

## PROUST QUESTIONNAIRE: DEBORAH O'TOOLE

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❖ *Who is/was the single most positive influence in your life?*

My late uncle, William "Mike" O'Toole (1921-1993).

❖ *Who is/was the single most negative influence in your life?*

He shall remain nameless.

❖ *Have you ever loved anyone so intensely that you would do just about anything for them? If so, who?*

Hell to the no!

❖ *What is your idea of perfect happiness?*

Writing or reading.

❖ *What is your greatest fear?*

Heights.

❖ *What is the trait or traits you deplore in yourself?*

The inability to forgive someone who has wronged me and the resulting ability to freeze them out of my life for good.

❖ *What is the trait you most deplore in others?*

Self-fostered sense of entitlement or superiority because of age, gender, race, religious belief or political affiliation.

❖ *What is your greatest extravagance?*

Books and computer paraphernalia.

❖ *What turns you on creatively or spiritually?*

Cool, quiet, organization.

❖ *What turns you off creatively or spiritually?*

Constant emotional neediness in others.

❖ *What sound or noise do you love?*

Rain, and the wind whispering through pine trees.

❖ *What sound or noise do you hate?*

An animal crying in pain or loud television.

❖ *What is your favorite curse word?*

Piss off.

❖ *What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?*

Statistician.

❖ *What profession would you NOT like to do?*

Anything which entails being in the sun or hot temperatures.

❖ *If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?*

Foofer is waiting for you.

❖ *Favorite virtue:*

Integrity.

❖ *Favorite qualities in a man:*

Someone who doesn't need incessant pandering or reassurance.

❖ *Favorite qualities in a woman:*

Someone who doesn't take glee in another woman's misfortune or bad luck. Is there such a creature?

❖ *Where would you like to live?*

Ireland or Maine.

❖ *Favorite color and flower:*

Black or red colors, dark blues and creams; lilacs.

❖ *Favorite food and drink:*

Mexican, Irish, Japanese (non-sushi), Greek (olives & lamb gyros); coffee or lemon iced tea.

❖ *Favorite heroes in fiction:*

Conor Larkin (*Trinity* by Leon Uris) and Sergeant Mike Flannigan from *Mrs. Mike* by Benedict & Nancy Freedman.

❖ *Favorite heroines in fiction:*

Ava Egan (*Celtic Remnants* by yours truly) and *Skye O'Malley* by Bertrice Small.

❖ *What do you consider your greatest achievement?*

Writing.

❖ *If you died and came back as a person or thing what do you think it would be?*  
A black cat with green eyes and one arched eyebrow.



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