

Improving Your Storytelling Beyond The Basics For All Who Tell Stories In Work And Play American Storytelling

This book is uniquely original and can be personalized with any girl's name. How fun is that? Think of the possibilities: baby or shower gifts, birthdays, a special something from grandma, and more. You can purchase the book as shown, using Faith in the title, or personalize it to suit your specific needs. Simply contact us at eStoryTime.com BEFORE placing your Amazon order and we'll take care of the rest. After contacting us, you'll still need to order the book through Amazon, so we'll send you a direct link to use when placing your order. It will assure the book is personalized with the name you've requested. We've taken the worry out of the process and your child will be thrilled with the final product. Who doesn't like to see their name on the cover or hear it related throughout the story? The author, Melissa Ryan, is the mother of five children and knows the importance of reading to your little ones. It instills a love of books and fosters an active imagination in the youngest of readers. Help start them on a path of discovery with Melissa's stories. The tale of Faith is perfect for bedtime, especially when unleashing the child's wonder by using her own name. This is a book that can be enjoyed over and over again, and will be remembered long after the last page is read and the lights turned out. Faith's Hiccum-ups Day is beautifully written and will hold your child's attention while you share this delightful tale. Tag along with Faith as she giggles, HIC's, and jumps her way through a day with the hiccum-ups. See the silly things her family suggests to solve her problem. It's a day filled with enough fun for everyone. Faith will capture your heart, and the moments spent reading it together will build fond memories that will be cherished throughout the years. Your little girls grow up all too fast; make lasting impressions while you can. This is just one of several books offered by Melissa in her ever-expanding children's book series. You'll learn to love and appreciate the extra attention that goes into each volume. Special care is taken to keep the child's heart at the center of each story, helping them build character and learn something along the way. Encourage that special child in your life to embrace what is truly unique, and sometimes funny, about their developing personalities. Spend a few minutes with Faith on her I-Didn't-Do-It kind of day and make bedtime special, while you create a binding relationship with the power of reading...you'll look back in awe at the foundations you've built. Please customize and purchase this book for a special little girl in your life today. Tags: personalized children's books, personalized gifts, personalized baby gifts, personalized, bedtime stories, bedtime story, Faith, 1st birthday gifts

For children of all ages "Story Time" is an adventure. Stories, both real and imaginary, help us to learn more about our world and the people around us. As we hear or read stories we have the ability to become a part of those stories. But

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do we think of story time as having a place in great art? This is a picture book of children's stories and story time. In these pages you will find artwork from various fairy tales and stories, as well as paintings depicting children enjoying those stories.

The compelling, groundbreaking guide to creative writing that reveals how the brain responds to storytelling. Stories shape who we are. They drive us to act out our dreams and ambitions and mold our beliefs. Storytelling is an essential part of what makes us human. So, how do master storytellers compel us? In *The Science of Storytelling*, award-winning writer and acclaimed teacher of creative writing Will Storr applies dazzling psychological research and cutting-edge neuroscience to our myths and archetypes to show how we can write better stories, revealing, among other things, how storytellers—and also our brains—create worlds by being attuned to moments of unexpected change. Will Storr's superbly chosen examples range from Harry Potter to Jane Austen to Alice Walker, Greek drama to Russian novels to Native American folk tales, King Lear to *Breaking Bad* to children's stories. With sections such as "The Dramatic Question," "Creating a World," and "Plot, Endings, and Meaning," as well as a practical, step-by-step appendix dedicated to "The Sacred Flaw Approach," *The Science of Storytelling* reveals just what makes stories work, placing it alongside such creative writing classics as John Yorke's *Into the Woods: A Five-Act Journey into Story* and Lajos Egri's *The Art of Dramatic Writing*. Enlightening and empowering, *The Science of Storytelling* is destined to become an invaluable resource for writers of all stripes, whether novelist, screenwriter, playwright, or writer of creative or traditional nonfiction.

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Have you ever wanted to learn Spanish and have fun at the same time? Most of the time, teaching books are boring. They always have the same kind of format: Two (sometimes more) people talking about where the library is, or where to find Juan. That's boring, and to be honest, it's not a great way to learn the language (not to mention that they don't always talk about things that you might encounter in your daily life, for example, a judgmental ghost, being the last man on Earth, or maybe find that the love of your life has been stolen). But in this book, I will give you 20 short stories that will range from science fiction to romance, everything in between and sometimes even more. These stories will give you an entire picture of the Spanish language, and how to appreciate the subtlety of the language. The Spanish language is rich, full of small differences between the different countries. Things that might be one way in Argentina might be different in Spain or Mexico. But don't worry, with this book, you will have a firm grasp on the language, and you will be able to understand and have a conversation with any Spanish speaker. After each story, there will be a questionnaire section where you will answer questions about the stories in Spanish. I really suggest to grab a blank page, and write down the answers, or the small assignments that you will be

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given (don't worry, they won't be long!). Remember to write them in Spanish, so you can practice and use the language. Also, in this section, you will find grammar and fun facts not just from the stories themselves, but from the inspirations behind them, and facts about living in a Spanish country. I hope you like them. All these stories are written from my heart, and I deeply hope that you will find them funny, mysterious, romantic, or at least entertaining. That's my goal as a writer, and I hope you enjoy your time reading (and learning!) Get your copy now!

The author is Brazilian, has African ancestry and looks somewhat like the former president of the United States, Barack Obama. Martinês Rocha was born and raised in a small inland town in the province of Bahia, where even today, in 2018, segregation still exists. Here he talks about how he fights this segregation without weapons. In this, his second book, Martinês also shows why it is worth following your dreams and through knowledge seeking better times and always believing in yourself. Martinês went to live and study in another country following his dreams and goals in life. He returned because it did not work out, but he did not give up, and carried on. He became the first crew member of a long-established British cruise company to sell his books on board whilst working on the ship. His first book was released in a unique format in Brazil, and was the second in the world to be published in that format. Martinês discovered his world visiting 94 countries and over 500 cities, getting to know cultures and races that were to have a great influence to him. He had to go far to understand what life really meant to him. Do you think he was successful? How far can you go? Read this book and discover with him...

Roary is everyman's dream with her long, beautiful chestnut hair, bright green eyes, luscious tan skin, and tight, toned body. Roary spent her entire life as an Army brat and after the death of her father she becomes an exotic dancer. Through her many adventures with her friend Shelly she finds herself falling for a Soldier. Between the pain of losing her father, love for dancing, and defying her own rules, Roary finds herself on the adventure of a lifetime.

Storytelling can be a lifelong and life sustaining habit of mind, a personal inheritance that connects us to our communities. It can also serve as an organizational inheritance—a management tool that helps businesses to develop and thrive. For more than a decade, award-winning author Janis Forman has been helping executives to tell stories in service of their organizational objectives. In *Storytelling in Business: The Authentic and Fluent Organization*, she teaches readers everywhere how the craft of storytelling can help them to achieve their professional goals. Focusing on the role of storytelling at the enterprise level, this book provides a research-driven framework for engaging in organizational storytelling. Forman presents original cases from Chevron, FedEx, Phillips, and Schering-Plough. Organizations like those featured in the book can make use of storytelling for good purposes, such as making sense of their strategy, communicating it, and developing or strengthening culture and brand. These

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uses of storytelling generate positive consequences that can have a sustained and significant impact on an organization. While large firms employ teams of digital and communication professionals, there's much that any of us can extrapolate from their experience to create stories to further our own objectives. To show the reach of storytelling, Forman conducted 140 interviews with professionals ranging from CEOs in small and thriving firms, to corporate communication and digital media experts, to filmmakers—arguably the world experts in visual storytelling. She draws out specific lessons learned, and shows how to employ the road-tested strategies demonstrated by these leaders. Although this book focuses on storytelling in the context of business, Forman takes inspiration from narratives in literature and film, philosophical and social thought, and relevant concepts from a variety of other disciplines to instruct the reader on how to develop truly authentic and meaningful tales to drive success. A final chapter brings readers back to square one: the development of their own "signature story." This book is a pioneering work that guides us beyond the pressure and noise of daily organizational life to influence people in a sustained, powerful way. It teaches us to be fluent storytellers who succeed by mastering this vital skill.

