



# 25 things you might not know about me

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ciao

I'm half Sicilian.

Both of my maternal grandparents  
were born in Augusta, Sicily.



My mother wanted to name me  
for Catherine Earnshaw, the heroine of *Wuthering Heights*.  
My father talked her into the Irish version of Catherine.



During my senior year at Tufts,  
I taught a course in the Experimental College with my friend,  
Lesley Slavin, on the psychology of sex differences.



ROUGH?  
I KNOW!

I conducted my dissertation research in Bermuda,  
where I lived during the 1980–1981 academic year.



crave

I don't buy Cheez-Its, my favorite snack food,  
because I can't stop myself from eating them.

(My husband, Bill, wraps a box for me every Christmas.)

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PERU

The best travel day I ever spent  
was in Machu Picchu,  
where I climbed Huayna Picchu.



to be or  
not to be

When my husband taught at Phillips Exeter Academy,  
we chaperoned a group of high school students  
on a summer trip to Stratford, England,  
to see the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.





I read *Football for Dummies*

so I could be a more informed

Patriots fan.



I hosted the Dalai Lama  
when I was the dean of the  
Harvard Graduate School of Education.

U10 girls soccer team

I coached a U10 girls soccer team  
from Durham, New Hampshire,  
to a state championship.

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defying  
gravity

Like my daughters,

I love Broadway musicals.

Our current favorite is *Wicked*.

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ALL IN THE  
FAMILY

Three of my siblings are also educators:

Susan is an occupational therapist who

works with special needs children,

Jeanne was once a school librarian,

and Dan is a high school math teacher.

flicks

My husband and I love independent films,  
and we are excited that Smith  
offers courses in film studies.

vroom

When I turned 40,  
I traded in my mini-van  
for a red Saab 900S.



When I lived in New Hampshire,  
I sang soprano in a community chorus.





When I was in college,

I wrote to Lorne Michaels to request tickets

to *Saturday Night Live*.

I was his special guest when Louise Lasser hosted.

17  
beach  
reading

My idea of a perfect afternoon  
is reading a novel at Long Nook Beach  
in Truro, Massachusetts.

10  
namaste

I have been doing yoga since 2001.

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comfort

When I am sick,

I often watch the A&E version of

*Pride and Prejudice.*

for 2022

I asked for, and received,

a tandem kayak for

my 50th birthday.

family

Some people refer to my family as the Brady Bunch.

I have two daughters from a previous marriage

and Bill has two boys.

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zen

When we lived in New Hampshire,  
Bill and I designed and built a Zen garden,  
complete with a fountain.



muse

One of my favorite books is from  
a Metropolitan Museum of Art exhibit  
of Alfred Stieglitz's photographs of Georgia O'Keefe.



shine  
Winter

Every year, I host a Winter Solstice Party,  
where we welcome the return of the sun by singing  
George Harrison's "Here Comes the Sun."



I like this symmetry:

I am the fifth woman to lead a Harvard school  
as well as the fifth woman to lead Smith College.



I look forward to getting to know you.

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