

# Chris Bohjalian Quotes

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Soldier, Healing, Looks, Grandparent, Firsts, Certainty, Phone Calls, Matter,  
Magic, Phones, Making A Difference*

Food is a gift and should be treated reverentially--romanced and ritualized and seasoned with memory.

~Chris Bohjalian

With age comes acumen. With experience comes insight.

~Chris Bohjalian

Life is filled with small moments that seem prosaic until one has the distance to look back and see the chain of large moments they unleashed.

~Chris Bohjalian

Lie. Put down on paper the most interesting lies you can imagine. . .and then make them plausible.

~Chris Bohjalian

But it's funny how the memory works and how sometimes we just believe whatever we want.

~Chris Bohjalian

He defined himself almost wholly in the negative: It was not who he was, it was who he was not.

~Chris Bohjalian

And though some days it is very hard, I try not to live for the future. And I try not to dream of the past.

~Chris Bohjalian

He recalls what that first German soldier said to his major: No God-not yours or mine-approves of what you're doing.

~Chris Bohjalian

The reality is that most of North America knows next to nothing of the 20th century's first genocide - the systematic slaughter of 1.5 million

Armenians in the First World War.

~Chris Bohjalian

No one said living isn't a pretty chancy business, Sibyl. No one gets out of here alive.

~Chris Bohjalian

We may talk a good game and write even better ones, but we never outgrow those small wounded things we were when we were five and six and seven.

~Chris Bohjalian

My wife and I would be very comfortable having a baby at home, or using one of the terrific nurse-midwives at the hospital.

~Chris Bohjalian

My grandparents, like many genocide survivors, took most of their stories to their graves.

~Chris Bohjalian

I have lived with magic and without magic, and I can tell you with certainty that a life with magic is better.

~Chris Bohjalian

My mother used to talk about passages and, once in a while, about ordeals. We all have them; we are all shaped by them. She thought the key was to find the healing in the hurt.

~Chris Bohjalian

When it seems you have nothing at all to live for, death is not especially frightening.

~Chris Bohjalian

Dead â€" might not be quiet at all.

~Chris Bohjalian

The honest answer is more complex. On some level I was sent. Or inspired. Or called. But my calling, such as it was, wasn't a single booming invitation from above (really, is it ever?).

~Chris Bohjalian

A single, ordinary person still can make a difference - and single, ordinary people are doing precisely that every day.

~Chris Bohjalian

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