

# 10 Pins with a legend:

## Week 1- Schmertie

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### Your place for the inside scoop on the warriors of The Book Club Invitational World Championship

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For this week's edition of 10 pins with a legend we sat down with Schmertie to get inside the mind of the BCIWC's alternative character. After a bit of small talk we got straight into the nitty gritty of what makes Schmertie tick. Ladies and Gentlemen... Schmertie!

**1- Schmertie, first of all welcome to the couch. First things first- how do you get your guidance on morality, on what's right and what's wrong?**

Thank you kind sir. I should be humbled to be here but I don't have time for that sentiment. As you know I am an incredibly busy man. Morality? What's right and wrong? Well, Google has been a great source for me when I have these morality questions.

Yahoo answers and [whatwouldjesusdo.com](http://whatwouldjesusdo.com) have also helped immensely but mainly I just know, you know?

**2- Very good. Now, any secret skills that we don't know that you have?**

Some of my many fans may not know this about me, but I can consistently hit a bottle cap with an arrow from 40 paces. Also I can dance the cha cha.

**3-Right, you've got a great reputation for sportsmanship, where do you think that came from in you?**

In my latter years I guess a lot of it came from watching my friends play golf. The concept of playing fair and within the rules intrigued me but I think it really came from my younger years.

My primary school football coach always said 'Andrew, you go into packs like an octopus with no legs'. As you can see, he was a wise man. I think that's important when talking about sportsmanship. Thanks Mr Mitchell



#### **4-How would you describe yourself in a sentence and what's it like being Schmertie?**

*'Too weird to live, too rare to die.'* Or at least someone else did and I'm stealing it shamelessly.

What's it like being Schmertie? Good question! Pretty great actually. I don't know how else to answer that. If only everyone had a day to walk in my shoes, I believe the world would be a better place.

#### **5-You're a beautiful man - have you felt sort of pressure in your life to conform to any stereotypes of beauty? And, how did you come to cultivate your very famous look?**

I know it's easy to say coming from my privileged position, but I truly believe that beauty is the most important part of a person and in fact, the most important part of being a person. If you're not beautiful, you are a lesser person for it. I haven't felt pressure to be anything but that which I am, an insanely attractive man.

How did I come to cultivate my very famous look? Well, I cultivated my folk beard as homage to my father. The rest of my look is just natural. I know people won't believe it, but I don't spend a lot of time on my appearance

#### **6-Did you enjoy being on the alternative comedy circuit?**

My time on the alternative circ, in comedy parlance, was a refreshing change of pace. It felt so good to give back to the fans, and see the joy on their faces in such close proximity. It's definitely something I want to do again.

#### **7-You've sometimes caused offence with your lifestyle - do you ever set out to cause offence, do you deliberately cause offence?**

I can understand why some might find my eternal optimism and happy go lucky style annoying. It's hard to see things come to others so easily (such as my degrees) when you've (they've) worked so hard to be not quite as good. I have empathy for them, but I don't let what I can't change bother me.

#### **8- Where did you get the will to win from and does winning/losing affect your mood at home?**

I don't really have a strong innate desire to win. I have an incredible drive to do my best as I am an incredibly driven individual (as you know), and so far for me, my best means winning. I do get quite excited when I win and sometimes it takes me a while to fall asleep when I get home. Losing? I'll let you know how losing feels when I experience it

#### **9-Your parents are both (in)famous folk singers. Have you felt pressure in your life coming from a dynasty of musicians and do people approach you in your daily life?**

I actually have felt pressure though you wouldn't know it from my cool exterior. As you know, I have made a couple of dub step hit records despite having a lot of pressure from my parents to be a folk musician. They have come to see the value of dub step to the world now though, and couldn't be prouder. My brother is a bit of a pioneer on the underground scene so we like to get together as often as we can to share the magic.

Being approached on the streets? Mostly people are too intimidated to approach me, but some do eventually work up the courage. I actually prefer people to talk to me than the constant adoring stares. I don't bite, people!

**10-How would you describe your style of cooking, or does it change?**

I mainly cook Asian/sub Saharan fusion with a dash of gastromics. I do like to change it up sometimes, you know, keep the mystery and all that.

**Bonus question: Finally, who is going to win the BCIWC?**

Me. Who else?!?

