



Proust QUESTIONNAIRE

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<p>What is your idea of perfect happiness? The moment after you jump from the top of the Blackrock diving tower.</p> <p>Which historical figure do you most identify with? Archimedes – we have similar backgrounds, ie, physics and invention.</p> <p>Which living person do you most admire? The man who gives out grants to writers in Galway city and county ... James-Something or other?</p> <p>Which is the trait you most deplore in yourself? My humility.</p> <p>What is your greatest extravagance? A lifelong apple tart addiction.</p> <p>What is your favourite journey? That inner journey towards self-enlightenment.</p> <p>On what occasion do you lie? I wouldn't know how.</p>	<p>Which living person do you most despise? I couldn't narrow it down to just one person.</p> <p>What or who is the greatest love of your life? Urban axe throwing.</p> <p>When and where were you happiest? I won't be happy until <i>Riverdance</i> has been banned.</p> <p>Which talent would you most like to have? X-Ray vision so that I could direct people to the nearest hospital.</p> <p>What is your current state of mind? A reasonable state.</p> <p>What do you consider your greatest achievement? Running a sub-one-hour New York City marathon and never telling a soul.</p> <p>If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what do you think it would be? Light patchy rain.</p>	<p>What is your most treasured possession? Four Bronze Age rings I found buried in the back garden</p> <p>What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery? <i>The Late Late Toy Show.</i></p> <p>What is your favourite occupation? Office administrator grade II.</p> <p>What is the quality you most like in a man? Manliness.</p> <p>What is the quality you most like in a woman? Womanliness.</p> <p>Who are your favourite writers? Alan McMonagle; Billy O'Callaghan; Tadgh Coakley – the holy trinity...</p> <p>What is your motto? <i>Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice</i> (If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you).</p>
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