

Who says it and why? The answers

Look through the following quotations from the novel, decide who says it, why, where it comes in the novel and what the effect is on the reader:

They don't like reminding I exist. Me, and those like me. We're living proof that everything's not all right and we make the place untidy.

Link, p.1

Well – get fell in, my lucky lads. I'm ready for you.

Shelter, p.2

The street people aren't going to go away, and anticipation is the best part of a treat, as my old grannie never used to say.

Shelter, p.7

A really posh job. Quilted, waterproof, the lot. It must have cost a bomb and I knew they only meant to be kind, but it said something to me.

Link, p.14

A cat speaks of warmth, comfort, placid domesticity. A man who keeps a cat can't possibly mean anybody any harm, can he?

Shelter, p.16

Rat-face and the Scouser. I was going to turn into a serial killer if I went on at this rate.

Link, p.40

Four pounds twenty ... They'll refuse you ten pence towards a cup of tea, then spend four twenty on a bleedin' candle. Makes you weep.

Ginger, p.71

... they never dreamed he'd be called Doggy Bag and live on scraps and be so unimportant that he'd vanish and no one would care.

Link, p.74

So the business continues. Volunteers swell the ranks. And they are volunteers, you know – nobody forces 'em to come.

Shelter, p.101

The creature ran to him and he lifted it. Cradled it in his arms, crooning. Rocked it like a baby, burying his face in its wet fur, oblivious to the rain which was drenching him, the great soft noodle. And to think – I turned away.

Link, p.123