

Tell me about ...

- Something you heard that you'll never forget
- Something you're especially good at
- What you believe in
- The worst sickness you've ever experienced
- How you got your name
- A time when you lost something important to you
- A time in your life when you lied
- Your friends
- Something you're afraid to fail at
- Someone you're not related to who has changed your life
- The saddest day of your life
- What you want to be better at
- A moment when you suddenly saw the world differently
- What you worry about
- Something you're self conscious about
- Something you regret, deeply
- What you love
- What you fear
- A time when you were deeply upset
- The most important woman in your life
- Something you're *not* afraid to fail at

How do you draw such powerful answers from people?

You can *sense* when somebody wants something. It's all about energy exchange, it's not about words. That's what I learned from doing Humans of New York. Somebody's willingness to let me photograph them, and willingness to tell me a story, has nothing to do with the words I say. It all has to do with the energy I'm giving off, which hopefully is very genuine, very interested energy.

– **Brandon Stanton, Humans of New York**