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The art of storytelling is one of the oldest in the world and the first conscious form of literary communication. In the East it still lasts and it is not uncommon to find a group of people gathered on a street corner for the simple pleasure of attending a narration. In the West there are signs that suggest a growing interest in this ancient art and we may live long enough to witness the revival of minstrels and minstrels, The author shares his insights into the craft of writing and offers a humorous perspective on his own experience as a writer. Hook Your Audience with Unforgettable Storytelling! What do Luke Skywalker, John McClane, and a lonely dog on Ho'okipa Beach have in common? Simply put, we care about them. Great storytelling is making readers care about your characters, the choices they make, and what happens to them. It's making your audience feel the tension and emotion of a situation right alongside your protagonist. And to tell a damn fine story, you need to understand why and how that caring happens. Using a mix of personal stories, pop fiction examples, and traditional storytelling terms, New York Times best-selling author Chuck Wendig will help you internalize the feel of powerful storytelling. In *Damn Fine Story*, you'll explore: • Freytag's Pyramid for visualizing story structure--and when to break away from traditional storytelling forms • Character relationships and interactions as the basis of every strong plot—no matter the form or genre • Rising and falling tension that pulls the audience through to the climax and conclusion of the story • Developing themes as a way to craft characters with depth Whether you're writing a novel, screenplay, video game, comic, or even if you just like to tell stories to your friends and family over dinner, this funny and informative guide is chock-full of examples about the art and craft of storytelling--and how to write a damn fine story of your own. "Wonderful." —Michiko Kakutani, New York Times Celebrating the 20th anniversary of storytelling phenomenon *The Moth*, 45 unforgettable true stories about risk, courage, and facing the unknown, drawn from the best ever told on their stages Carefully selected by the creative minds at *The Moth*, and adapted to the page to preserve the raw energy of live storytelling, *All These Wonders* features voices both familiar and new. Alongside Meg Wolitzer, John Turturro, Tig Notaro, and Hasan Minhaj, readers will encounter: an astronomer gazing at the surface of Pluto for the first time, an Afghan refugee learning how much her father sacrificed to save their family, a hip-hop star coming to terms with being a "one-hit wonder," a young female spy risking everything as part of Churchill's "secret army" during World War II, and more. High-school student and neuroscientist alike, the storytellers share their ventures into uncharted territory—and how their lives were changed indelibly by what they discovered there. With passion, and humor, they encourage us all to be more open, vulnerable, and alive. 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. If a story is going to fail, it will do so first at the premise level. *Anatomy of a Premise Line: How to Master Premise and Story Development for Writing Success* is the only book of its kind to identify a seven-step development process that can be repeated and applied to any story idea. This process will save you time, money, and potentially months of wasted writing. So whether you are trying to write a feature screenplay, develop a television pilot, or just trying to figure out your next story move as a writer, this book gives you the tools you need to know which ideas are worth pursuing. In addition to the 7-step premise development tool, *Anatomy of a Premise Line* also presents a premise and idea testing methodology that can be used to test any developed premise line. Customized exercises and worksheets are included to facilitate knowledge transfer, so that by the end of the book, you will have a fully developed premise line, log line, tagline, and a completed premise-testing checklist. Here is some of what you will learn inside: Ways to determine whether or not your story is a good fit for print or screen Case studies and hands-on worksheets to help you learn by participating in the process Tips on how to effectively work through writer's block A companion website ([www.routledge.com/cw/lyons](http://www.routledge.com/cw/lyons)) with additional worksheets, videos, and interactive tools to help you learn the basics of perfecting a killer premise line **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • From storytelling phenomenon and hit podcast *The Moth*—and featuring contributions from Meg Wolitzer, Adam Gopnik, Krista Tippett, Andrew Solomon, Rosanne Cash, Ophira Eisenberg, Wang Ping, and more—a new collection of unforgettable true stories about finding the strength to face the impossible, drawn from the very best ever told on its stages Carefully selected by the creative minds at storytelling phenomenon *The Moth*, and adapted to the page to preserve the raw energy of stories told live, onstage and without notes, *Occasional Magic* features voices familiar and new. Inside, storytellers from around the world share times when, in the face of seemingly impossible situations, they found moments of beauty, wonder, and clarity that shed light on their lives and helped them find a path forward. From a fifteen-year-old saving a life in Chicago to a mother of triplets trekking to the North Pole to a ninety-year-old Russian man recalling his standoff with the KGB, these storytellers attest to the variety and richness of the human experience, and the shared threads that connect us all. With honesty and humor, they stare down their fear, embrace uncertainty, and encourage us all to be more authentic, vulnerable, and alive. The first book-length study in any language of Celati's entire body of work,

this monograph ranges over a broad landscape of critical thought and creative writing. Brand Bewitchery is for leaders of purpose-driven brands who seek a proven system to clarify their brand story, amplify their impact and simplify their life. The book guides readers through the Story Cycle System(TM) to craft their overarching brand narrative, a process that has grown business by as much as 600 percent. But how you tell your story is critical to success. Brand Bewitchery also includes two dynamic story structures. Readers will learn the And, But & Therefore foundational narrative framework to focus all of their messaging for more compelling communications. Plus, they will apply the Five Primal Elements of a short story to create a big impact. Brand Bewitchery features 12 precise story quests: individual and team-building exercises that help the brand creator find, craft and tell true stories that sell. These real-life stories not only support their new brand narrative crafted within these pages but ensure their content hacks through the noise to hook the hearts of their customers. When finished with this guide book, readers will have revealed their most powerful stories for their personal brand to grow their influence and their business brand to generate a measurable increase in sales while increasing the productivity of their people and enhancing lives in the communities they serve. The storytelling structures in Brand Bewitchery, tested over more than a decade through hundreds of businesses and the thousands of people, simply help leaders excel through the stories they tell. People forget facts, but they never forget a good story. Let the Story Do the Work shows how the art of storytelling is key for any business to achieve success. For most, there's nothing easy about crafting a memorable story, let alone linking it to professional goals. However, material for stories and anecdotes that can be used for your professional success already surround you. To get people interested in and convinced by what you are saying, you need to tell an interesting story. As the Founder and Chief Story Facilitator at Leadership Story Lab, a company that helps executives unlock the persuasive power of storytelling, Esther Choy teaches you how to mine your experience for simple narratives that will achieve your goals. In Let the Story Do the Work, you can learn to: Capture attention Engage your audience Change minds Inspire action Pitch persuasively When you find the perfect hook, structure your story according to its strengths, and deliver it at the right time in the right way, you'll see firsthand how easy it is to turn everyday communications into opportunities to connect, gain buy-in, and build lasting relationships. An editor coaches writers on the storytelling, description, and dialogue techniques to improve chances for publishing success. Storytelling—how to catch and hold a reader's interest through artful narration of factual material William E. Blundell, one of the best writers on one of America's best-written papers—The Wall Street Journal—has put his famous Journal Feature-Writing Seminars into this step-by-step guide for turning out great articles. Filled with expert instruction on a complex art, it provides beginners with a systematic approach to feature writing and deftly teaches old pros some new tricks about: · How and where to get ideas · What readers like and don't like · Adding energy and interest to tired topics · Getting from first ideas to finish article · The rules of organization · How—and whom—to quote and paraphrase · Wordcraft, leads, and narrative flow · Self-editing and notes on style ... plus many sample feature articles. 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! People have been telling stories for millennia. There's an art to telling a good story and we all know a good story when we hear one. But there's also a science behind the art of storytelling. This book helps you master both, building your unique craft of public speaking. We've all listened to and suffered through long PowerPoint presentations, made up of bullet point after bullet point. What if you had the tools to bring your presentations and talks to life? What if you had all you needed to become a smart storyteller in the palm of your hand? What if you could present with impact? Take charge of that meeting? What if you had the tools to create a powerful TEDx talk? What if you could build confidence to speak up more at work? This book is a practical guide to smart storytelling, the craft of public speaking. It will help you discover your story, speak with purpose, and have an impact. This book is about application. Smart storytelling is about trying out the techniques, doing the exercises regularly, and then taking time to reflect on your success. Regular techniques and exercises will help you cultivate a greater sense of self-belief when speaking. It'll also help you tap into your potential and harness your inner power to build trust amongst the people you speak to. This book will help you become a smart storyteller. 