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IF YOU WROTE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY, WHAT WOULD ITS TITLE BE AND WHY?

I Missed the Off-Ramp: Accidents and Adventures on the Way to a Life. If I had any “life lessons” to share, they would all be about making mistakes, recovering from them, and discovering yourself in the process.

FAVORITE QUOTE?

“Have fun storming the castle!” (It’s from the movie *The Princess Bride*. It’s not in the book, but it’s a great line.)

WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST?

Right now, I’m so inspired by students—from my eight-year-old to the law students I work with every day. Coping with the pandemic, working for their own education and future, fighting for the environment, struggling against injustice. They’re amazing.

IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

Inigo Montoya, except for the facial scars and alcoholism (but then again you wouldn’t really be Inigo without those, right?). So maybe Valerie the Witch (Miracle Max’s wife).

FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION?

Point Reyes National Seashore—paddling the length of Tomales Bay, fresh oysters in Marshall, tent camping at a primitive boat-in site, and moonless nights lit by bioluminescent waters. With pandemic restrictions ruling out many activities and destinations, my family discovered the joys of canoe and kayak camping. There are some wonderful, isolated beaches to stay at—if you don’t mind sharing your campsite with foxes, geoduck clams, egrets, herons, and jellyfish!