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The Arabian Nightmare Jan 01 2020 A cult classic that “combines the genres of travelogue, fable, dream narrative, novel and confessional into one beguiling whole” (Publishers Weekly). The hero and guiding force of this epic fantasy is an insomniac young man who, unable to sleep, guides the reader through the narrow streets of Cairo—a mysterious city full of deceit and trickery. He narrates a complex tangle of dreams and imaginings that describe an atmosphere constantly shifting between sumptuously learned experiences, erotic adventure, and dry humor. The result is a thought-provoking puzzle box of sex, philosophy, and theology, reminiscent of Italo Calvino and Umberto Eco. “Deft and lovely . . . The smooth steely grip of Irwin’s story-telling genius is a joy to read.” —The Washington Post “The Arabian Nightmare is a conceit worthy of Borges.” —The New York Times “[Irwin’s] fascination for inner perception, helped along with a delight in Scheherazadian frames and exotic lore, makes for quite a rich experience: a strangely playful construct that, like an intricate Chinese box, delights with each unexpected combination and hidden drawer.” —Kirkus Reviews

The Story Grid May 29 2022 WHAT IS THE STORY GRID? The Story Grid is a tool developed by editor Shawn Coyne to analyze stories and provide helpful editorial comments. It's like a CT Scan that takes a photo of the global story and tells the editor or writer what is working, what is not, and what must be done to make what works better and fix what's not. The Story Grid breaks down the component parts of stories to identify the problems. And finding the problems in a story is almost as difficult as the writing of the story itself (maybe even more difficult). The Story Grid is a tool with many applications: 1. It will tell a writer if a Story ?works? or ?doesn't work. 2. It pinpoints story problems but does not emotionally abuse the writer, revealing exactly where a Story (not the person creating the Story/the Story) has failed. 3. It will tell the writer the specific work necessary to fix that Story's problems. 4. It is a tool to re-envision and resuscitate a seemingly irredeemable pile of paper stuck in an attic drawer. 5. It is a tool that can inspire an original creation.

The Shipping News Jan 31 2020 Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Annie Proulx’s *The Shipping News* is a vigorous, darkly comic, and at times magical portrait of the contemporary North American family. Quoye, a third-rate newspaper hack, with a “head shaped like a crenshaw, no neck, reddish hair...features as bunched as kissed fingertips,” is wrenched violently out of his workaday life when his two-timing wife meets her just desserts. An aunt convinces Quoye and his two emotionally disturbed daughters to return with her to the starkly beautiful coastal landscape of their ancestral home in Newfoundland. Here, on desolate Quoye’s Point, in a house empty except for a few mementos of the family’s unsavory past, the battered members of three generations try to cobble up new lives. Newfoundland is a country of coast and cove where the mercury rarely rises above seventy degrees, the local culinary delicacy is cod cheeks, and it’s easier to travel by boat and snowmobile than on anything with wheels. In this harsh place of cruel storms, a collapsing fishery, and chronic unemployment, the aunt sets up as a yacht upholsterer in nearby Killick-Claw, and Quoye finds a job reporting the shipping news for the local weekly, the *Gammy Bird* (a paper that specializes in sexual-abuse stories and grisly photos of car accidents). As the long winter closes its jaws of ice, each of the Quoyes confronts private demons, reels from catastrophe to minor triumph—in the company of the obsequious Mavis Bangs; Diddy Shovel the strongman; drowned Herald Prowse; cane-twirling Beety; Nutbeem, who steals foreign news from the radio; a demented cousin the aunt refuses to recognize; the much-zippered Alvin Yark; silent Wavey; and old Billy Pretty, with his bag of secrets. By the time of the spring storms Quoye has learned how to gut cod, to escape from a pickle jar, and to tie a true lover’s knot.

And Tango Makes Three Jun 05 2020 The heartwarming true story of two penguins who create a nontraditional family. At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.

