

# Darryl Pinckney

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I can see criticizing, complaining, protesting - anything but choosing not to vote. Too many people died for us not to vote.

~Darryl Pinckney

Criticism shouldn't be a performance that upstages the work it's talking about.

~Darryl Pinckney

Home is the place where there is somebody who does not wish you any pain.

~Darryl Pinckney

You can get away with anything as long as it works.

~Darryl Pinckney

I think at the beginning of one's writing life, negative reviews are what one does to get attention and stake out your territory. It's also often a mistake.

~Darryl Pinckney

Europe was a very contentious subject in literature and yet jazz musicians still depended on Europe. Now it's not such a big deal.

~Darryl Pinckney

Being a liberal progressive has been demonized as anti-white or overly on the side of blacks. There's nothing that can be done about that; it's just where we are in the history of our perceptions.

~Darryl Pinckney

In the 19th century, Berlin was called the German Chicago. Or Chicago was called the American Berlin because they were sort of new cities or new powerhouses.

~Darryl Pinckney

I can see Obama trying to be the president who suggests solutions for everyone who has experienced economic hardship.

~Darryl Pinckney

If your family or your people are looking over your shoulder, change your seat or push them away.

~Darryl Pinckney

If you're bored, your readers will be bored. If you're faking it, you won't get the kind of readers you want.

~Darryl Pinckney

The rise of fascism in Europe sent most Americans home. Some black American communists who had emigrated to the Soviet Union perished in Stalin's purges of the late 1930s.

~Darryl Pinckney

People from Europe and people from Africa encountered one another long before the invention of "Europe" and "Africa" and "white people" and "black people."

~Darryl Pinckney

It's not nothing when you're abroad and you don't have a washing machine.

~Darryl Pinckney

Freedom is having real choice. This offers a limited amount of choices. This is participating in a very imperfect system that we're desperately hanging onto, that we don't want to see further eroded.

~Darryl Pinckney

The hardest thing about Berlin is letting it belong to other people.

~Darryl Pinckney

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