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On the spot

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When were you happiest?

In a New York nightclub in 1989, at the launch party for my first novel, *Fabulous Nobodies*.

When did you last cry, and why?

When Heath Ledger died. I made him a cup of tea in my apartment once. He was such a polite boy.

When was the last time you lied?

Somewhere on this questionnaire.

Greatest fear?

Cremation. I don't care if I'm dead, I still don't want to go in that furnace.

What's the most important lesson life has taught you?

Don't compare yourself to others.

Have you ever said "I love you" and not meant it?

No.

What's the worst thing anyone's said to you?

My third-grade teacher at Bellevue state school called me a foghorn and I've never forgotten it.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

Family aside, New York City.

If you could edit your past, what would you change?

I would have started writing novels earlier — before I finished primary school.

Tell us a secret.

I once had my foot kissed by porn star Harry Reims.

Pool or open sea?

Pool — I'm scared of waves.

Guilty pleasure?

Golden syrup dumplings.

Would you want to live forever?

As I am now — yes. But ask me again in 40 years.

Have you ever been sacked from/quit a job?

In 1985 I was sacked from my job as editor of *Harper's Bazaar*. I was a little too creative.

What is the closest you've ever come to death?

Narrowly avoiding the north tower of the World Trade Centre falling on me.

What's the best kiss of your life?

The one last night from my husband.

What is your fancy dress costume of choice?

Little Edie Beale of *Grey Gardens*. I love the sweater-on-the-head look.

Property aside, what's the most expensive thing you've bought?

The toffee that broke my tooth and set off a chain reaction that I'm still paying for.

What do you most dislike about your appearance?

My third nipple.

The Woman in the Lobby by Lee Tulloch, Viking, \$32.95 is out now.

