

HELLO

my name is

Kim

25 Fun Facts

(and slightly embarrassing ones)

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1. I can't touch my toes. Well, I can, but not when I bend over.

2. I had a crib in my garage long before my daughter was even pregnant. Now I'm a grandma of two, and it was worth the wait!

3. I love to floss my teeth. It's like an obsession.

4. My husband and I have been married over 30 years. He's still the funniest person I know.

5. My favorite scenes to write are the ones from the serial killer's point of view. They come surprisingly easy to me.

6. Zelda, the cat my daughter and her dorm mates adopted in college, now lives with me. I think she got the better end of that deal.

7. I'm a mascara junkie. I've tried hundreds of brands, and I hate almost all of them.



Baby Zelda

8. DoorDash is my guilty pleasure and the best thing ever invented.

9. When I was little, I collected Star Wars trading cards. All of them! I catalogued them in shoeboxes. I was a bit of a geek.

10. I love Nerds bubblegum. I once ordered a 20-pound box because it's almost impossible to find in stores.

11. I can't get enough of online shopping. I'm pretty sure the UPS guy thinks I'm a shut-in.

12. My reality TV lineup: *Love on the Spectrum*, *The Traitors*, and *Love Is Blind*. No regrets.

13. I spend hours on Pinterest, mostly looking at food I'll never make.

14. To me, a meal isn't complete without dessert.

15. I once went 10 years without eating chocolate. Now I consider it one of the essential daily food groups.

16. My favorite treat: plain M&Ms in popcorn. The trick is to warm the M&Ms first so they're melty!

17. "Research" means reading psychological thrillers and true crime, watching serial killer documentaries, and bingeing every crime drama out there.

18. I'm obsessed with tea. I collect teacups, visit tea shops, and drink tea ALL DAY LONG.

19. I don't like to have my face touched. Ever. Even during a massage. And facials? Eww!

20. I'm like a farmer: up at the crack of dawn and usually in my bathrobe by 7 PM.

21. On writing days, I only get "writer-ready," which is good enough for my family, close friends, and maybe the DoorDash driver. #showeringisoptional

22. When I first met my agent, I was so nervous I confused the words "urban" and "rural"—and still managed to get signed!

23. I love it when people fall. Or run into things. I was probably a Keystone Cop in a past life.

24. I can stand on the tops of my toes—not in a dainty ballerina way, more like a creepy contortionist whose toes curl too far over.

25. I get paid to lie. I have the best job ever!



That's me!