What do Scientists Say About Time Travel? It's fair to say that most scientists today will tell you that time travel is impossible. Three of today's top physicists - Charles Liu, Brian Green and Michio Kaku - all hold that time travel is, if not impossible, unlikely in the extreme. However, one of the most brilliant minds of our time, physicist Stephen Hawking, disagrees - although only partially. He believes that time travel is theoretically possible, but only into the future. But What Do Real People Experience? The opinion of science, however, has never stopped thousands of people around the world from reporting what they firmly believe are actual experiences of spontaneous time travel! Still others insist that time travel is not only possible, but they have already done it as part of top secret government programmes. Claims for time travel range from the highly flaky to the astoundingly believable. They are especially difficult to dismiss when time travel reports come from absolutely ordinary, rock-solid people who have nothing to gain by proclaiming they travelled in time. Many people who report time travel experiences don't necessarily believe it themselves. What happened to them was so strange, so unexpected, yet so real; they simply have no other good explanation for their experience. You will meet a number of such individuals in this book, most of their stories straight out of the headline of local newspapers. No doubt, a story or two will strike the reader as pure balderdash. On the other hand, some of these cases of time travel are tantalizing and unexplainable. They also come with a certain amount of solid evidence, such as stopped clocks, frozen machines and electromagnetic devices acting in inexplicable ways. Physicist and NASA scientist Tom Campbell said that scientific advances always 'come from the fringe.' Thus, even if you consider some of these stories stepping dangerously 'out there' onto that fringy edge, remember that many of yesterday's

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fringe theories are today's scientific fact. At the very least, it doesn't hurt to approach the idea of time travel with an open mind and a sense of wonder. My Everyday Repertoire (MER) is geared towards different levels for a second or foreign language lesson in English. It is designed to meet the needs of the beginner in terms of vocabulary, listening and pronunciation. It offers great practice in each of these areas. In each lesson, important grammatical structures and vocabulary are used. The texts you will find in this directory are realistic and practical, and the situations in each of its thirteen chapters provide a cultural context that will be recognizable and relevant. MER is practical and easy to use. MER consists of Vocabulary overview: Words or idiomatic structures related to the topic or topic of each lesson are included in the vocabulary overview section. This section introduces the vocabularies in series and allows the student to apply the vocabulary and idiomatic structures where they are defined (explained). The student must be able to understand their meanings. The texts: MER is divided into thirteen Chapters covering a range of topics ranging from school and family, home, employment, interests and leisure and animals Each chapter offers essential vocabulary related to its topic, as well as important verbs and idioms that are generally difficult for beginning learners. Throughout each Chapter, students have the opportunity to be very active and engaged learners. It is possible to go through the next one in random order. Each chapter is almost independent. Students who are successful in speaking fluently know that the language is not mastered by studying, but by speaking. This means using English. The use of English broadens the experience and this experience makes you a better English speaker. Now we want you to be clear about what you will learn and want to learn with the texts found in this book. With My Everyday Repertoire (MER) you will train your ears with slow and active listening, you will improve your discussions with active conversation lessons. You will learn grammar with our grammar unconsciously, you will use grammar without studying grammar. If you want to improve your writing, you are in the wrong place. We don't focus on writing, we focus on listening and speaking, because focused action is the fastest way to regain fluency. My Everyday Répertoire will guide you to take specific actions that produce results. Practicing your English without a partner is a big problem. My Everyday Répertoire has the Answer, with active conversation lessons, you can improve your speaking ability even when you are alone. Increasing your current talk time is the only way to improve your listening skills and understanding. Because you can put these lessons on your computer and mp3 player, you can improve your listening and conversation anywhere, anytime. When you clean the house. When you cook, when you exercise. While driving to work. With mp3 audio lessons, finding time to practice and take action on your English goals is as easy as one, two, three. Press play, listen and speak. Too easy. there are over 100 listening and discussion lessons. He was famous for telling stories. He could always make the story interesting. He had a way of seeing the best or funniest of every situation. He wrote down over

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180 of his best stories in his last few years for all his family and friends. You will laugh, and relate to the stories of childhood, school years, and growing up during the depression. From his northern New Jersey, small town home he shares what it was like growing up in the 20's and 30's. From logging to working with horses, the stories provide a great view of the life style from that time period.

My Overdue Book: Too many stories not to tell: spells out the varied episodes in the life of a man who spent decades working in Hollywood. He began as a little boy in Cincinnati impressed early on by the broadcasting magic of radio and then TV in the middle of twentieth century America. His drive to get into broadcasting culminates in an early success that gets interrupted by an unexpected sidebar in The US Army and a subsequent tour as an Infantryman in Vietnam in the late 1960's. His yearlong excursion in "Fun City East," with its repeated life and death experiences, had lifelong effects on this soldier-of-media. Following his wanderings through the jungles of Vietnam, Bright's interactions with many of America's top public figures throughout his decades in radio and television come to life with intriguing stories that are personal, professional, positive and negative. It's life without a filter! Readers across generations will share and co-experience numerous real life feelings and emotions with writer Bright as his winding trail of life opens in front of them. book endorsement for peter bright; i always thought that peter bright and i had many things in common; we both grew up in ohio, we both had careers in the live event and variety side of television, and the few times we had times to talk i thought we shared a mutual philosophy toward the ups and downs of life. but it wasn't until i read his "overdue" book that i realized just what a rich and storied life peter has had and how much more deeply he had experienced the highs and lows, particularly during his years in the military, than i ever could have imagined. it really amazes me just how little we know about people we think we know, and just how much more we appreciate who they are when we are fortunate enough to have that background filled in by someone as articulate and able to express both facts and feelings as peter has in this book. when i started to read it, i thought all of those common events that we shared would be an interesting parallel track to my life and as such i would have a great frame of reference, but as i read on, i realized just what an amazing story peter has to tell and just how well he tells it. ken ehrlich, executive producer, the grammy awards

"Stories of Practitioner Research in the Early Years shows how research has informed and created effective and valuable reflective practice in early years education, and offers depth to the arguments for a research-orientated stance to this vital field of study. This thought-provoking text explores and documents a variety of small-scale practitioner research projects from the home and early years settings. The stories are centred around real life for children, families and workers and offer practical ideas and support for early years students around the world. They engage in some of the most current debates in early childhood education today, such as: - How to support children as individuals - How young

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children learn and how parents support their learning - How to lead and facilitate change in a way that does not take power away from children, parents or workers - How to support children in taking risks - How to support parents in returning to learning. Throughout this book, the 'Pen Green' attitude to practitioner research is actively encouraged. This involves fostering curiosity, being open to the views of others, questioning the 'taken for granted', making the implicit explicit and reflecting on one's daily work. Any practitioner research in early years education and care will draw inspiration from this accessible and supportive text"-- Provided by publisher.

She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, *The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One*. Meet Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all? This book will help you write better stories, spot and fix common issues, split stories so that they are smaller but still valuable, and deal with difficult stuff like crosscutting concerns, long-term effects and non-functional requirements. Above all, this book will help you achieve the promise of agile and iterative delivery: to ensure that the right stuff gets delivered through productive discussions between delivery team members and business stakeholders. Who is this book for? This is a book for anyone working in an iterative delivery environment, doing planning with user stories. The ideas in this book are useful both to people relatively new to user stories and those who have been working with them for years. People who work in software delivery, regardless of their role, will find plenty of tips for engaging stakeholders better and structuring iterative plans more effectively. Business stakeholders working with software teams will discover how to provide better information to their delivery groups, how to set better priorities and how to outrun the competition by achieving more with less software. What's inside? Unsurprisingly, the book contains exactly fifty ideas. They are grouped into five major parts: - Creating stories: This part deals with capturing information about stories before they get accepted into the delivery pipeline. You'll find ideas about what kind of information to note down on story cards and how to quickly spot potential problems. - Planning with stories: This part contains ideas that will help you manage the big-picture view, set milestones and organise long-term work. -

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Discussing stories: User stories are all about effective conversations, and this part contains ideas to improve discussions between delivery teams and business stakeholders. You'll find out how to discover hidden assumptions and how to facilitate effective conversations to ensure shared understanding. - Splitting stories: The ideas in this part will help you deal with large and difficult stories, offering several strategies for dividing them into smaller chunks that will help you learn fast and deliver value quickly. - Managing iterative delivery: This part contains ideas that will help you work with user stories in the short and mid term, manage capacity, prioritise and reduce scope to achieve the most with the least software. About the authors: Gojko Adzic is a strategic software delivery consultant who works with ambitious teams to improve the quality of their software products and processes. Gojko's book Specification by Example was awarded the #2 spot on the top 100 agile books for 2012 and won the Jolt Award for the best book of 2012. In 2011, he was voted by peers as the most influential agile testing professional, and his blog won the UK agile award for the best online publication in 2010. David Evans is a consultant, coach and trainer specialising in the field of Agile Quality. David helps organisations with strategic process improvement and coaches teams on effective agile practice. He is regularly in demand as a conference speaker and has had several articles published in international journals.

THE Book on Storytelling offers a step-by-step process that teaches you how to build one skill upon another. When you reach the last page of this book, you will have a formula that enables you to discover, develop and deliver your most powerful stories that help you: *Become better know in your industry *Advance your carerr or business faster *Increase your income *Save years of learning time *Have fun when you share your story with others Invest in this book and become a presenter who Stands OUT! every time you tell your story!

Throughout our lives, story is the medium each of us uses to make sense of our environment and relationships. Stories provide meaning and context, enriching our experiences and equipping us with a framework to navigate our existence. Storytelling in Medicine is a unique, practical book for healthcare trainees, practitioners and educators that explores the ideas and practice of narrative and storytelling that lie at the very heart of clinical medicine and the patient 'experience' of care. It shows how story and narrative can be used effectively to help convey concepts such as prognosis and the effect of illness upon life, and to prepare patients and their relatives for difficult and painful news. Offering a particular insight into communication by and between healthcare professionals, and how it can be refocused and improved, the book is an invaluable teaching aid for educators working in both small and large formats, and for under- and postgraduate students.

Most people have been conditioned to believe that business communication must be clear, rational, and objective, with no place for emotion or subjective thinking. Yet the most powerful, persuasive communication has a human element... often delivered simply and personally through the telling of stories. This book shows readers how to use personal stories to get their ideas across and create meaningful connections

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between themselves and their audience. Moving beyond the usual speech-openers or ice-breakers, the book gives readers a process for finding, developing, and using their own stories, including how to: * gain people's trust * use six different kinds of stories * shift from everyday thinking into story thinking * help shape group decisions and actions. Filled with enlightening anecdotes, this practical guide gives readers the tools they need to persuade, inspire, and influence others through the power of story. CEO Refresher The Best Books of 2007

We all tell stories. It's one of the most natural ways to share information, as old as the human race. This book is not about a new technique, but how to use something we already know in a new way. Stories help us gather and communicate user research, put a human face on analytic data, communicate design ideas, encourage collaboration and innovation, and create a sense of shared history and purpose. This book looks across the full spectrum of user experience design to discover when and how to use stories to improve our products. Whether you are a researcher, designer, analyst or manager, you will find ideas and techniques you can put to use in your practice. Dare to entertain the possibility that superheroes and epic quests are more than the stuff of your favorite movies, books, and TV shows-they're also the foundation of a successful corporate culture, effective communication, and brand image. Veteran corporate storyteller and keynote speaker Shane Meeker (<https://www.storymythos.com/>) takes his favorites from stage, page, and screen and turns them into ways to approach communications, branding, and other key marketing elements. In this book, you'll learn: - Why stories make people care - The recipe for a compelling story - The dangers of a bad story - How your brand is like Glinda the Good Witch - How the Marvel Cinematic Universe can inspire your innovation pipeline And much more-including workbook sections that will help you discover the power of your stories. If you are ready to write your own story, then begin reading StoryMythos today! Prepare to experience the potency of narrative and myth to transform you and your company with direction, purpose, and the power of imagination. "Infused with sharp and relevant examples from movies, Walt Disney, and P&G, this book leaves one not only better appreciating the power of storytelling but knowing how to make it happen." -John Pepper, Former CEO of Procter & Gamble and Former Chairman of the Board of the Walt Disney Company

"The sign read, 'MR. FUN IS HERE'. The sign was telling me, telling one and all who cared to heed its call, that if fun was your quest, you had reached your journey's end."From the edge of the universe to the bottom of the world, from a mind lost to a scene of murder dark, from a never-ending road to a ruined life reclaimed and with a side trip back to the old neighborhood thrown in just for good measure. Nick takes his readers along on a varied and engaging journey to the sublime or the awful, to the uplifting or the cautionary, from the humorous or the bizarre to the heartbreaking as his pieces transition fluidly, effortlessly, joyfully from one genre to the next, from one style, one voice to the next with the clear vision, the unblinking eye and the masterful hand of a storyteller with both feet firmly planted in an off-kilter place you've never been before. MR. FUN IS HERE - 25 short stories from the troubled mind of Nicholas D. Sasuta.MR. FUN IS HERE - COME ON IN!

