

Topics:

- ❖ Moving- the places I've lived and how it has shaped me. Tucson, Arizona; Bloomington, Indiana; Carson City, Nevada; England (Cornwall and Newark); Eugene, Oregon
- ❖ Travel- places I've visited each with it's own story. National Parks of the West, week long canoe trip, Italy with Dad, Mexico, junior year exchange trip to France, the East Coast, the Virgin Islands, England
- ❖ Trevor- college life, our travels, our wedding, being there with Trevor when his dad died after a long struggle with cancer
- ❖ The outdoors- the place I call serenity and great vacations I've been on with my mom and Rich
- ❖ Oregon- waterfalls, Crater Lake, white water rafting, living an adventurous life
- ❖ My mom- how close we are now, making jam, the fun we have together
- ❖ Siblings- memories of creating trouble for Robin, Laura, Michael and Christopher (...and living so far away)
- ❖ Allison- what she means to me, how knowing about her created havoc and, finally, a new sense of peace in my life
- ❖ Dark days in high school- dealing with death. Friends who died too young: Eric, Missy, Ryan, and Wendy
- ❖ My pets now and then- Then: Katie, Milo, and Pumpkin. Now: Emma and Forrest
- ❖ My grandparents- their stories of the war, the great depression, growing up in a different era. Coming to terms with how their bodies have begun to fail them
- ❖ Swimming- BSC stories of growing up, high school swimming, making the decision to quit for a year in England
- ❖ Water Polo- making friends, visiting Big Ten colleges
- ❖ Bicycle accidents- the many bad experiences I've had

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- ❖ Trips with Grandma and Grandpa Wyss- New York, Florida (The Fort Myers Beach Spring Break & family reunions), Chicago, Nashville
- ❖ My first trip to England- the Lockerbie disaster
- ❖ Loveway and other volunteer efforts, Chargers for Community
- ❖ Coaching swimming- forming the Piranhas, volunteering at Bloomington South, Jackson Creek, Carson City, River Glen, Charging Panthers, Marist High School
- ❖ Teaching and my students- why it matters in my life
- ❖ Growing up in Bloomington- folk tales and urban legends, being born at home
- ❖ Friends in England- especially Zoe and Katie, how we change and somehow manage to stay the same
- ❖ Living in Newark- wearing a uniform to school, meeting new people, discovering that part of England
- ❖ Young adult life
- ❖ Reading- great books for young adults
- ❖ Writing- a new habit of writing with my students AND sharing my writing
- ❖ Masters swimming and staying healthy- first the NASTI's in Noblesville, now Emerald Aquatics in Eugene
- ❖ A new hobby - running
- ❖ Aunt Gloria's death
- ❖ My cousin Maggie's new triplet boys and seeing them for the first time
- ❖ Friendships
- ❖ The ISTEP test and September 11th
- ❖ Going back to school- starting graduate school at Pacific University
- ❖ Madeleine- pregnancy, a breech baby, her first two and a half years (way more than I can possibly list here!)
- ❖ Hurricane Katrina- watching the news on television, thoughts on the victims, survivors, and the government's response

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- ❖ Visiting Robin and Julia in Seattle- the locks, the zoo, and other adventures, their Hood River wedding
- ❖ Our first family vacation with Madeleine
- ❖ Laura's college years across the country at University of New Hampshire
- ❖ Losing my Grandpa Russell and getting to know my Grandma Russell after his death

Genres:

- ❖ Short stories
- ❖ Letters
- ❖ Journal and diary entries
- ❖ News articles
- ❖ Thank-You's
- ❖ Speeches
- ❖ Lesson plans
- ❖ Documents for my students about reading and writing
- ❖ Poetry
- ❖ Essays
- ❖ Resumes and cover letters
- ❖ Personal narratives
- ❖ Grant proposals

Audiences:

- ❖ Myself
- ❖ My students and their parents
- ❖ Trevor
- ❖ Laura- my other siblings
- ❖ Friends in England
- ❖ Mom
- ❖ My grandparents
- ❖ Other relatives
- ❖ Publishers
- ❖ Service organizations
- ❖ Other teachers