

Betrayal/Forgiveness

- Nicole forgiving Francis:
 - Page 90 “you weren’t to blame for what happened”
- Francis forgiving Larry
- Francis forgiving himself:
 - Page 2: “A cold that never goes away”: he can’t shake off his actions
 - His Catholicism is a major theme “the odours of forgiveness” there’s no mention of confession which could be why he finds it hard to forgive himself?
 - Page 20 “like beads on a rosary” he takes the weights of other deaths too like the DIs
 - “A heat wave gripped Frenchtown” page 70, just after the assault “a kind of bogeyman” he thinks extremely poorly of himself: he blames himself to an extreme degree (heat like hell)
 - “There was no forgiveness for them” page 72 (revisit this)
 - “Saying a prayer before committing the worst sin of all: despair” page 74; whilst this obviously refers to suicide it also shows that Francis wasn’t allowing himself to be sad because religion
 - “You couldn’t have stopped me anyway” page 81 oddly, Larry helps Francis move on by absolving him of responsibility
 - “Leave it all behind with me” page 83
 - “I leave the convent behind” page 83 (leaving his religious guilt behind)
 - “Does that one sin of mine wipe away all the good things?” page 82

PARALLELS BETWEEN FRANCIS AND LARRY ARE STRONG IN THIS TEXT

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