

# The Petit Proust Questionnaire

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## Meet author Maureen Fergus



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**MAUREEN FERGUS** is an award-winning author of books for children and young adults. Several of her books have been translated into other languages. She currently lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with her husband, three kids, a dog, a hedgehog, and a Siamese fighting fish! Visit her website at [maureenfergus.com](http://maureenfergus.com) and find her on Twitter as @maureenfergus.

When Benny's mother asks him to put his dirty plate in the sink in *And What If I Won't?*, he responds by asking: "What would you do if I said no?" Playing on their shared sense of humor and imagination, his mother's answers become more and more outrageous.

In *A Dog Day for Susan*, a boy and his hound show Great-Aunt Alice's stuffy canine, Susan, how to be a real dog. It's a sweet, funny story about embracing who you are.

### When you were a kid, what was your favorite thing to do?

I loved any and all forms of make believe.

### What did you most dislike doing when you were a child?

Anything resembling housework.

### As a child, where did you dream of living?

In a big house next door to my parents' house.

### What did you think you were good at when you were a kid?

School, soccer and making people laugh.

### When you were a kid in school, what did you look for in a friend?

Someone who kept my secrets and laughed at my jokes.

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**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

A pilot and a doctor.

**What was your favorite book as a child?**

*Anne of Green Gables, Island of the Blue Dolphins, The Swiss Family Robinson, Little House in the Big Woods...* There were a million favorites.

**What is your favorite pastime now?**

Reading, studying karate, and hanging out with my husband, kids, and dog.

**What do you find an absolute chore?**

Anything resembling housework, of course!

**If you could live anywhere, where would you go?**

I am perfectly happy living exactly where I live right now.

**What is the one talent you wish you had?**

I wish I could really sing.

**What makes a good friend?**

Someone who keeps my secrets and laughs at my jokes.

**If you weren't an author or illustrator, what job would you have?**

If I could really sing? Rock star, definitely!

**What children's books have caught your attention lately?**

I rarely read children's books because I don't want to be influenced by other authors' ideas.

**If you had to have a motto, what would it be?**

I do have a motto and it is carpe diem... seize the day.

