

IMPORTANT UNIT DEFINITIONS

Autobiography -- Personal writing about an individual's life written from their perspective.

Memoir -- personal writing about what an individual has learned from specific people or experiences.

Personal narrative -- story focused on a specific event.

ABCs of My Life -- teacher model

B

B is for Bicycle

A bicycle is a freedom machine. You can escape a house with it, you can cross a continent on it, and you can fix it yourself if it breaks down.

C

C is for Chickens

There have been a few significant chickens in my life: those that joined me on an infamous train trek from Northeastern China to Central China in 2006 on a slow train where the benches were wooden and the bathrooms were holes cut in the floor, and those chickens I killed with a machete for food in Belize.

T

T is for Travel

Traveling has been the one major constant in my life post-escape from the orbit of childhood. I've traveled by bike, train (both the old, slow kind and the new bullet trains), plane, boat (large and small, gas-powered), on foot, by car, by hand-paddled dorie (it's a kind of canoe), by horse, and by maglev.