A five-time Moth GrandSLAM winner and bestselling novelist shows how to tell a great story — and why doing so matters. Whether we realize it or not, we are always telling

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stories. On a first date or job interview, at a sales presentation or therapy appointment, with family or friends, we are constantly narrating events and interpreting emotions and actions. In this compelling book, storyteller extraordinaire Matthew Dicks presents wonderfully straightforward and engaging tips and techniques for constructing, telling, and polishing stories that will hold the attention of your audience (no matter how big or small). He shows that anyone can learn to be an appealing storyteller, that everyone has something "story worthy" to express, and, perhaps most important, that the act of creating and telling a tale is a powerful way of understanding and enhancing your own life.

Discusses methods of storytelling, and encourages the storyteller to think on their feet, by using facial expressions, voice control, timing, hand movements, style, imagery, and other details that enhance a tale-telling session

A Collection of Matt Shaw's heartbreaking dramas Matt Shaw does not just write horror. In fact, when asked what his favourite books are, he often names the tales collected within this set. Stories of heartbreak, loss and grief - all with an element of hope... A hope we often forget when dealing with grief. Contained within this collection Heaven's Calling BOY: Built to Love The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard (unpublished short story) Alone Heaven's Calling Josh and Holly could face anything thrown at them all the time they had each other. Their love would conquer anything and the world was their oyster. But when a tragic accident tears Josh away from Holly she realises that, without her husband, she cannot cope and her world begins to crumble; her loss being more than she can handle. Until, that is, she receives a phone call. Her late husband. The same time every day; he doesn't appear to know what has happened to him and Holly can't bring herself to tell him. She isn't even sure if it really is him calling or whether it's all in her tormented mind. Especially seeing as the calls only happen when she is alone. Is it all in her head, has she gone mad, or is heaven really calling? Boy: Built to Love No parent should have to bury their own child and yet that was exactly what they had to do. Stillborn; a young boy never to open his eyes to take in the world around him. And now Lucy and Jack's marriage was on the verge of crumbling under the strain of the grief they struggled to cope with. A grief made worse when the doctors tell them they'll never be able to have a child of their own due to complications from the last pregnancy. But what if it didn't have to be that way? What if there was a way of using science and technology to create a son they could love? What if Jack was able to use Artificial Intelligence to create A Boy: Built to Love? Is the answer to their problems to be found within the world of science-fiction or are they setting themselves up for yet more grief and sadness? The Missing Years of Thomas Pritchard August 3rd. 6:03am. The tranquil summer's morning was shattered by the desperate screams of Thomas' mother echoing down the near deserted suburban street. The few people milling about outside getting ready for their daily business had said they couldn't make out what the cries were about when they were interviewed. Not initially. Not until Anne, a pretty woman in her early thirties with shoulder length blonde hair, spilled out onto the street wearing nothing more than her dressing gown and slippers anxiously calling out for her five year old son, Thomas, to come out from wherever he was hiding. Eye witnesses reported Anne was closely followed by her husband Bill - a professional, clean-shaven man in his late thirties with dark, short hair - half dressed for work in his suit trousers and unbuttoned white shirt, and that he too looked just as frantic as the mother did. The

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year was 2003; the year Thomas disappeared from his home without a trace. * * * * *
August 3rd. 6:03am. A young, fragile looking hand knocked confidently on the white PVC of the front door to number twenty-two. The hand belonged to a smartly dressed, skinny fourteen year old, fresh-faced boy. Whilst waiting for an answer to his knocking he slid a brown leather satchel off his shoulder down onto the floor as though the weight was too much for him to bear any more. He went to knock again but stopped himself when he heard the sound of footsteps from the other side of the door as the freshly woken homeowner came to answer his initial knocking. There was the slightest of pauses as keys were twisted in locks before the door opened as much as the strong, gold, security chain would permit it to. "Can I help you?" asked the homeowner, a frail looking woman in her late sixties. "Where's my mum?" asked the boy. The year was 2012; the year Thomas came home.

