

In touch with twins



- 1 There's something so fascinating about twins – something that we can't quite understand but are nonetheless drawn to. Psychology in particular is still fascinated with the study of identical twins. However, the rest of us are more interested in the supernatural quality that some twins seem to have; the ability to finish each other's sentences, or to know instinctively when something is 'not right' with the other.
- 2 Margaret Rafferty is an identical twin, and she knows all too well what this special twin sixth sense is all about. "When I was backpacking overseas (this was the early 90's, before email and Facebook, when the only way to make immediate contact was by phone), no one could get in touch with us in a hurry as they never knew exactly where we were," says Margaret. "One morning, when we were in Scotland on the Isle of Skye, I woke up with the overwhelming urge to call my sister, Anne. I told my husband I had to call her immediately so we drove to the nearest town, found a phone box and I rang her. It turned out she was about to go into hospital that very day for surgery."
- 3 "But then again, mostly it's not like that," says Margaret. "I remember introducing my twin to someone and this guy saying, 'So, do you know what Anne's thinking?' and I don't know why but I replied with, 'Yeah. Right now she's thinking, 'God, they always ask us that!'"

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