

What Doreen gave us was that wonderful basic instinct of recognising truth. You know when you're lying (and sometimes you can't do anything about it) but she gave us a pinnacle to aim for, and a lifejacket to save us, when things become bewildering! She was full of passion, power and humour, and we were all desperate for her approval. When Doreen gave you a compliment, you knew it was the real deal. She was one of a kind, and every student she taught was incredibly lucky (and slightly scared).

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