The DEFINITE ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s pop legend Suzi Quatro’s turn

The prized possession you value above all others... A small blue-and-white sugar bowl and salt and pepper shaker set that I gave my mom Helen for Mother’s Day when I was seven. She treasured them until she died in 1992.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... Having an abortion when I was 18. I’m a Catholic, so it went against my beliefs, but I wouldn’t have led the life I have if I’d been a teenage mother.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran. I read it as a teenager and I’ve never put it down. I refer to it every day.

The temptation you wish you could resist... The pet hate that makes your hackles rise... It drives me crazy if someone’s not really listening when I’m talking.

The film you can watch time and time again... I’ve seen Gone With The Wind at least 100 times. It has this emotive quality that you can feel in life.

The happiest moment you will cherish forever... When Mickie Most offered me a contract when I was 21. He saw me perform with my sisters, but only wanted me. He said, ‘Stay in the US and be the next Janis Joplin, or come to Britain and be the first Suzi Quatro.’ I’m still here!

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Woman for a day... I’d eavesdrop on any of my three sisters after we’ve had an argument. We love each other, but we fight.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on... The misapprehension about yourself you wish you could erase... That I’m intimating. I’m kind and approachable.

The song that means most to you... When I Fall In Love played at the end. It’s a song that says what life is all about.

The way you want to be remembered... Honest, kind and entertaining.

The Unfulfilled Ambition that continues to haunt you... To make a movie of my life – but the real story, not some Hollywood version. I think Carey Mulligan would be perfect to play me.

The last time I spoke to my mom... I was in England because I couldn’t face being there right at the end. We talked on the phone and she died a day later. I think of her every day.

The order of service at your funeral... When I Fall In Love by Nat King Cole, because it says what life is all about.

The way you would spend your fantasy day... I’d travel on my own so there’d be no compromises! The day would begin at sunrise with grapefruit juice and coffee on a deserted beach in Maui. Hawaii. I’d then spend all morning in my childhood neighbourhood in Detroit, and later play poker at MotorCity Casino. Lunch would be at New York’s Mezzaluna restaurant, which makes the world’s best pizza. I’d stroll around Manhattan, then spend the afternoon in Tokyo. After an amazing Japanese dinner, I’d end up in Australia, which, after 30 tours, is like a second home. In Melbourne I’d catch up with my husband Rainer and my kids [from her first marriage] Richard, 31, and Laura, 33, plus Laura’s daughter Amy, 14, and her foster son Taylor, seven. We’d stay at the Crown Hotel.

The saddest time that shook your world... The last time I spoke to my mom. I was in England because I couldn’t face being there right at the end. We talked on the phone and she died a day later. I think of her every day.

The philosophy that underpins your life... If you don’t tell your truth to somebody, you deny them the opportunity to tell you their truth.

The order of service at your funeral... I’ll have a traditional service at the Catholic church near my home in Essex, with When I Fall In Love played at the end.

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The Plug... The Girl From Detroit City box set of four CDs is out now. Suzi’s poetry anthology Through My Eyes is available at suziquatro.com.

As told to Rob McGibbon

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PS...

Julia Roberts and Jennifer Aniston team up in rom-com Mother’s Day – in cinemas from Friday. The Monkees’ new album Good Times is out now. And Martin Shaw stars in Hobson’s Choice at London’s Vaudeville Theatre from Wednesday

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