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. Jane was an aspiring writer, who, like everyone else before her, parachuted fearlessly into the writing jungle. And, like everybody else, she got hung up on a tree with her parachute. That tree was the sub craft How to Write in Limited POV. Looking around, she notices a hundred more trees on which other aspiring writers are hung up. She cuts the parachute lines, drops to the ground, makes a summersault forward, and jumps to her feet. Around her, writers of all ages are cutting paths through the thicket. "Help?" She calls out. Well-meant answers arrive from all directions. "Create an interesting character and give her a great goal." "Write what you want to read." "Create a sense of wonder." "The more conflict, the better." "Don't write to get published, grab the reader." "Be captivating. Or memorable." "Keep the reader turning pages." "Be unpredictable and keep the reader curious." Jane scans the area. She can't see more than ten meters into the thicket. How she wishes she had a map and a navigation system. Five years later, Jane is still cutting her way through the writing wilderness. She has climbed eighty-one writing skill trees, crossed the suspense valley, ascended the romance mountain, and walked the Hero's Journey track, but the storytelling jungle remains a tangle. How she wishes she had a map and a navigation system. Most books about writing specialize in one, two, or three crafts, but none focuses on the overview (yep, that's a paradox). Until now. The map and navs are finally here: The Eight Crafts of Writing and the supplementary book The Eight Crafts Navigation System. HARNESS THE UNIVERSAL POWER OF STORYTELLING TO IMPROVE ALL OF YOUR BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS. What's your story? It's a question human beings have been asking each other since we first gathered around a campfire. Millennia later, this human need for storytelling hasn't changed. We communicate most effectively through our personal stories—and our professional success depends on it. This groundbreaking guide shows you how to tap into the timeless power of storytelling to transform your business. Here, executive coach, motivational speaker, and psychologist Murray Nossel, PhD, distills decades of experience into a simple method that will enable you to: •Find the right story for a particular audience and purpose. •Leverage your own experiences, memories, history, and heritage. •Create, develop, and craft a universal story that resonates. •Connect with business associates on a more personal, relatable level. •Share your corporate vision and goals—and get others on board. •Resolve workplace conflicts and find workable solutions. •Boost creativity, spread ideas, and spark true innovation. •Improve

teamwork and collaboration through listening and learning. •Integrate storytelling into all your communications for ongoing success. You'll learn the proven three-step method Murray's firm, Narativ, uses with its clients, ranging from Fortune 500 companies to nonprofits. First, you excavate your personal memories and experiences to generate story ideas that suit your particular needs. Second, you craft and shape these elements into a classic story structure that really connects with audiences. Third, you present your story to your business audience using simple performance techniques that anyone can master. A fundamental element of this method is a focus on listening: the ability to hear yourself, as well as the feedback provided by a given audience?because it is your audience's listening that shapes your telling. Everyone needs to communicate well to succeed in business. And everyone has a story to tell. Powered by Storytelling shows you how to tell your story, connect with your audience, and achieve results. A prolific and award-winning writer, Lee Martin has put pen to paper to offer his wisdom, honed during thirty years of teaching the oh-so-elusive art of writing. Telling Stories is intended for anyone interested in thinking more about the elements of storytelling in short stories, novels, and memoirs. Martin clearly delineates helpful and practical techniques for demystifying the writing process and provides tools for perfecting the art of the scene, characterization, detail, point of view, language, and revision—in short, the art of writing. His discussion of the craft in his own life draws from experiences, memories, and stories to provide a more personal perspective on the