

## Ten Incredibly Random Facts about Mary

1. I have wanted to be a writer since I was in second or third grade. I rode the bus an hour each way, to and from school. At one point, I started interviewing kids on my bus. I wrote articles about them and created my own bus newspaper called *Vince's Varmints*.
2. My favorite color is red.
3. I was once a contestant on the TV game show "Wheel of Fortune." I did not win.
4. I am a horrible, off-key singer.
5. Growing up, my mom was a banker and my dad was an electrician. I have a sister named Bev and a brother named Doug.
6. When I was a kid, I loved the *Amelia Bedelia* books by Peggy Parish. I thought the word play and double meanings were so fun.
7. In my free time, I like to hike, kayak, read, and cook.
8. I think the perfect food combination is peanut butter and chocolate. Just thinking about it makes me hungry!
9. When I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, my friend Sonja accidentally hit me in the head with a baseball bat during P.E. class. I had to go to the hospital to have my earlobe stitched up. Sonja and I are still good friends.
10. My favorite kids' books are always changing, but here are four I love right now:
  - *Cute as an Axolotl* by Jess Keating
  - *Don't Hug Doug (He Really Doesn't Like It)* by Carrie Finnison
  - *Clever Hans: The True Story of the Counting, Adding, and Time-Telling Horse* by Kerri Kokias
  - *This Is a Book to Read with a Worm* by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen



Mary in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade