



Whoever tells the best stories goes home with the most marbles.

JEREMY CONNELL-WAITE



The story you often get is not the story you were chasing, but it ends up being even better.

ANTHONY BOURDAIN

One more thing...



The most powerful person in the world is the storyteller. The storyteller sets the vision, values, and agenda of an entire generation that is to come.



There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place.

J.K. ROWLING



That's what we storytellers do. We restore order with imagination. We instil hope again and again and again.

WALT DISNEY



Story, as it turns out, was crucial to our evolution - more so than opposable thumbs. Opposable thumbs let us hang on; story told us what to hang on to.

LISA CRON





a success. Although his epileptic patient still experienced seizures, their frequency and severity were greatly diminished. And even more surprisingly, there seemed to be no side effects. The split-brained man reported no differences in any of his mental processes.

In the days before fMRI machines and other advanced methods of brain imaging, split-brain patients were a boon to neuroscience. Thanks largely to these patients, scientists were able to isolate and study the workings of the two hemispheres of the brain. They discovered that the left brain is specialized for tasks such as speaking, thinking, and generating hypotheses. The right brain is incapable of speech or serious cognitive work; its jobs include recognizing faces, focusing attention, and controlling visual-motor tasks.

The leading pioneer of split-brain neuroscience is Michael Gazzaniga. In his research, Gazzaniga and his collaborators have identified specialized circuitry in the left hemisphere that is responsible for making sense of the torrent of information that the brain is always receiving from the environment. The job of this set of neural circuits is to detect order and meaning in that flow, and to organize it into a coherent account of a person's experience—into a story, in other words. Gazzaniga named this brain structure "the interpreter."

Because of the quirky wiring of the brain, visual informa-

In a brilliant series of experiments, Gazzaniga and his colleagues had split-brain subjects stare at a dot in the center of a computer screen. They then flashed images to the right and left of the dot. Images flashed to the left of the dot were piped only to the right brain, while images that appeared to the right of the dot were sent only to the left brain.

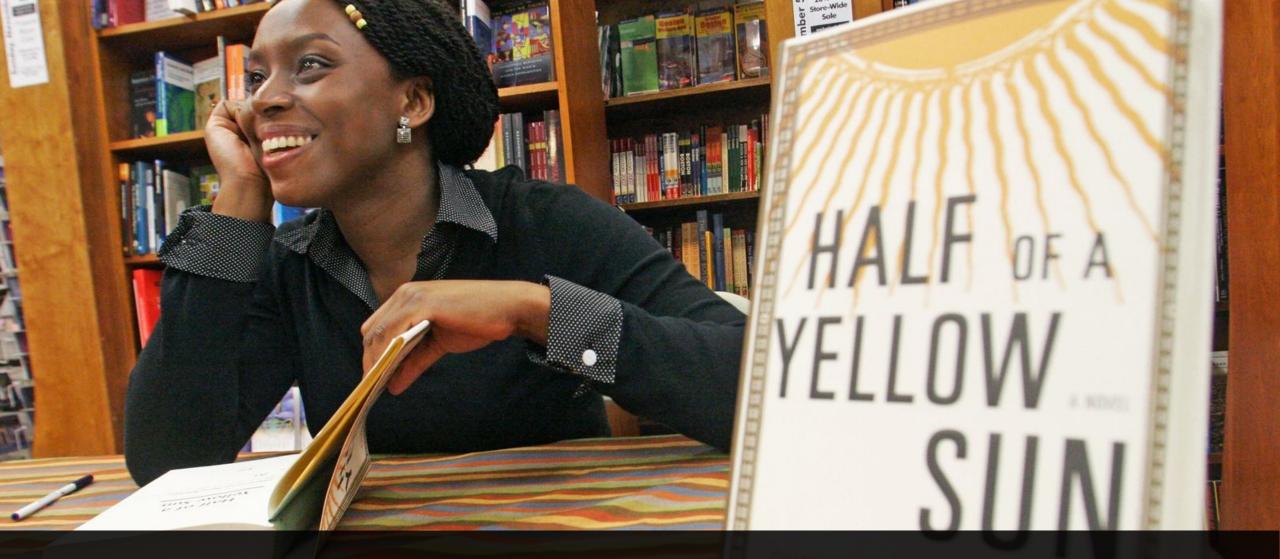
In one experiment, Gazzaniga and his colleagues showed a chicken claw to a split brain subject's left brain and a snow.

scene to his right brain. They then asked the subject to select

We are, as a species, addicted to story. Even when the body goes to sleep, the mind stays up all night, telling itself stories.

hemisphere in the dark.

the of a chicken (because the side of the brain that con-



Many stories matter. Stories can break the dignity of a people. But stories can also repair that broken dignity.

CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE



If you wish to influence an individual or a group to embrace a particular value in their daily lives, tell them a compelling story.



We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling.

JIMMY NEIL SMITH



Stories constitute the single most powerful weapon in a leader's arsenal.

DR. HOWARD GARDENER



Purposeful storytelling isn't show business, it's good business.

PETER GRUBER



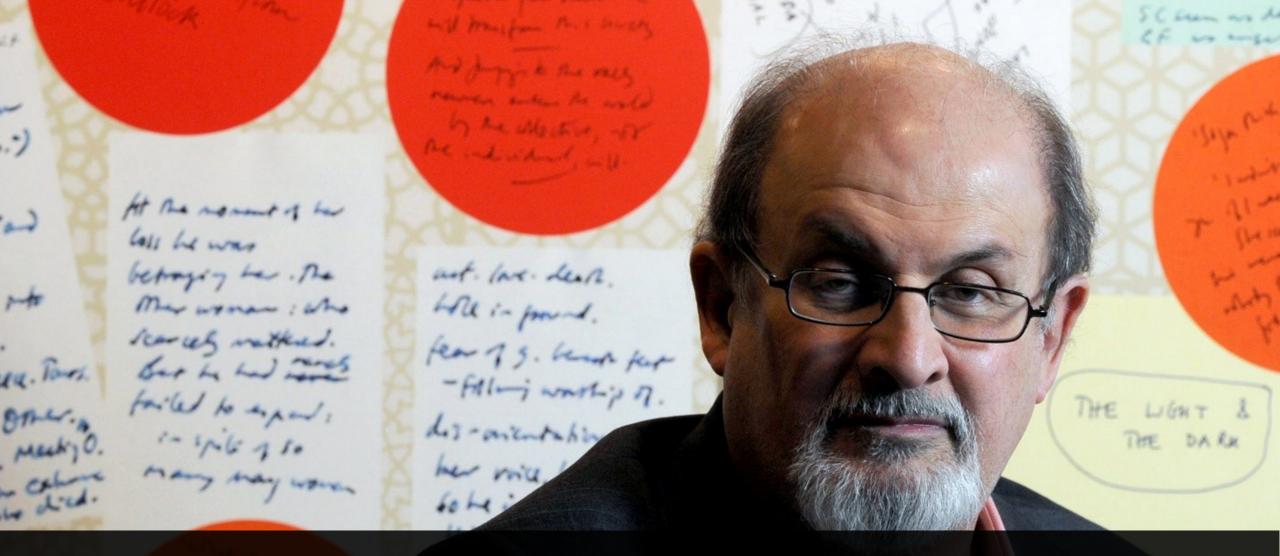
The purpose of a storyteller is not to tell you how to think, but to give you questions to think upon.

BRANDON SANDERSON



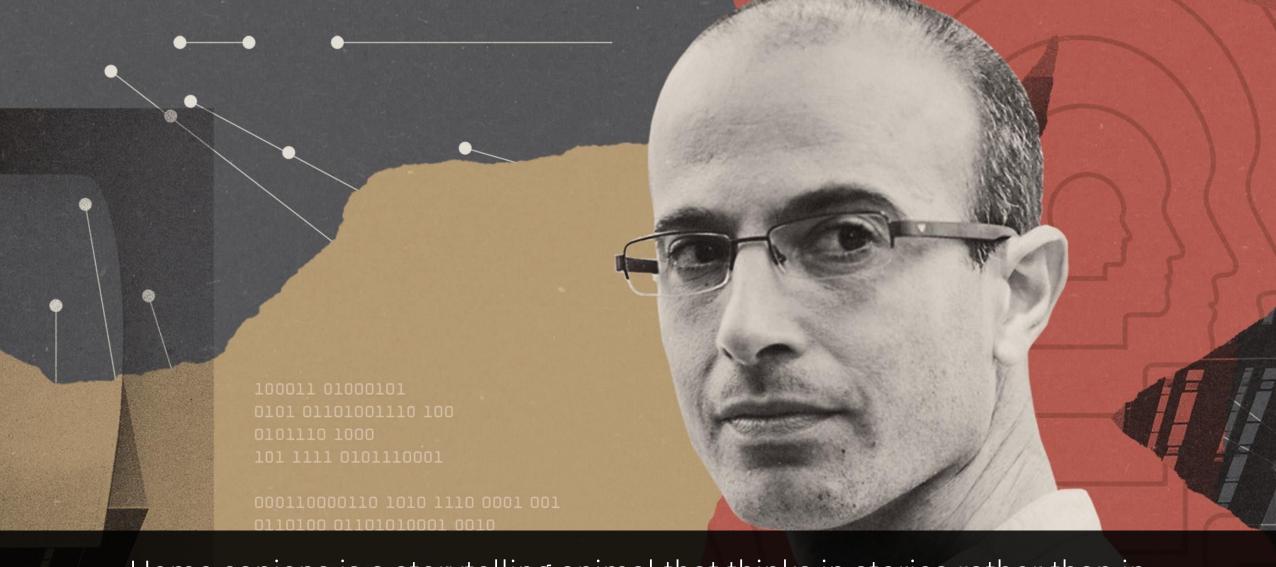
Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it.

