

BIOGRAPHY PROMPTS

PROMPT	YOUR RESPONSE
What is your full birth name?	Ian Lister Handricks
Where were you born?	in the front room of the family home, 9 Farringdon Street, Glen Innes, Auckland
What is your birth date?	6th July 1955
Who delivered you	by Dr. Bertram Colman Greenhill
Who was attending your birth	midwife Sister Irismary Bradford-Smith
What special facts are there about your birth	My middle name is "Lister" named after a small temporary hospital (a converted brothel) in Gisborne where my father, Edwin (Eddie) Lister Handricks, was born in 1926.
Over time, what names have you been given and which name have you chosen to use?	Jinx
Did your mom tell you about the day you were born?	no
What time of the day were you born?	3:15pm
The middle of the night, morning, evening?	afternoon
What was the weather like? Were you born during the middle of a blizzard or on a balmy spring day?	overcast and raining
Describe your mother	slender, ballet dancer, theatrical, seamstress and dressmaker, artistic
Describe your father	grumpy, cynical, bad-tempered, short-fused, loud and difficult to live with

The CHATGPT PROMPT is:

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ChatGPT then produced this in less than 10 seconds:

My full birth name is Ian Lister Handricks, and I was born in the front room of the family home at 9 Farringdon Street in Glen Innes, Auckland, on July 6th, 1955. I was delivered by Dr. Bertram Colman Greenhill, with midwife Sister Irismary Bradford-Smith attending my birth.

One special fact about my birth is that my middle name is "Lister," named after a small temporary hospital in Gisborne where my father, Edwin (Eddie) Lister Handricks, was born in 1926. As for names, I've been given various nicknames over time, but the one that has stuck is "Jinx," which I choose to use.

I've never heard my mom tell me about the day I was born, but I do know that I was born in the afternoon, at 3:15 pm, on an overcast and rainy day. I don't know if it was particularly cold or warm outside, but I imagine it was a cozy day to be born inside.

My mother was a slender ballet dancer with a theatrical streak. She was also a seamstress and dressmaker, with a true artistic flair. My father, on the other hand, was grumpy, cynical, bad-tempered, and short-fused. He could be loud and difficult to live with, but I know he loved me in his own way.

Looking back on my birth and early days, I feel grateful for the life I've lived and the people who have been a part of it. It's fascinating to think about how even the smallest details, like a converted brothel or a rainy day, can shape who we become.