Let's Write a Short Story! Jun 17 2021

Show Me a Story Jun 29 2022 Explains how to write a children's picture book, using the fictional story Webster's wish as an example. In the story, Webster, a goose who knows the alphabet, is tired of flying in V formation and tries to get the other geese to fly in the shape of another letter.

A Story of Now Apr 27 2022 Nineteen-year-old Claire Pearson knows she needs a life and some new friends. But brittle, beautiful, and just a little bit too sassy for her own good sometimes, she no longer makes friends easily. And she has no clue where to start on the whole finding a life front, either. Not after a confidence-shattering year dogged by bad break-ups, friends who have become strangers, and her constant failure to meet her parents sky-high expectations. When Robbie and Mia walk into Claire's workplace, they seem the least likely people to help her find a life. But despite Claire's initial attempts to alienate them, an unexpected new friendship develops. And it's the warm, brilliant Mia who seems to get Claire like no one has before. Soon, Claire begins to question her feelings for her new friend.

The Starless Sea Dec 24 2021 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • From the bestselling author of *The Night Circus*, a timeless love story set in a secret underground world—a place of pirates, painters, lovers, liars, and ships that sail upon a starless sea. Zachary Ezra Rawlins is a graduate student in Vermont when he discovers a mysterious book hidden in the stacks. As he turns the pages, entranced by tales of lovelorn prisoners, key collectors, and nameless acolytes, he reads something strange: a story from his own childhood. Bewildered by this inexplicable book and desperate to make sense of how his own life came to be recorded, Zachary uncovers a series of clues—a bee, a key, and a sword—that lead him to a masquerade party in New York, to a secret club, and through a doorway to an ancient library hidden far below the surface of the earth. What Zachary finds in this curious place is more than just a buried home for books and their guardians—it is a place of lost cities and seas, lovers who pass notes under doors and across time, and of stories whispered by the dead. Zachary learns of those who have sacrificed much to protect this realm, relinquishing their sight and their tongues to preserve this archive, and also of those who are intent on its destruction. Together with Mirabel, a fierce, pink-haired protector of the place, and Dorian, a handsome, barefoot man with shifting alliances, Zachary travels the twisting tunnels, darkened stairwells, crowded ballrooms, and sweetly soaked shores of this magical world, discovering his purpose—in both the mysterious book and in his own life.

The Lady with the Books Feb 11 2021 A fictionalized retelling of how books from around the world helped children in Germany recuperate after WWII. Anneliese and Peter will never be the same after the war that took their father’s life. One day, while wandering the ruined streets of Munich, the children follow a line of people entering a building, thinking there may be free food inside. Instead, they are delighted to discover a great hall filled with children’s books — more books than Anneliese can count. Here, they meet the lady with the books, who will have a larger impact on the children’s lives than they could have ever imagined. The place between despair and hope can often be found between the covers of a book.

Checkout 19 Mar 03 2020 A NEW YORK TIMES 10 BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORKER AND VOGUE “Bennett writes like no one else. She is a rare talent, and *Checkout 19* is a masterful novel.” —Karl Ove Knausgaard From the author of the “dazzling. . . and daring” *Pond* (O magazine), the adventures of a young woman discovering her own genius, through the people she

meets—and dreams up—along the way. In a working-class town in a county west of London, a schoolgirl scribbles stories in the back pages of her exercise book, intoxicated by the first sparks of her imagination. As she grows, everything and everyone she encounters become fuel for a burning talent. The large Russian man in the ancient maroon car who careens around the grocery store where she works as a checkout clerk, and slips her a copy of *Beyond Good and Evil*. The growing heaps of other books in which she loses—and finds—herself. Even the derailing of a friendship, in a devastating violation. The thrill of learning to conjure characters and scenarios in her head is matched by the exhilaration of forging her own way in the world, the two kinds of ingenuity kindling to a brilliant conflagration. Exceeding the extraordinary promise of Bennett's mold-shattering debut, *Checkout 19* is a radical affirmation of the power of the imagination and the magic escape those who master it open to us all.

Ralph Tells a Story Jan 05 2023 Although his teacher insists there are stories everywhere, Ralph cannot think of any to write.

Catch-22 Nov 10 2020 A new publication of Joseph Heller's classic WWII black comedy follows American bomber pilot Yossarian on his harrowing quest for the final mission that will free him from his military obligation.

Call of the Wild Oct 29 2019 Jack London wrote this celebrated novel in 1903. It's considered one of his best stories and has become one of the world's most popular American classics. The call of the wild is the thrilling story of Buck, a domestic dog from California kidnapped and thrust into the harsh, physical world of the Yukon, a land of danger and ferocity, a land of wolves, blizzards, and treacherous frozen rivers that swallow up entire dog teams. Here is where Buck must learn to survive. He must become as wild and vicious as the wilderness that surrounds him ... or die!

Charming Billy Mar 15 2021 Alice McDermott tells the story of Billy Lynch within the complex matrix of a tightly knit Irish American community, in a voice that is resonant and full of deep feeling. *Charming Billy* is a masterpiece about the unbreakable bonds of memory and desire. *Charming Billy* is the winner of the 1998 National Book Award for Fiction.

Routledge Encyclopedia of Narrative Theory Aug 08 2020 The past several decades have seen an explosion of interest in narrative, with this multifaceted object of inquiry becoming a central concern in a wide range of disciplinary fields and research contexts. As accounts of what happened to particular people in particular circumstances and with specific consequences, stories have come to be viewed as a basic human strategy for coming to terms with time, process, and change. However, the very predominance of narrative as a focus of interest across multiple disciplines makes it imperative for scholars, teachers, and students to have access to a comprehensive reference resource.

Into the Woods Dec 12 2020 An analysis of the fundamental narrative structure, why it works, the meanings of stories, and why we tell them in the first place. The idea of *Into the Woods* is not to supplant works by Aristotle, Lajos Egri, Robert McKee, David Mamet, or any other writers of guides for screenwriters and playwrights, but to pick up on their cues and take the reader on a historical, philosophical, scientific, and psychological journey to the heart of all storytelling. In this exciting and wholly original book, John Yorke not only shows that there is truly a unifying shape to narrative—one that echoes the great fairytale journey into the woods, and one, like any great art, that comes from deep within—he explains why, too. With examples ranging from *The Godfather* to *True Detective*, *Mad Men* to *Macbeth*, and fairy tales to *Forbrydelsen (The Killing)*, Yorke utilizes Shakespearean five-act structure as a key to analyzing all storytelling in all narrative forms, from film and television to theatre and novel-writing—a big step from the usual three-act approach. *Into the Woods: A Five-Act Journey into Story* is destined to sit alongside David Mamet's *Three Uses of the Knife*, Robert McKee's *Story*, Syd Field's *Screenplay*, and Lajos Egri's *The Art of Dramatic Writing* as one of the most original, useful, and inspiring books ever on dramatic writing. Praise for *Into the Woods* "Love storytelling? You need this inspiring book. John Yorke dissects the structure of stories with a joyous enthusiasm allied to precise, encyclopedic knowledge. Guaranteed to send you back to your writing desk with newfound excitement and drive."

—Chris Chibnall, creator/writer, *Broadchurch* and *Gracepoint* "Outrageously good and by far and away the best book of its kind I've ever read. I recognized so much truth in it. But more than that, I learned a great deal. Time and again, Yorke articulates things I've always felt but have never been able to describe. . . . This is a love story to story—erudite, witty and full of practical magic. I struggle to think of the writer who wouldn't benefit from reading it—even if they don't notice because they're too busy enjoying every page." —Neil Cross, creator/writer, *Luther* and *Crossbones* "Part 'how-to' manual, part 'why-to' celebration, *Into the Woods* is a wide-reaching and infectiously passionate exploration of storytelling in all its guises . . . exciting and thought-provoking." —Emma Frost, screenwriter, *The White Queen* and *Shameless*

The Night Circus Feb 23 2022 #1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • Two starcrossed magicians engage in a deadly game of cunning in the spellbinding novel that captured the world's imagination. • "Part love story, part fable ... defies both genres and expectations." —The Boston Globe The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*, and it is only open at night. But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose by their mercurial instructors. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing. Despite the high stakes, Celia and Marco soon tumble headfirst into love, setting off a domino effect of dangerous consequences, and leaving the lives of everyone, from the performers to the patrons, hanging in the balance.

Save the Cat Sep 28 2019 This ultimate insider's guide reveals the secrets that none dare admit, told by a show biz veteran who's proven that you can sell your script if you can save the cat!

How to Build a Story . . . Or, the Big What If May 17 2021 From bestselling author Frances O'Roark Dowell comes a "fresh, interesting, and unique" (Kirkus Reviews) guide to storytelling that breaks down the sometimes-daunting writing process into straightforward, doable steps, just right for budding writers! If you've written anything, ever, you're already a writer—so, congratulations! As many aspiring authors know, though, telling an actual, complete story is, well, a different story. As unfinished drafts pile up and writers' block strikes, it may start to feel like there's a special formula to finishing a project that you're just not getting. But crafting a story isn't magic, if you have a little know-how! And here it is—know-how! In her witty, clever way, critically acclaimed author Frances O'Roark Dowell explains the storytelling process with simple, easy-to-understand steps. Follow along as she shares sample stories and identifies building blocks and obstacles to conquer—all hilariously illustrated, in a way that'll have you typing all the way to the end of your own story. In addition to writing many books including *Shooting the Moon* and *Dovey Coe*, Frances O'Roark Dowell has over a decade's experience teaching writing workshops for kids. Ready, set, write!

The Story of a Story Dec 04 2022 Help young readers become young writers with this sweet picture book about a child finding the words to tell his own story! If you've ever tried to write a story of your own, you know it's not as easy as it looks. Words get tangled, pencils get broken, piles of pages get crumpled up. It's so much easier just to read all the lovely stories other people have written. . . . But their stories aren't your stories, and your tale is worth telling. A mostly empty page Then another. And still another. There are squiggles. There are doodles. But the words won't come. With the gentle reassurance of experience, two-time SCBWI Golden Kite Award Winner Deborah Hopkinson writes a story that encourages persistence, and celebrates the strength of every child's unique voice and the story they have to tell. Charming illustrations by Hadley Hooper detail the child's efforts-- and the stroke of inspiration that helps him get going. This is the perfect picture book for kids who love stories and have big ideas of their own. Young readers who don't know where to start will be encouraged by the gentle humor, and a page of story-starting ideas offers the opportunity to expand the experience beyond the book. A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection A CCBC Choice

How to Tell a Story Nov 30 2019 "Aaron Sorkin, the Oscar-winning director and screenwriter of such hits as *The Social Network* and *The West Wing*, recently urged aspiring writers to become students and evangelists for Aristotle's *Poetics*. How is it that this small and rather obscure treatise by an ancient philosopher better known for metaphysics and ethics has become over the centuries the standard and best handbook for writing drama, novels, short stories, and now screenplays for film and television? How can a book that is admittedly difficult to read have become so influential among the small group of top professional writers? The short answer is that there is nothing better than Aristotle's *Poetics* for explaining the key points of successful storytelling. No one has examined and explained the keys to plot, character, audience perception, tragic pleasure, and dozens of other

crucial points of writing like Aristotle. It is THE standard work from which we derive many of our terms and our understanding the way stories work. It is one of the most powerful and brilliant books ever written on the subject of how to tell a story, yet very few people have actually read it. Part of the reason for this is that Aristotle, even at his clearest, can be difficult to understand. The Poetics in particular can be confusing to read on one's own without a skilled teacher's guidance. Because of this, the Poetics remains the purview of only those who make the effort to work through its careful arguments and astounding insights. And yet. Philip Freeman, thus, aims to produce a faithful yet readable translation along with introduction and commentary of Aristotle's Poetics for a modern audience, especially for aspiring writers who want to follow Sorokin's advice and become immersed in this amazing work"--

Everything in Its Place Sep 01 2022 An inspiring and poetic story about reading, libraries, and overcoming shyness to find community. I gather the books in my arms, and give them a hug. "Welcome back," I whisper. Nicky is a shy girl who feels most at home in the safe space of her school library, but the library closes for a week and Nicky is forced to face her social anxiety. When she meets a group of unique, diverse, inspiring women at her mother's diner—members of a women's motorcycle club—Nicky realizes that being different doesn't have to mean being alone, and that there's a place for everyone. Book lovers of all ages will find inspiration in this beautiful love letter to reading—and how words help us find empathy and connections with the world around us.

I Am a Story Mar 27 2022 From cave drawings to the invention of the printing press and beyond, discover how a story has been told in many different ways from the past to today. It's always been around, making us happy, sad, excited, or scared and bringing people together. With simple text and beautiful illustrations, Dan Yaccarino reminds us of the power of story.

The Neverending Story Apr 03 2020 Read the book that inspired the classic coming-of-age film before it's back onscreen in select theaters this September! From award-winning German author Michael Ende, *The Neverending Story* is a classic tale of one boy and the book that magically comes to life. When Bastian happens upon an old book called *The Neverending Story*, he's swept into the magical world of Fantastica—so much that he finds he has actually become a character in the story! And when he realizes that this mysteriously enchanted world is in great danger, he also discovers that he is the one chosen to save it. Can Bastian overcome the barrier between reality and his imagination in order to save Fantastica? "An instantaneous leap into the magical . . . Energetic, innovative, and perceptive"—*The Washington Post* "A trumpet blast for the imagination."—*Sunday Times*

The Making of a Story Jan 25 2022 An introduction to the fundamentals of creative writing, both fiction and nonfiction, takes aspiring writers through each stage of the creative process, from initial idea to final manuscript, accompanied by examples of short fiction and essays.

Lead with a Story Jul 31 2022 Storytelling has come of age in the business world. Today, many of the most successful companies use storytelling as a leadership tool. At Nike, all senior executives are designated "corporate storytellers." 3M banned bullet points years ago and replaced them with a process of writing "strategic narratives." Procter Gamble hired Hollywood directors to teach its executives storytelling techniques. Some forward-thinking business schools have even added storytelling courses to their management curriculum. The reason for this is simple: Stories have the ability to engage an audience the way logic and bullet points alone never could. Whether you are trying to communicate a vision, sell an idea, or inspire commitment, storytelling is a powerful business tool that can mean the difference between mediocre results and phenomenal success. *Lead with a Story* contains both ready-to-use stories and how-to guidance for readers looking to craft their own. Designed for a wide variety of business challenges, the book shows how narrative can help: * Define culture and values * Engender creativity and innovation * Foster collaboration and build relationships * Provide coaching and feedback * Lead change * And more Whether in a speech or a memo, communicated to one person or a thousand, storytelling is an essential skill for success. Complete with examples from companies like Kellogg's, Merrill-Lynch, Procter Gamble, National Car Rental, Wal-Mart, Pizza Hut, and more, this practical resource gives readers the guidance they need to deliver stories to stunning effect.

Middlegame Sep 08 2020 A HUGO AWARD FINALIST! WINNER OF THE LOCUS AWARD FOR BEST FANTASY NOVEL, 2020! A Pick on the 2020 RUSA Reading List! New York Times bestselling and Alex, Nebula, and Hugo-Award-winning author Seanan McGuire introduces readers to a world of amoral alchemy, shadowy organizations, and impossible cities in the standalone fantasy, *Middlegame*. Meet Roger. Skilled with words, languages come easily to him. He instinctively understands how the world works through the power of story. Meet Dodger, his twin. Numbers are her world, her obsession, her everything. All she understands, she does so through the power of math. Roger and Dodger aren't exactly human, though they don't realise it. They aren't exactly gods, either. Not entirely. Not yet. Meet Reed, skilled in the alchemical arts like his progenitor before him. Reed created Dodger and her brother. He's not their father. Not quite. But he has a plan: to raise the twins to the highest power, to ascend with them and claim their authority as his own. Godhood is attainable. Pray it isn't attained. A USA Today Bestseller, and named as one of *Paste Magazine's* 30 Best Fantasy Novels of the Decade! At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Story Book Oct 22 2021 `Fantastic. A bible for writers.` Bookshelf Author, scriptwriter, story consultant and Ph.D scholar of narrative theory, David Baboulene, helps you to understand what makes stories that grip. With invaluable new thinking on subtext plus insights on story success from: Bob Gale: Legendary Hollywood scriptwriter and producer of the *Back to the Future* trilogy. Lee Child: 16 million *Jack Reacher* novels sold in 43 countries and 29 languages. Willy Russell: celebrated playwright and film maker of classics such as *Shirley Valentine*, *Educating Rita*, *Blood Brothers*... John Sullivan: television comedy writing legend - *Only Fools and Horses*, *Citizen Smith*, *Just Good Friends*... Simply a must-read for anyone wanting to understand how to turn ideas into stories that sell. "Receiving a publishing deal was a dream turned reality, and *The Story Book* helped me obtain this achievement. A practical, yet engaging guide, every writer should read. "David Baboulene is truly a master when it comes to the science behind storytelling." Craig Hinde (Director). Here is what I have in my acknowledgment page: 'David Baboulene-I did it and you're a heck of a teacher!' " Kerri Cuevas - Author of *Deadly Kisses*.

Storytelling with Data Jul 19 2021 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!

How to Write a Story Nov 03 2022 The inspiring sequel to the 2015 Parent's Choice Winner, *How to Read a Story!* Step 1: Choose an idea for your story. A good one. Step 2: Decide on a setting. Don't be afraid to mix things up. Step 3: Create a heroine—or a hero. Now: Begin. Accomplished storytellers Kate Messner and Mark Siegel playfully chronicle the process of becoming a writer in this fun follow-up to *How to Read a Story*, guiding young storytellers through the joys and challenges of the writing process. From choosing an idea, to creating a problem for their character to resolve, to coming to *The End*, this empowering picture book breaks down the writing process in a dynamic and accessible way, encouraging kids to explore their own creativity—and share their stories with others! • Perfect for educators, librarians, and parents who are helping children develop early writing and reading skills • Great read-aloud book for preschool- and kindergarten-aged children interested in learning to read • Helps teach Common Core Curriculum skills Young readers who love *We Are in a Book!*, *How Rocket Learned to Read*, and *Also an Octopus* will love the reading and writing lessons and inspiration in *How to Write a Story*. • Read-aloud books for kids ages 3–5 • Learning to write books for kids • Kindergarten, pre-K

creativity books Kate Messner is an award-winning author whose many books for kids have been selected as Best Books by the New York Times, Junior Library Guild, Indie Bound, and Bank Street College of Education. She lives on Lake Champlain with her family. Mark Siegel is the author of many graphic novels and children's picture books, including the 5 Worlds series, as well as the illustrator of *How to Read a Story* and the Robert F. Sibert Honor Book *To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel*. He lives in New York.

Wired for Story Oct 02 2022 This guide reveals how writers can utilize cognitive storytelling strategies to craft stories that ignite readers' brains and captivate them through each plot element. Imagine knowing what the brain craves from every tale it encounters, what fuels the success of any great story, and what keeps readers transfixed. *Wired for Story* reveals these cognitive secrets—and it's a game-changer for anyone who has ever set pen to paper. The vast majority of writing advice focuses on "writing well" as if it were the same as telling a great story. This is exactly where many aspiring writers fail—they strive for beautiful metaphors, authentic dialogue, and interesting characters, losing sight of the one thing that every engaging story must do: ignite the brain's hardwired desire to learn what happens next. When writers tap into the evolutionary purpose of story and electrify our curiosity, it triggers a delicious dopamine rush that tells us to pay attention. Without it, even the most perfect prose won't hold anyone's interest. Backed by recent breakthroughs in neuroscience as well as examples from novels, screenplays, and short stories, *Wired for Story* offers a revolutionary look at story as the brain experiences it. Each chapter zeroes in on an aspect of the brain, its corresponding revelation about story, and the way to apply it to your storytelling right now.

House of Leaves Apr 15 2021 "A novelistic mosaic that simultaneously reads like a thriller and like a strange, dreamlike excursion into the subconscious." —The New York Times Years ago, when *House of Leaves* was first being passed around, it was nothing more than a badly bundled heap of paper, parts of which would occasionally surface on the Internet. No one could have anticipated the small but devoted following this terrifying story would soon command. Starting with an odd assortment of marginalized youth -- musicians, tattoo artists, programmers, strippers, environmentalists, and adrenaline junkies -- the book eventually made its way into the hands of older generations, who not only found themselves in those strangely arranged pages but also discovered a way back into the lives of their estranged children. Now this astonishing novel is made available in book form, complete with the original colored words, vertical footnotes, and second and third appendices. The story remains unchanged, focusing on a young family that moves into a small home on Ash Tree Lane where they discover something is terribly wrong: their house is bigger on the inside than it is on the outside. Of course, neither Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Will Navidson nor his companion Karen Green was prepared to face the consequences of that impossibility, until the day their two little children wandered off and their voices eerily began to return another story -- of creature darkness, of an ever-growing abyss behind a closet door, and of that unholy growl which soon enough would tear through their walls and consume all their dreams.

Enough to Go Around Jan 13 2021 When Kevin learns that not everyone has enough to eat, like the full meals he enjoys with his family every night, he organizes a food drive at school.

Everyone Has a Story May 05 2020

The Gift of the Magi Oct 10 2020 *The Gift of the Magi* is a treasured short story written by O. Henry. A young and very much in love couple can barely afford their one-room apartment, let alone the extra expense of getting Christmas presents for one another. But each is determined to show their love for the other in this traditional time of giving; each sells a thing they hold most dear in order to afford a present, with poignant and touching results that capture their love for one another.

Skullsworn Nov 22 2021 Brian Staveley's new standalone, *Skullsworn*, returns to the critically acclaimed *Chronicle of the Unhewn Throne* universe, following a priestess-assassin for the God of Death. "Brilliant." —V. E. Schwab, New York Times bestselling author From the award-winning epic fantasy world of *The Emperor's Blades*... Pyrre Lakatur is not, to her mind, an assassin, not a murderer—she is a priestess. At least, she will be once she passes her final trial. The problem isn't the killing. The problem, rather, is love. For to complete her trial, Pyrre has ten days to kill the seven people enumerated in an ancient song, including "the one who made your mind and body sing with love / who will not come again." Pyrre isn't sure she's ever been in love. And if she fails to find someone who can draw such passion from her, or fails to kill that someone, her order will give her to their god, the God of Death. Pyrre's not afraid to die, but she hates to fail, and so, as her trial is set to begin, she returns to the city of her birth in the hope of finding love . . . and ending it on the edge of her sword. "A complex and richly detailed world filled with elite soldier-assassins, mystic warrior monks, serpentine politics, and ancient secrets." —Library Journal, starred review, on *The Emperor's Blades Chronicle of the Unhewn Throne* *The Emperor's Blades* *The Providence of Fire* *The Last Mortal Bond* Other books in the world of the *Unhewn Throne* *Skullsworn* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Help Aug 27 2019 Limited and persecuted by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African-American maid, her sassy and chronically unemployed friend and a recently graduated white woman, team up for a clandestine project against a backdrop of the budding civil rights era. Includes reading-group guide. Reissue. A #1 best-selling novel.

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