HANNAH ARENDT

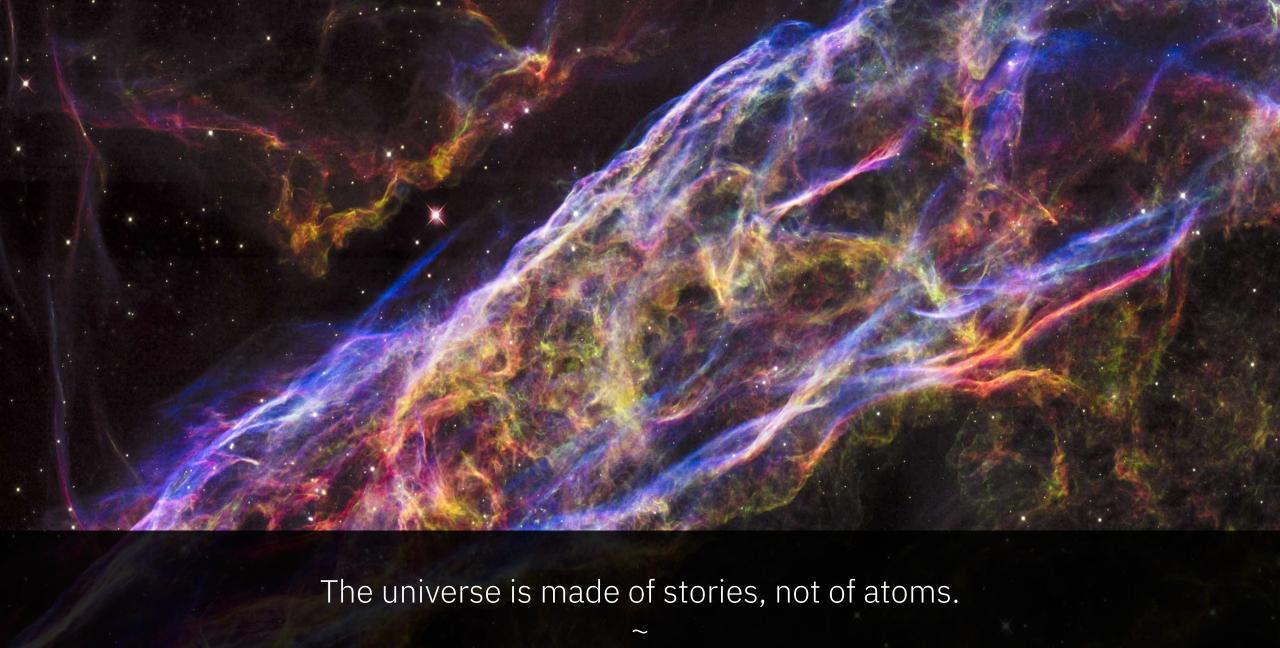


After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world.

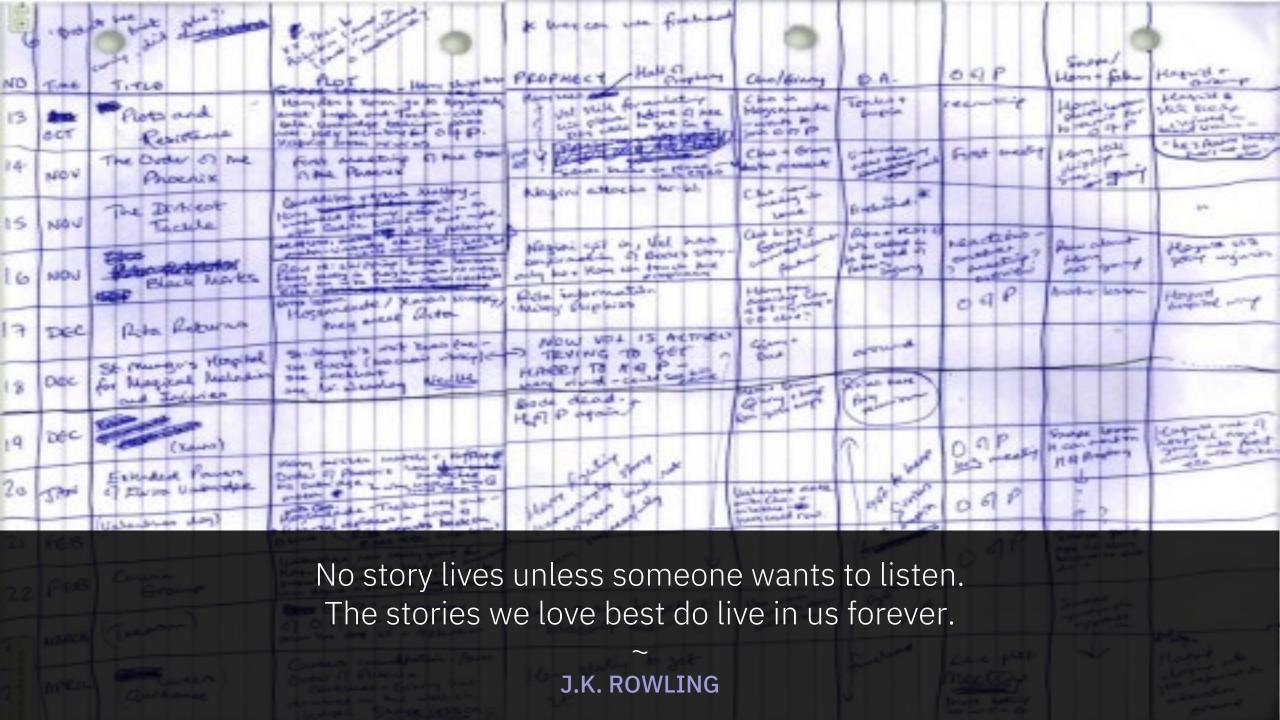
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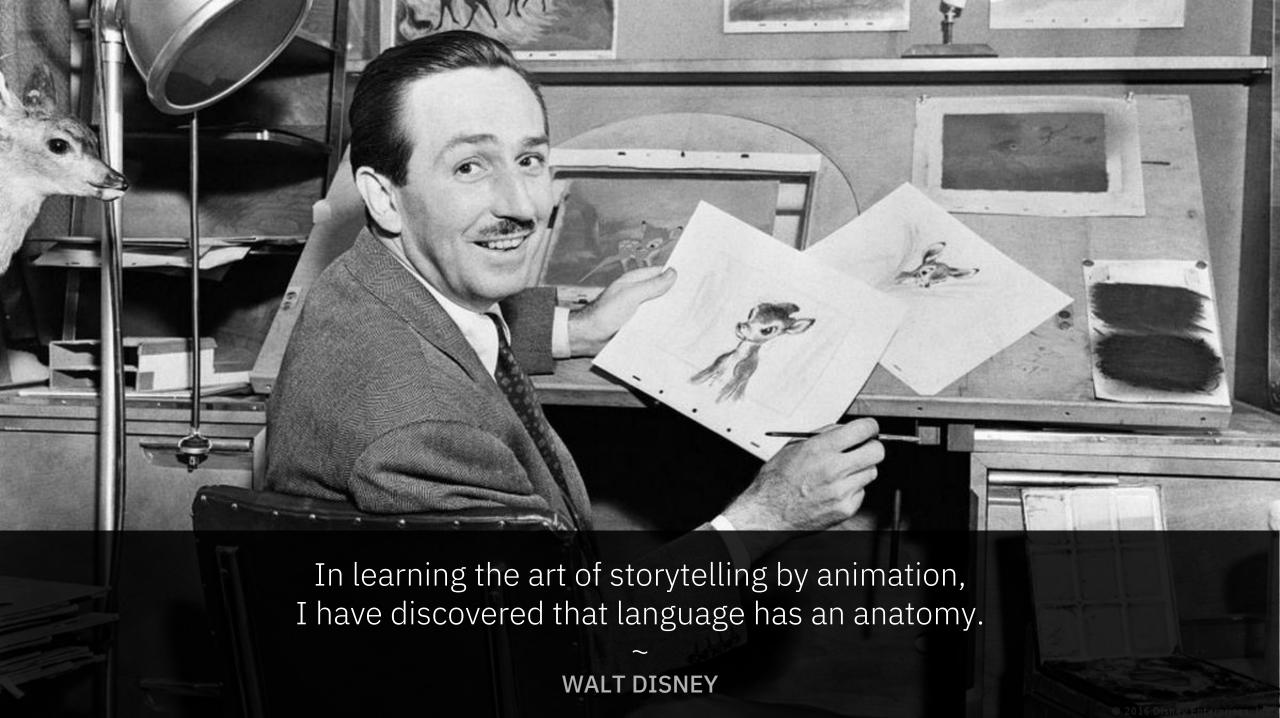


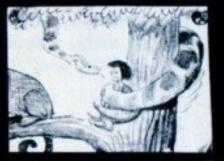
Homo sapiens is a storytelling animal that thinks in stories rather than in numbers or graphs, and believes that the universe itself works like a story...

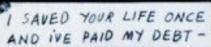


MURIEL RUKEYSER











SO DON'T EXPECT ME TO SAVE YOU AGAIN -



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HOLD IT KAAA! (WHOP:::)



OH - OH - BAGHEERA



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INDEED NO! MERELY TRYING TO SAVE YOU FROM A LONG LONG CASE OF INDIGESTION



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WOULDN'T BE A FIT MEAL



If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.

RUDYARD KIPLING





and remind us of what we haven't yet imagined.

ANNE L. WATSON



Everyone tells a story about themselves inside their own head. Always. All the time. That story makes you what you are. We build ourselves out of that story.



AARON SORKIN



The stories we tell literally make the world. If you want to change the world, you need to change your story. This truth applies both to individuals and institutions.



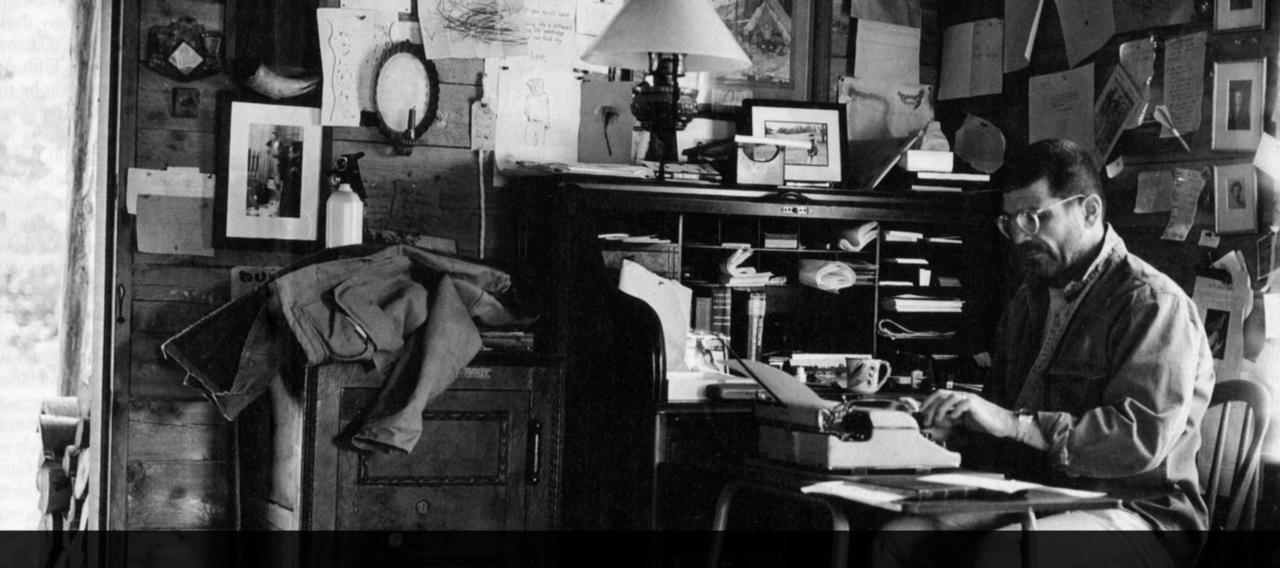
Good stories surprise us. They make us think and feel. They stick in our minds and help us remember ideas and concepts in a way that a PowerPoint never can.

JOE LAZAUSKAS



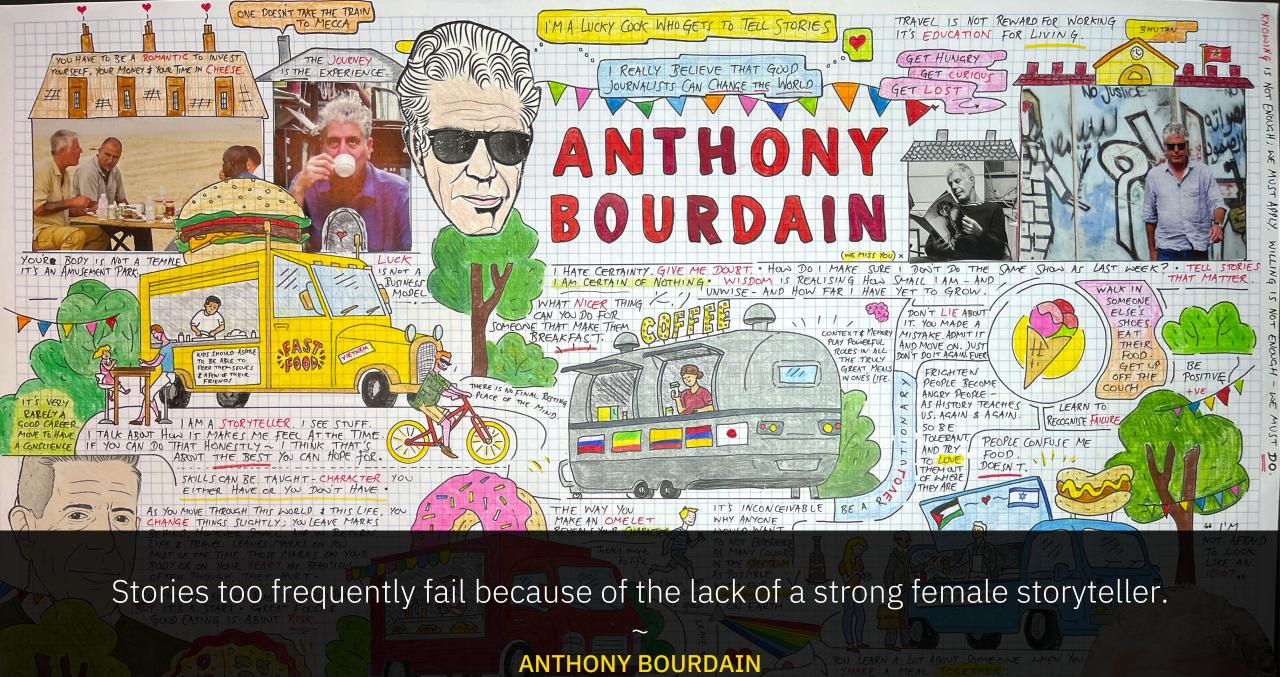
Stories create community, enable us to see through the eyes of other people, and open us to the claims of others.

PETER FORBES



The best stories are those that leave a lasting impact on the audience.

DAVID MAMET

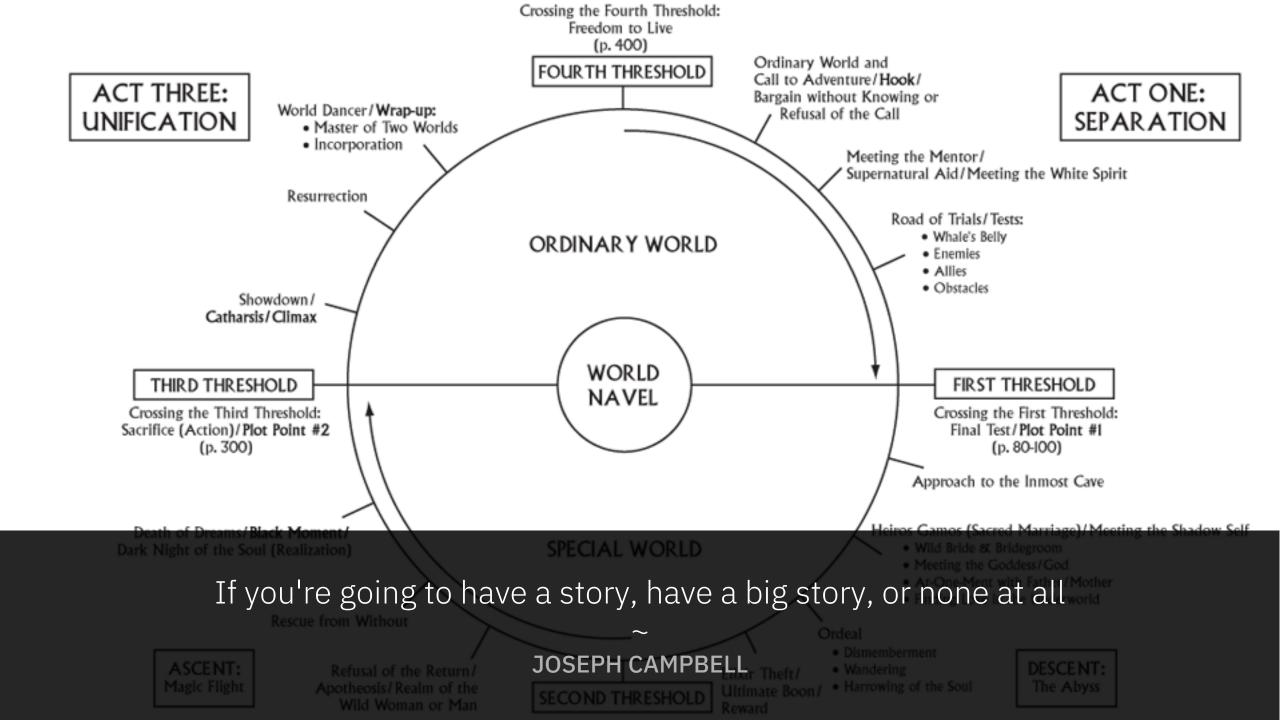


WHEN' DIE I WILL DECIDEDLY NOT BE RECRETE
MISSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR A GOOD TIME



Storytelling offers the opportunity to talk with your audience, not at them.

