

# Ian Frazier Quotes

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Siberia is so big, it's almost more an idea than a place

~Ian Frazier

When the days start to get shorter, I want to be in some nice brick building on the East Coast with the lights glowing in the windows. When the daylight starts changing, I want to be out West.

~Ian Frazier

Every once in a while, people need to be in the presence of things that are really far away.

~Ian Frazier

People in Russia adapt to misery by a deep, deep humor.

~Ian Frazier

There's an idea of the Plains as the middle of nowhere, something to be contemptuous of. But it's really a heroic place.

~Ian Frazier

Everything in Russia is made of cement - phone booths, fence posts and light bulbs.

~Ian Frazier

Words are charms. It's like a song you didn't even know you knew.

~Ian Frazier

Human connection is the way things work. It's like a patronage system. You know somebody, and he knows somebody, and he knows somebody, and he knows the district governor, and it's okay.

~Ian Frazier

When I needed to think or was really upset, generally I climbed a tree.

~Ian Frazier

I only saw one English-speaking person all the way across Siberia.

~Ian Frazier

America can enjoy a vital, fully functioning government, with all the benefits provided by Texas, while reducing Texas at the same time.

~Ian Frazier

I don't want to collect Indian art, though pots and beadwork and blankets made by Indians remain the most beautiful art objects in the American West, in my opinion.

~Ian Frazier

I am an author, and like many in my profession, I am also a traveling salesman, going all over in an attempt to persuade people to spend twenty-five dollars on a hardcover book by me.

~Ian Frazier

Leading economists have shown that by shrinking Texas, we can actually create more income for Texas in the long run.

~Ian Frazier

I think what is important for things to be funny is if you the listener, or the reader, get a chance to supply the humor of it yourself.

~Ian Frazier

I don't have a disregard for my reader in humor pieces.

~Ian Frazier

A book tour is not a good opportunity to let your mind wander. You have to pay attention, remember salespeople's and interviewers' names, succinctly summarize your book in a 'selling' way, and so on.

~Ian Frazier

Despite the obvious benefits, many Americans do not like Texas. Some

even say they despise Texas, and make no secret of their feelings.

~Ian Frazier

Russians don't complain, usually.

~Ian Frazier

Russian humor is to adapt or make some sense or nonsense out of the insanity of their lives.

~Ian Frazier

Sometimes travel is merely an opportunity taken when you can.

~Ian Frazier

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