinkered with.

~Charlie Brooker

If love were a product, the queue at the faulty goods desk would stretch right round the universe and back. It doesn't work properly. The seams come apart and it's full of powdered glass.

~Charlie Brooker

Men Against Jive is a brilliant title! That's a military story, that's a difficult one to explain really because that's sort of a war... it's not just a war story.

~Charlie Brooker

In comedy writing, a sitcom plot is basically the same thing: What's the worst thing that could happen? But you're playing it for comic effect. It's a similar muscle being used with Black Mirror.

~Charlie Brooker

I think overseas viewers assume that Black Mirror is written by the Unabomber, essentially - a Luddite, technology-hating, angry old man waving his fist at the App Store.

~Charlie Brooker

Overall, looking at the stories [Black Mirror], almost every story we've ever done is concerned with authenticity or reality in some way.

~Charlie Brooker

You sort of perform your personality, I guess, to everyone on some level.

~Charlie Brooker

There's something I find very satisfying about a nice ironic twist.

~Charlie Brooker

Most writers or performers walk around with the notion in their head that - a paranoid worry that maybe people don't like them.

~Charlie Brooker

I grew up in the countryside . But there's a danger of us romanticizing that. Because when I was a kid in 1982, that's what my parents were saying to me about television and comics and computer games!

~Charlie Brooker

I'm more pro-technology than people probably realize.

~Charlie Brooker

My continuum? Blimey! For me,Black Mirror is all part of the whole.

~Charlie Brooker

Often the ideas in the show start out as ideas that make you laugh - outrageous "what if" ideas. I wanted an outlet for doing those.

~Charlie Brooker

I was more aware initially of shows like Tales of the Unexpected. And the BBC used to put on a lot of one-off, bizarre television plays.

~Charlie Brooker

I'll just immediately automatically, without even thinking, check my phone. And it feels like the same little bit of my brain is being - the synapses are lighting up when I do that.

~Charlie Brooker

I wasn't really aware they were a religious organization for quite some time. But my grandparents were very devout and ran a Quaker meetinghouse and were missionaries at one point.

~Charlie Brooker

Technology is a global thing and wherever you go, people are prodding the same devices and worrying in the same way and have had their lives slightly altered in the same way.

~Charlie Brooker

One of the benefits of aligning yourself with an indistinct cluster of people is that claiming to feel their pain is often enough.

~Charlie Brooker

I mean, sometimes we do do that, The National Anthem was a caustic satire and sometimes that's the way to go with the story rather than me being particularly misanthropic.

~Charlie Brooker

You don't have the economy of scale of building a set once and casting once. You blow up the world, basically, at the end of each episode.

~Charlie Brooker

On the other hand [making a string of one-off episodes], there's a real freedom, because you're kind of reinventing the show every week.

~Charlie Brooker

I think people are starting to look away and questioning, and they're sort of horrified.

~Charlie Brooker

We take things that would have struck us as miraculous five years ago for granted. Like Pok mon Go would have been insane, and now it's just like, "Oh, okay."

~Charlie Brooker

I'm known as being a massive dweeb who's into video games and so on.

~Charlie Brooker

In Britain people might know me more for my comedy writing background, things like that.

~Charlie Brooker

I'm not some anti-technology person. I think it's often how people would assume that if they don't know me.

~Charlie Brooker

My kids are very young. I'm sure there's a world of horror for me to worry about as they get older.

~Charlie Brooker

The logic for me, in writing it is that the different areas or different years are almost like different rooms.

~Charlie Brooker

I'm a worrier. In the UK, if I'm known for anything, it's sort of for being cynical.

~Charlie Brooker

I'm quite geeky and I'm very much into video games and technology and stuff like that.

~Charlie Brooker

I could worry that I'm going to bleed to death, you know, from cutting my finger on a sandwich packet, you know, if I sort of open a sandwich.

~Charlie Brooker

I can worry about anything.

~Charlie Brooker

I saw The Twilight Zone for the first time when I was 12 or 13. I used to stay up late to watch.

~Charlie Brooker

As long as we've still got crazy "what if" ideas, we can continue [Black Mirror]. It's outpacing reality that's probably the challenge.

~Charlie Brooker

'Waldo' was one episode I always felt I didn't quite crack. And weirdly, now that feels like one of the more prescient ones.

~Charlie Brooker

I suppose kids probably know less boredom these days - or at least a different kind of boredom.

~Charlie Brooker

Am I living in a simulation?

~Charlie Brooker

It's interesting, in the U.K., I'm known for doing comedy things, which often doesn't translate to the U.S.

~Charlie Brooker

I've instinctively hated the Tories since birth.

~Charlie Brooker

Being slagged off is good for you. It thickens the skin and strengthens the backbone.

~Charlie Brooker

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, which is a pity because this week the National Association of Beholders wrote to tell me that I've got a face like a rucksack full of dented bells.

~Charlie Brooker

I really don't want to sound like overly negative or critical of the Internet in general because I'm actually really quite pro-technology.

~Charlie Brooker

I'm terrible at reading fiction. I don't have the attention span - it's awful.

~Charlie Brooker

I think somebody's marketing a thing that Hoovers up your Twitter and it will continue tweeting for you after you're dead. I have no idea whether they saw "Be Right Back" or not.

~Charlie Brooker

Most of the books I read these days are children's books at bedtime.

~Charlie Brooker

I've always had a bad attention span.

~Charlie Brooker

[My parents when I was a kid] would go, "It's a nice hot day. Why are you inside watching the TV?" And you go, "Well, 'cause it's better?"

~Charlie Brooker

[One of my kids]is not named after Aldous Huxley. I haven't even read Brave New World!

~Charlie Brooker

Technology isn't the villain and the people aren't often really the villain so much as they're weak.

~Charlie Brooker

Obviously, you try not to repeat yourself so that forces you to re-evaluate what you're doing constantly [in Black Mirror].

~Charlie Brooker

What happens often is the script is written and once the director comes on board you have lots of conversations and it mutates again.

~Charlie Brooker

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