

# Sebastian Barry

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There is such solace in the mere sight of water. It clothes us delicately in its blowing salt and scent, gossamer items that medicate the poor soul

~Sebastian Barry

Because it strikes me there is something greater than judgement. I think it is called mercy.

~Sebastian Barry

That is because at the close of the day the ship we sail in is the soul, not the body.

~Sebastian Barry

I haven't really written my plays and books - I've heard them. The stories are there already, singing in your genes and in your blood.

~Sebastian Barry

The human animal began as a mere wriggling thing in the ancient seas, struggling out onto land with many regrets. That is what brings us so full of longing to the sea.

~Sebastian Barry

After all the world is indeed beautiful and if we were any other creature than man we might be continuously happy in it.

~Sebastian Barry

It is always worth itemising happiness, there is so much of the other thing in a life, you had better put down the markers for happiness while you can.

~Sebastian Barry

It is very difficult to be a hero without an audience, although, in a sense, we are each the hero of a peculiar, half-ruined film called our life.

~Sebastian Barry

A beard on a man is only a way of hiding something, his face of course, but also the inner matters, like a hedge around a secret garden, or a cover over a bird cage.

~Sebastian Barry

And whatever my life had been up to that day, it was another life after that. And that is the gospel truth.

~Sebastian Barry

Tears have a better character cried alone. Pity can sometimes be more wolf than dog.

~Sebastian Barry

There is seldom a difficulty with religion where there is friendship.

~Sebastian Barry

Because faithfulness is not a human question, but a divine one.

~Sebastian Barry

For I did not want him to see, or to question me, for here contains already secrets, and my secrets are my fortune and my sanity.

~Sebastian Barry

It had been a war of kingly poisons, in the air, in the memory, in the blood.

~Sebastian Barry

What is the sound of an eighty-nine-year-old heart breaking?

~Sebastian Barry

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