A popular tabloid magazine features a page called “25 Things You Don’t Know About Me.”

Here’s mine.

1. I flip through magazines backwards.
2. I enjoy even numbers.
3. My birthday is comprised of all even numbers.
4. My first cat was named Kenny because she was black and yellow like the colors of the county of my birth, Kilkenny, Ireland.
5. I remember everything—my kindergarten teacher’s collection of belted dresses, childhood friends’ phone numbers (both house and teen lines) and addresses, how I celebrated every single birthday… This increases my capability of blackmail.
6. The toilet paper must fall over the roll, not behind.
7. I have a photographic memory. My fourth-grade textbook (front cover: blue, red, white stars, a painting of men hoisting a flag earthed in soil) had a picture of Molly Pitcher on the top left page.
8. I am always thirsty.
9. I feel there is intelligent life left on the planet when I’m wandering around Barnes and Noble.
10. I feel most at peace when I’m rocking my children, listening to my husband belt out country songs while driving, standing in an Irish meadow, or perusing bookshelves, head-tilted to the side, at a book store or library.
11. I have a Bachelors of English, a certificate to Consult English Teachers and Writers, and a Masters of English.
12. I love my birthday and feel you should be glad to be alive, no matter your age.
13. My dog’s name is Boo Radley. If I could stand one more dog hair in my house, I’d name a second dog Scout.
14. I love a cozy, rainy day every so often.
15. I am a grown woman who is proud to admit she adores Taylor Swift. I was fortunate enough to see her at Lincoln Financial Field, home of the Philadelphia Eagles, in a box with my daughter and her friends and a crowd of 55,000.
16. I quote random lines of books, tv shows, and movies throughout the day. I feel saner when at least one person understands the allusion.
17. I am allergic to cats but own two tomcats named Petunia and Mittens.
18. I drop off bags to Goodwill at least once a month. Clutter clutters the soul. Books aren’t clutter.
19. My cell phone is usually dead.
20. My favorite smell is that of a wood-burning fireplace wafting out into crisp fall or winter air.
21. Sunken pumpkins left rotting on steps in December and crooked or broken vertical blinds irritate me.
22. Until my early twenties, I believed animals crossed in a line at the caution sign as if entering a crosswalk. In my defense, I believe the cover of the Beatle’s Abbey Road album contributed to this misconception.
23. I didn't visit Disney World until my senior trip but have since honeymooned and vacationed with my family there twice.
24. When I was young, I’d love waking up on a weekend morning to lie in bed and listen to my parents mumbled voices at the breakfast table.
25. I collect Disney and *Gone with the Wind*Christmas ornaments.