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Sample Interview Questions

1. Can you explain how you came to write poetry after your traumatic brain injury?
2. What is the name of your new book and, if you had to sum it up in 30 words or less, what is the book's core message?
3. What audience do you hope to reach with [A Life Interrupted: Living with Brain Injury](#)?
4. Do you see the book as a useful tool only for Traumatic Brain Injury survivors, or people with facing other challenges as well?
5. You hold a Masters degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University. How has that background influenced your writing?
6. How has your experience with Traumatic Brain Injury affected your beliefs about life, death or spirituality?
7. How has your ability to express ideas and feelings changed over time?
8. Prior to your own Traumatic Brain Injury, you were an award-winning writer of essays and poems. Completing the manuscript for [A Life Interrupted: Living with Brain Injury](#) and finding a publisher following your accident must have felt daunting at times. Along the way, what obstacles did you face, and how did you persist in the face of them?
9. Have you ever felt cheated or embarrassed by your Traumatic Brain Injury?
10. What can people who feel stuck in their current situation do to move forward?
11. What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment on your journey toward wholeness?
12. Overall, what do you most want people to say about you and your work?
13. What is the best advice that you have ever been given when it comes to writing?
14. What is something your readers might be surprised to learn about you?
15. Where can people buy your new book?