

25 things you might not know about me

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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.



I conducted my dissertation research in Bermuda,

where I lived during the 1980–1981 academic year.



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.)



The best travel day I ever spent

was in Machu Picchu,

where I climbed Huayna Picchu.



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.



I coached a U10 girls soccer team from Durham, New Hampshire,

to a state championship.

Like my daughters,

I love Broadway musicals.

Our current favorite is Wicked.



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.



My husband and I love independent films,

and we are excited that Smith

offers courses in film studies.



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.

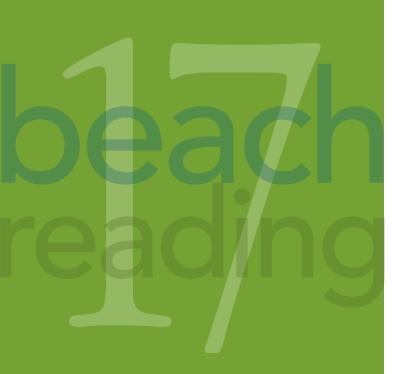


When I was in college,

I wrote to Lorne Michaels to request tickets

to Saturday Night Live.

I was his special guest when Louise Lasser hosted.



My idea of a perfect afternoon

is reading a novel at Long Nook Beach

in Truro, Massachusetts.



I have been doing yoga since 2001.



When I am sick,

I often watch the A&E version of

Pride and Prejudice.



I asked for, and received,

a tandem kayak for

my 50th birthday.



Some people refer to my family as the Brady Bunch. I have two daughters from a previous marriage and Bill has two boys.



When we lived in New Hampshire,

Bill and I designed and built a Zen garden,

complete with a fountain.



One of my favorite books is from

a Metropolitan Museum of Art exhibit

of Alfred Stieglitz's photographs of Georgia O'Keefe.



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.