

## Miss Teen full of surprises



Sabrina Fitzpatrick

**“P**eople tell me I have a personality like Ellen DeGeneres and looks like Shania Twain,” says Sabrina Fitzpatrick, Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador.

That’s quite an attractive combination. Fitzpatrick surprised me in a number of ways.

I didn’t expect a country music fan. I didn’t expect her to eat as much as she did. I didn’t expect her to be so talkative and hyper.

We arrive at Jungle Jim’s on George. She has brought her boyfriend and older sister. She had previous plans with them so they came along, too.

Her boyfriend, a quiet young man, smiles whenever she talks about her love for various teen idols or her favourite movie, *The Notebook*. Her sister encourages

her to say things even when she hesitates.

She orders a Caesar salad to start, then monkey fingers and home fries — her favourites. “I’m a home fries type of girl,” she laughs.

She subverts my stereotype of the afraid-to-eat pageant contestant. “You need a good feed of fatty food to keep you going,” she says.

Fitzpatrick is funny, exciting and talkative, qualities that work well with the crown. Although she seems happy, she finds the hardest thing about being Miss Teen is smiling all the time.

The best is travelling and meeting people. This summer, she hopes to meet Rex Goudie, Brad Gushue and Billy Talent. Although Goudie’s stock has lowered since he and Melissa coupled.

When Fitzpatrick isn’t busy in school or attending Miss Teen events, she hangs out, works at Garage Clothing and dances. Her favourite music is country. “I love Garth Brooks,” she says.

She also tries to read. She enjoys Harry Potter books, but groans that the latest movies aren’t as good as the older ones.

In some ways, Fitzpatrick is a typical teen. In other ways she’s not at all. She knows what she wants

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and is well spoken. She seems competitive, the type who has to be the banker when playing Monopoly. And if she had a chance to meet anyone it wouldn’t be a big-name Hollywood star. It’d be Lanier Phillips, an African American who joined a segregated navy and was shipwrecked off Newfoundland in 1942. Some locals saved him from hypothermia. He said it was the only place where he was treated like an equal.

Although Fitzpatrick just turned 16, she’s not naïve to the way the world works, and the power beauty and money hold. She would love to trade places with Natalie Gleobora, Miss Universe, who lives in Trump Towers and has a rental cost of \$10,000 a day.

Maybe Sabrina will be Miss Universe some day. If not, she’ll be happy staying in Newfoundland and becoming a surgeon.

She just wants to be close to her family and be happy. Right now, she wouldn’t change anything.

“I’ve got it pretty good.” ☺

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