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STRANGERS HAVE THE BEST CANDY
How Talking to Strangers Leads to a Life
of Crazy Adventure and Lifelong Friendship
by Margaret Meps Schulte

"I collect strangers like a squirrel collects nuts," says full-time adventurer Margaret Meps Schulte. In her new book, *STRANGERS HAVE THE BEST CANDY*, she has cast caution to the wind, striking up conversations with laughing, crying, boozing, and topless strangers all over the USA and beyond. Their stories, and the resulting hijinks and friendships, are her candy, her rewards for breaking the rules about talking to strangers.

Schulte's powerful narrative brings unlikely real people into the light, from Betty, the vivacious mayor of a small town in Newfoundland, to Boopsie, a skinny-dipping breast cancer survivor. The book features 125 pen-and-ink doodles, illustrations, and portraits from her chance encounters.

These humorous, heartwarming tales will inspire readers of all ages to talk to strangers and meet new people. Schulte shows us how to set aside fear and judgment to look for connection and serendipity in our own lives.

About the author:

Margaret Meps Schulte is a traveling writer and artist who divides her time between *Flutterby*, a 33-foot sailboat, and the Squid Wagon, a noisy van that travels

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the backroads of the USA and Canada. A former business analyst, she has been talking to strangers and making lifelong friends of them since 1981. Although *Strangers Have the Best Candy* is her first book, she has written hundreds of grocery lists and limericks, and she blogs about her escapades on **www.mepsnbarry.com**.

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