

Fun Facts

My favorite first read aloud by a teacher was a book called “Follow My Leader.”

I play the hammered dulcimer.

I have a pet newt that is over 22 years old.

In high school I competed in speech and debate, track and field, and badminton.

My favorite national park is Yellowstone—I love the colors.

We have a butterfly nursery in our backyard.

My favorite place to hike is in the redwoods.

I have a black belt in Okinawa-te karate.

My favorite desert is bread pudding—with whiskey sauce, of course!

When I was three my brother told me there was a bear living in our closet, and I believed him!

My favorite animal is the turtle.

I once met Sir Edmund Hillary. He and Tenzing Norgay were the first to summit Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.

I was a Rotary Fellowship recipient and spent a year in England studying art.

I once rode an elephant in India.

I also paint murals for a living.