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### A Random Autobiography

I walked right past a grizzly bear in Alaska while climbing a mountain but didn't see it; all my friends did, however, as they watched from 100 yards above me.

I don't have any real phobias, but I do get scared that I'll get seasick when I go on a boat.

I saw the Grateful Dead perform over 60 times; in fact, I went to Cloverdale this summer with a bunch of friends to see a movie of one of their concerts from 1990.

My sister is a British citizen and is the reason I'm a Tottenham Hotspurs fan.

I believe that all people are born completely good, but we have hurts that never got to heal and that's where all human badness comes from.

I love the desert - the harshness, the heat, the hidden beauty, and the quietude.

I have ridden over 25,000 miles on my bike; it's my favorite way to travel.

I've traveled to many places but every time I return home to Sonoma County, I think 'I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.'

I like to sing songs in class, but I get nervous every time thinking that students won't like it or that I'll mess up on the guitar.

Up until five years ago, I had long hair (like, down to my butt) and lots of people thought I was just a dumb hippie. That taught me to be less presumptuous of others.

My Mom is my hero: she's a cancer survivor, a recovered alcoholic, an 87-year-old woman who acts like she's 50, and has both an iron will and a kind personality.

I am so proud of both of my daughters even though they are on totally different paths in life.

My first concert was the Rolling Stones at Candlestick Park in 1981.

I found a scorpion in my bed and four spiders on the wall in my cheap hotel in Guatemala, yet I emerged unharmed.

The best gift I ever gave someone was a song which I wrote for my wife. She framed the lyrics and keeps it on her nightstand, which shows me just how much she loves it.

It might sound cheesy, but I love teaching and can't imagine having any other profession.