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*Fahrenheit 451* Quotes

**Part I Directions:** Please identify the speaker and explain the significance of the following quotes from the novel.

“They were given the new job, as custodians of our peace of mind, the focus of our understandable and rightful dread of being inferior, official censors, judges, and executors. That’s you, Montag, and that’s me” (62). (58-59 soft) (55-56 E)

“They’re faking. You threw them off at the river. They can’t admit it. They know they can only hold their audience so long” (150). (148 soft) (141 E)

“Are you happy?” (14). (10 soft) (7 E)

“Proof of my terrible cowardice. I’ve lived alone many years, throwing images on the walls with my imagination. Fiddling with electronics, radio transmission has been my hobby. My cowardice is of such passion, complementing the revolutionary spirit that lives in the shadow, I was forced to design this” (92). (90 soft) (86 E)

“Millie? Does the white clown love you?” (79). (77 soft) (73 E)

“Now [...] my ‘family’ is people. They tell me things. I laugh, *they* laugh” (75). (73 soft) (69 E)

“I want you to meet Jonathan Swift, the author of that evil book, *Guilliver’s Travels*! And this other fellow is Charles Darwin [...] We are also Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John” (153). (151 soft) (144-145 E)

**Part II Directions:** Please identify the speaker.

23. “Oh, you were scared silly, for I was doing a terrible thing in using the very books you clung to, to rebut you on every hand, on every point! What traitors books can be!”

25. “Do you know that books smell like nutmeg or some spice from a foreign land? I loved to smell them when I was a boy.”

26. “Come on now, we’re going to build a mirror factory first and put out nothing but mirrors for the next year and take a long look in them.”

27. “Last night I thought about all the kerosene I’ve used in the past ten years. And I thought about the books. And for the first time I realized that there was a man behind each one of the books. A man had to think them up.”

28. “The important thing for you to remember, Montag, is we’re the Happiness Boys, the Dixie Duo, you and I and the others. We stand against the small tide of those who want to make everyone unhappy with conflicting theory and thought.”

23. "My family is people. They tell me things; I laugh, they laugh! And the colours!"

24. “You’re not like the others. I’ve seen a few; I *know*. When I talk, you look at me. When I said something about the moon, you looked at the moon, last night. The others would never do that.”

26. “Come on now, we’re going to build a mirror factory first and put out nothing but mirrors for the next year and take a long look in them.”