This fine book from the turn of the 19th Century contains 35 wonderful and inspiring Christmas stories for children. These stories were already well-received before they were pulled together to make this book. Included are excerpts from "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens and the Christian Bible, stories from Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales, from Ireland, Germany, the American West, and from the big cities in England and the United States. * * * * * Written in easy-to-read 13-point type, and divided between stories for little kids, intermediate kids, and the older set, each of the stories has already won the approval of thousands of children, and each is packed with the true Christmas spirit: that small thoughtful actions can have big, and happy, consequences. Some stories will bring a tear to your eyes, other will make you laugh. All are enjoyable. This book will become a cherished addition to your library for years to come. * * * * * The stories in this book are: Christmas at Fezziwig's Warehouse (Charles Dickens), The Fir-Tree (Hans Christian Andersen), The Christmas Masquerade (Mary E. Wilkins Freeman), The Shepherds and the Angels (Adapted from the Bible), The Telltale Tile (Olive Thorne Miller), Little Girl's Christmas (Winnifred E. Lincoln), A Christmas Matinee (M. A. L. Lane), Toinette and the Elves (Susan Coolidge), The Voyage of the Wee Red Cap (Ruth Sawyer Durand), A Story of the Christ-Child (a German Legend for Christmas Eve told by Elizabeth Harrison), Jimmy Scarecrow's Christmas (Mary E. Wilkins Freeman), Why the Chimes Rang (Raymond McAlden), The Birds' Christmas (founded on fact-F. E. Mann), The Little Sister's Vacation (Winifred M. Kirkland), Little Wolff's Wooden Shoes (François Coppée, adapted and translated Alma J. Foster), Christmas in the Alley (Olive Thorne Miller), A Christmas Star (Katherine Pyle), The Queerest Christmas (Grace Margaret Gallaher), Old Father Christmas (J. H. Ewing), The Golden Cobwebs (Sara Cone Bryant), How Christmas Came to the Santa Maria Flats (Elia W. Peattie), The Legend of Babouscka (From the Russian Folk Tale), Christmas in the Barn (F. Arnstein), The Philanthropist's Christmas (James Weber Linn), The First Christmas-Tree (Lucy Wheelock), The First New England Christmas (G. L. Stone and M. G. Fickett), The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner (Charles Dickens), Christmas in Seventeen Seventy-Six (Anne Hollingsworth Wharton), Christmas Under the Snow (Olive Thorne Miller), Mr. Bluff's Experience of Holidays, (Oliver Bell Bunce), Master Sandy's Snapdragon (Elbridge S. Brooks), A Christmas Fairy, John Strange Winter), The Greatest of These (Joseph Mills Hanson), Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoe (Elizabeth Harrison), and Christmas on Big Rattle (Theodore Goodridge Roberts). * * * * * In making this volume, we discovered that the

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Gutenberg eBook versions are missing a story - "The Golden Cobwebs" - instead having a short excerpt from "A Christmas Carol" that is duplicated by the longer excerpt "The Cratchit's Christmas Dinner" later in this book. This edition restores the missing story. This volume contains the full text of the original book published in 1913. * * * *

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The old way of selling is to push a message or product. The new way of selling is to pull people in with a compelling story—one that is magnetic to clients. Better Selling Through Storytelling helps people become master storytellers so they can truly love what they do and get off the self-esteem roller coaster of only feeling good if their numbers are up.

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The success of storytelling in games depends on the entire development team—game designers, artists, writers, programmers and musicians, etc.—working harmoniously together towards a singular artistic vision. *Interactive Stories and Video Game Art* is first to define a common design language for understanding and orchestrating interactive masterpieces using techniques inherited from the rich history of art and craftsmanship that games build upon. Case studies of hit games like *The Last of Us*, *Journey*, and *Minecraft* illustrate the vital components needed to create emotionally-complex stories that are mindful of gaming's principal relationship between player actions and video game aesthetics. This book is for developers of video games and virtual reality, filmmakers, gamification and transmedia experts, and everybody else interested in experiencing resonant and meaningful interactive stories.

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A guide to using Microsoft PowerPoint describes how to use stories to create effective business presentations.

The Sunshine Mountain Valley is a lovely little crossroads community in north-central-southwestern North Carolina, located near the intersection of two interstate highways, two great concrete and steel ribbons of travel and commerce, that cross and go their separate ways just out of sight, and out of mind, of the people of the valley. These are their stories, some told from the porch of the Bull Tail Tavern, so named because the owner was enamored of Mark Twain who noted that the man who takes a bull by the tail is privileged to information not available to others. People of the valley live lives and have experiences not available to others. Read this book for the simple enjoyment of the stories or as an aspiring storyteller. Each of the main stories is followed by a section discussing a potentially difficult element in the telling of that story. There are unfinished stories for the writer or storyteller to complete, and shorts about children, to remind all readers that we are all storytellers.

Learn ways to elevate the quality of your presentations through storytelling

BreeAnna Barton was born right after WWII to loving parents and was the center of their world. Her life began as ordinary as the families of the hit TV shows during the 50's and 60's. By the

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time she was three years old however, a drastic change was beginning to take place in her secure little world. Bree wanted so much to be a normal, happy child and teenager but the word "normal" didn't seem to exist for her. Abused, time and again, both physically and mentally until she was eighteen years old, there seemed to be nothing but black clouds on her horizon. She rose each time with another ray of hope and strong determination, only to be beaten back down. Outsiders turn their heads as the brutality that takes place inside her home stays within those walls, never to be discussed or shared by anyone involved. The rainbow was gradually fading from the clear blue sky of her dreams. As Bree's story unfolds, you'll hold your breath as she rides along with the changing winds, wanting to encourage her as she fiercely attempts to fight back against her attackers. She is courageous, determined, and through it all, still has the capacity to love. But, just how long and to what extent can these traits carry her? How much pain and suffering will this diminutive child's body be able to endure? Tiny bits of happiness are dashed as she rounds each corner, her journey reaching it's final destination.....

Don't simply show your data—tell a story with it! Storytelling with Data teaches you the fundamentals of data visualization and how to communicate effectively with data. You'll discover the power of storytelling and the way to make data a pivotal point in your story. The lessons in this illuminative text are grounded in theory, but made accessible through numerous real-world examples—ready for immediate application to your next graph or presentation. Storytelling is not an inherent skill, especially when it comes to data visualization, and the tools at our disposal don't make it any easier. This book demonstrates how to go beyond conventional tools to reach the root of your data, and how to use your data to create an engaging, informative, compelling story. Specifically, you'll learn how to: Understand the importance of context and audience Determine the appropriate type of graph for your situation Recognize and eliminate the clutter clouding your information Direct your audience's attention to the most important parts of your data Think like a designer and utilize concepts of design in data visualization Leverage the power of storytelling to help your message resonate with your audience Together, the lessons in this book will help you turn your data into high impact visual stories that stick with your audience. Rid your world of ineffective graphs, one exploding 3D pie chart at a time. There is a story in your data—Storytelling with Data will give you the skills and power to tell it!

Gaby LeFevre is a suburban, Midwestern firecracker, growing up in the 80s and 90s and saving the world one homeless person, centenarian, and orphan at a time. With her crew of twin sister, Annie, smitten Mikhail, and frenemy Mel, she's a pamphlet-wielding humanitarian, tackling a broken world full of heroes and heroines, villains and magical seeds, and Northwyth stories. Beginning with a roadkill-burying nine-year-old and a gas-leak explosion, it follows Gaby as she traverses childhood and young adulthood with characteristic intensity and a penchant for disaster. Meanwhile, the large cast of compelling characters entertains and the Northwyth legends draw you into their magic.

Do you need help telling your story? Do you have a story inside, but you're not sure how to tell it... or if it's even worth telling? Is a tiny little voice inside telling you to write... but you're not sure you can? Do you want to tell better, more authentic stories... but you're not sure where to start? You're not alone. The Share Your Story workbook is your personal storytelling guide. A professional storyteller and communications expert, Camille knows that your story is worth telling, and sharing. In this heartfelt book, she walks you through a practical and simple road map to help you uncover and write your personal stories. This book will help you: - Discover the stories you have to tell. - Turn your personal experiences into signature stories. - Become confident writing, talking about, and sharing your story. The book includes: - Unique writing projects that will help you turn your personal experiences into stories. - A method for working through past hurts and painful subjects in a safe and positive way. - Fun, easy writing activities

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