LAURA HOLLOWAY





exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be defeated.

NEIL GAIMAN



The future belongs to a different kind of person with a different kind of mind: artists, inventors, storytellers-creative and holistic 'right-brain' thinkers.

DANIEL PINK





If you can tell a story as briefly as possible, it's more dramatic. If it's too long, then it has the problems of pacing, it could get a little slow. The shorter the story the better.

JOYCE CAROL OATES



LADY MARY WORTLEY MONTAGU.

EDITED BY HER GREAT-GRANDSON

LORD WHARNCLIFFE.

THIRD EDITION, WITH ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS, ILLUSTRATIVE NOTES,

AND A NEW MEMOIR

BY W. MOY THOMAS.

Life is too short for a long story. IN TWO VOLUMES

MARY WORTLEY MONTAGU



Sometimes reality is too complex. Stories give it form.

JEAN LUC GODDARD

Stage 1

The protagonist lives their "ordinary" life (whatever "ordinary" is for that character), largely unaware of their own weaknesses and flaws. The audience begins to see elements of the protagonist's back story, weaknesses, flaws, fears, inner demons, and aspects that hold the character back. The audience also begins to see the desires, wants, and needs of the protagonist. When something forces the protagonist out of their ordinary life, this stage has set up the evolution the protagonist must go through in the following stages of the character arc.

Stage 2

After the protagonist is forced to leave their familiar life behind, they face a new and unknown world with a dramatically new or changed set of problems, challenges, obstacles, and needs (often created by an antagonist) that require a response. Mistakes, flaws, fears, and weaknesses hamper the protagonist's ability to respond effectively. Often, the protagonist fails to fully comprehend the nature of antagonistic forces they face, which also hampers their response. As a series of obstacles are thrown at the protagonist, they begin to learn more about both themselves and the antagonistic forces.

Stage 3

The protagonist begins to understand the nature of the antagonistic forces and starts to respond proactively rather than reactively to the antagonist's moves. This begins to shift the balance of power away from the antagonist and gives the protagonist a fighting chance (although the protagonist's victory is not yet certain). The protagonist (and the audience) also comes to recognize and understand the flaws, weaknesses, and fears that have hindered the protagonist not just in fighting the antagonist, but in the protagonist's 'ordinary' life. The protagonist's strengths also begin to emerge at this stage.

Stage 4

The protagonist makes a critical, often difficult, choice in the fight against the antagonist. The choice the protagonist makes determines whether the flaws, weaknesses, and fears that hindered them have been conquered and the protagonist can handle whatever the antagonist throws at them in the final showdown. If the protagonist has evolved enough, they will prevail at the climax and emerge as better person (a "happy ending" story). The protagonist has failed to evolve enough, they will emerge from the climax as a more damaged person (a "tragic ending" story). Even if they have prevailed over the antagonist, it is a hollow victory.

Story Circle (based on Dan Harmon)	Character The protagonist is in a zone of cor	Needs/Wantsbut they want something.				Co They enter an unfamiliar situation		arch. dapt to it.	Find They get what they wantbut the		ny price to pay.	Return They return to their fami	iliar situation	Changehaving changed.		
Hero's Journey (based on Joseph Campbell)		Call to Adventure	Refusal of Call	Super- natural Aid	Crossing the Thres- hold	Belly of the Whale	Road of Trials	Meeting with Goddess	Woman as Temptress	Atonement with the Father	Apotheosis	The Ultimate Boon	Refusal of the Return Flig		Return of	Both forlds Freedom to Live
Heroine's Journey (based on Maureen Murdock)		Identification with the Masculine Gathering of Allies			g of Allies	Road of Trials		Illusory Boon of Success	Awakening to Feelings of Spiritual Aridity & Death		Initiation & Descent to the Goddess		Healing the Mother/Daughter Split	Healing the Wounded Masculine	Integration of Masculine & Feminine	
Outer Journey (based on Chris Vogler)	Ordinary World	Adventure of Call		Meeting the Mentor	Allies	Crossing the First Thres- hold	Road of Trials	Approach to Innermost Cave		The Ordeal		Reward	The Road Back	Resurrection		Return with the Elixir
Inner Journey (based on Chris Vogler)	Limited Awareness of Problem	Increased Awarenes	Fear & Resistance	Over- coming Fear	New Relation- ships	Commit to Change	Experimenting with New Conditions		ring for Changes	Life or Death Consec		Accept Consequences of New Life	New Challenges & Rededication	Final Acceptance & Ma Last Minute Danger		Mastery of New Life
Feminine Journey (based on Victoria Schmidt)	Illusion of the Betrayal & Disillusionment		The Awakening - Preparing for the Journey			The Descent - Passing the Gates of Judgment		The Eye of the Storm		Death - Al	Death - All is Lost		Rebirth - The Moment of Truth		Full Circle - Return to the Perfect World	
Masculine Journey (based on Victoria Schmidt)	The Perfect World	Friends 8	Is & Enemies The Ca		The Call		Small Success			Invitations		s	Death - A Fork in the Road	Awaken or Rebel		Victory or Failure
Story Beats (based on Blake Snyder's Save the Cat model)	Setup			Debate			Fun & C	Games		Bar	d Guys Close In		Dark Night of the Soul	Finale - Cor	frontation & After	math

