

Pat Barker

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Another person's life, observed from the outside, always has a shape and definition that one's own life lacks.

~Pat Barker

It's the hardest thing in the world to go on being aware of someone else's pain.

~Pat Barker

You know you're walking around with a mask on, and you desperately want to take it off and you can't because everybody else thinks it's your face.

~Pat Barker

The past is a palimpsest. Early memories are always obscured by accumulations of later knowledge.

~Pat Barker

Looking straight at the world is part of your duty as a writer.

~Pat Barker

I don't think it's possible to c-call yourself a C-Christian and... and j-just leave out the awkward bits.' -Wilfred Owen

~Pat Barker

Culturally, the First World War is the war that stands in for other wars.

~Pat Barker

A society that devours its own young deserves no automatic or unquestioning allegiance.

~Pat Barker

Half the world's work is done by hopeless neurotics.

~Pat Barker

The sky darkened, the air grew colder, but he didn't mind. It didn't occur to him to move. This was the right place. This was where he had wanted to be.

~Pat Barker

Murder is only killing in the wrong place.

~Pat Barker

The result was I went nowhere.

~Pat Barker

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