

# Charlie Trotter Quotes

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Humble, Failing, Perfectionist, Wine, Bags, Guarantees That, Important, Making  
Money, True Knowledge, Generous Spirit, School*

A jazz musician can improvise based on his knowledge of music. He understands how things go together. For a chef, once you have that basis, that's when cuisine is truly exciting.

~Charlie Trotter

Excellence is about fighting and pursuing something diligently, with a strict and determined approach to doing it right. It's okay if there are flaws in the process - it makes it more interesting.

~Charlie Trotter

I love faltering. I love, in a sense, coming up short. Because you learn nothing from success. You learn so much from failing.

~Charlie Trotter

You have to be critical of what you do every day, to analyze it and be willing to push it further.

~Charlie Trotter

The art of cooking is among the most intimate things that we can do for another.

~Charlie Trotter

Chefs, as a whole, say yes to any project, fundraiser, or tasting because they have such a generous spirit.

~Charlie Trotter

I'm all about making money. It's the greatest thing, because it means you get money to spend.

~Charlie Trotter

Fernand Point's philosophy instilled what cuisine is all about: generosity and hugeness of heart.

~Charlie Trotter

My fantasy is to have a restaurant where there are no written menus, but where you just ask people, What are you in the mood for? Fish? Meat? White wine?

~Charlie Trotter

It's a challenge to demonstrate that you can prepare some really interesting food with humble ingredients.

~Charlie Trotter

Cuisine is only about making foods taste the way they are supposed to taste.

~Charlie Trotter

If you want the meaning of families and life and religion and philosophy rolled into one package, all you need to read is *The Brothers Karamazov*.

~Charlie Trotter

One must know combinations, one must have a true knowledge of food to be in the moment.

~Charlie Trotter

Students need to learn how to think critically, how to argue opposing ideas. It is important for them to learn how to think. You can always cook.

~Charlie Trotter

Always make stock in a large quantity and freeze it in plastic bags. That way, when you want to make a nice soup or boil veggies, you can simply pull the bag out of the freezer.

~Charlie Trotter

I couldn't really relate to the fraternity or party scene, to the people out in the mall every day protesting one thing or another. I felt like there

was no one I could relate to.

~Charlie Trotter

I never considered Miles Davis a perfectionist; I always considered him as an excellence-ist, where deviation is actually kind of cool.

~Charlie Trotter

My parents couldnt be looser. It was the ultimate laissez faire upbringing.

~Charlie Trotter

What I was reading was already part of my psyche, but finally someone else was saying it's okay to walk alone.

~Charlie Trotter

I wasnt using college as a stepping stone to law school or some other career. I just wanted a liberal-arts education.

~Charlie Trotter

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