People forget facts, but they remember stories.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL

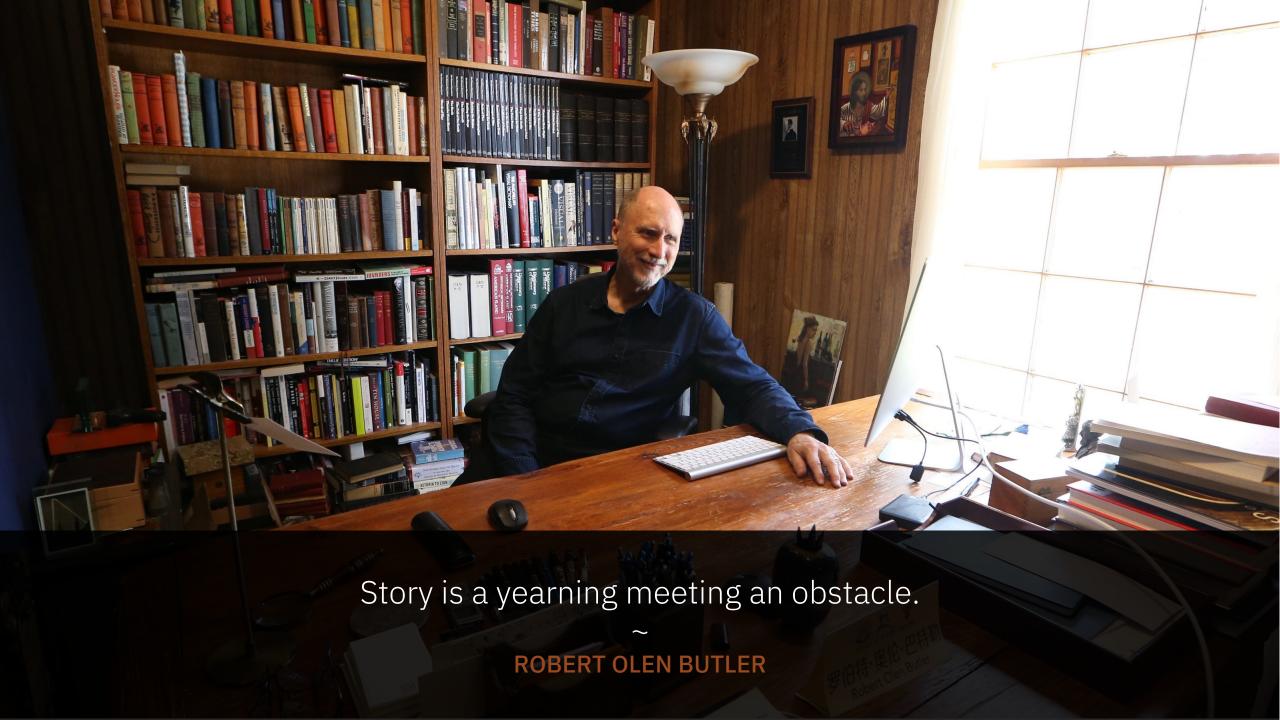


Marketing is no longer about the stuff that you make, but about the stories you tell.

SETH GODIN



Storytelling is our obligation to the next generation. Give something of meaning to your audience by engaging and educating them. Stop marketing. Start storytelling.





ROBERT McKEE



We tell ourselves stories in order to live.

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of the miss a step or mess up i Tose our balance on the tip of a Knite usemy talents or Islip, it's my life It I see himp coming do I run ar do I jethin be! y ve win independence, Is he is a beat without a melody fladess execution? You are the perfect person to tell your story. LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA



