

NY LUNCH

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IF you are not from New York, you don't know lunch.

You don't know how to order a sandwich.

Like Alaska has words for snow, NY has words for sandwiches.

Wedges, hoagies, subs bagels, sandwiches, heroes, there are more.

You don't know that you decide on the shell first-but order the middle first.

If you aren't from NY, you don't know how many choices exist for just the outside. You don't know that the bread, or shell of the sandwich is just the beginning- but deciding on type of bread, texture, toasted, grilled, with or without seeds is important because it couches the inside.

If you aren't from NY you don't know how to skip to the middle. You need to know how to select the main ingredient. If you aren't from NY, you don't know that the brand and type of meat and thickness of cut matter.

You don't know that if you say turkey, you have limited yourself.-like ordering a rail drink at an open bar.

If you aren't from NY, you won't feel comfortable saying "I'll have a Boar's Head smoked, peppered turkey on a toasted Kaiser roll."

If you are not from NY, you don't know to pause here and wait while the meat is freshly cut, slice, slice, slice and stacked thick. You may not know that the cheese is ordered with the same care. You may think that then you are done.

If you are not from NY, you may not know the importance of specifying lettuce, not iceberg, no tomatoes, mayo, spread thin, and salt and pepper. "Boar's Head smoked, peppered turkey on a toasted Kaiser roll with muenster cheese, lettuce, not iceberg, no tomatoes, mayo, spread thin, and salt and pepper."

If you are not from NY, you don't know how the salt of the pickle is and the sweet of the egg cream balance the sandwich.

If you aren't from NY, you missed lunch.

You Don't Understand..

Donna O'Neill

If you're not a MS teacher you don't know the joys of working with adolescents.

You don't know that a bright smile can flip to a surly scowl to a quivering tear drop in a five minute span.

You don't know that a best friend can change to a treacherous liar and back in a single block period.

You don't know that the most detailed, heartfelt writing is found in an intricately folded note being surreptitiously passed down the aisle from one BFF to the other.

If you are not a MS teacher, you don't know the tempestuous tortured times of the tweeners. If you aren't a MS teacher, you've missed out