elements of writing. Martin provides encouragement by sharing what he's learned from his journey through frustrations, challenges, and successes. Most important, Telling Stories emphasizes that you are not alone on this journey and that writers must remain focused on what they love: the process of moving words on the page. By focusing on that purpose, Martin contends, the journey will always take you where you're meant to go. Introduction / by Barbara Morgan -- 1. Inspiration. A conversation with Randall Wallace -- 2. Story. What makes a great story : a conversation with Bill Wittliff ; Steven Zaillian on where the story originates ; Peter Hedges on crafting story ; Lawrence Kasdan on story and theme -- 3. Process. A conversation with John Lee Hancock ; Sacha Gervasi on getting started ; The basics with Nicholas Kazan ; Advice from Bill Wittliff ; Anne Rapp's writing routine ; Caroline Thompson's writing process ; Lawrence Kasdan on the challenges of writing -- 4. Structure. Structure and format : a conversation with Frank Pierson, Whit Stillman, Robin Swicord, and Nicholas Kazan ; Caroline Thompson on structure ; Lawrence Kasdan on the rules of script formatting ; Visual storytelling : a conversation with John August, John Lee Hancock, and Randall Wallace -- 5. Character and dialogue. Building characters and mapping their journeys : a conversation with Lawrence Kasdan and Anne Rapp ; Nicholas Kazan on writing characters ; Crafting characters : a conversation with Lawrence Kasdan ; Dialogue and finding the voice : a conversation with John August and John Lee Hancock -- 6. Rewriting. Writer's block : a conversation with Bud Shrake and Bill Wittliff ; Bill Wittliff on when to let something go ; Steven Zaillian on defining scenes : what to keep in, what to leave out ; Anne Rapp on keeping writing fresh ; Nicholas Kazan's rewriting process ; On rewriting : a conversation with Daniel Petrie Jr., Peter Hedges, and Sacha Gervasi ; Lawrence Kasdan on how to know when you're done -- 7. Collaboration. A conversation with Steven Zaillian ; Peter Hedges on collaborating ; Lawrence Kasdan on writing with a partner ; Randall Wallace on working with other writers -- 8. Go forth. Award-winning novelist Ursula K. Le Guin has turned a successful workshop into a self-guided voyage of discovery for a writer working alone, a writing group or a class. "So often people ask me if there's a book on story I can recommend. This is the one. I can't recommend it highly enough."—Alexa Junge, writer/producer, Friends, Sex and the City, The West Wing A master class of 27 lessons, drawn from 27 diverse narratives, for novelists, storytellers, filmmakers, graphic designers, and more. Author Daniel Joshua Rubin unlocks the secrets of what makes a story work, and then shows how to understand and use these principles in your own writing. The result is "an invaluable resource" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), offering priceless advice like escalate risk, with an example from Pulp Fiction. Write characters to the top of their intelligence, from the Eminem song "Stan." Earn transformations, from Alison Bechdel's Fun Home. Attack your theme, from The Brothers Karamazov. Insightful, encouraging, filled with attitude, and, as Booklist puts it, "perfect for any writer looking to ensure their stories operate and resonate at the top of their potential," this book gives contemporary storytellers of all kinds a lifeline of inspiration and relatable instruction. "[The] new bible of lessons and practices for creators."—Library Journal "Not a 'how-to,' thank God, but a 'here's why.' Writers of all levels of experience will benefit from reading—and then rereading—this elegant exploration of the principles of storytelling."—Traci Letts, Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning playwright "A godsend for storytellers in all media. It will help you decide what to write and then show you, step by step, how to tackle virtually any problem you face."—Anna D. Shapiro, Tony Award-winning director, August: Osage County Master the Power of Story When you consider the thousands of years of storytelling that comprise our literary tradition, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the shadow of so many works. But there are common threads that link all stories--from Beowulf and Hamlet to Gone With the Wind and The Godfather to the story you're drafting right now in your head. These threads form the foundation that supports story--a foundation Nancy Lamb shows you how to access and master. Whether you're writing a novel, a memoir, or a screenplay, The Art and Craft of Storytelling offers time-tested ways to translate a concrete idea into a polished work. In this book, you will find strategies for: • Creating a successful a beginning, middle, and end while moving smoothly from one stage to the next • Crafting memorable characters, choosing the best point of view for your story, and constructing authentic, compelling dialogue • Integrating and navigating the more subtle elements of story, such as voice, tone, premise, and theme • Understanding genres and subgenres and how they apply to your story • Structuring plots that transform a ho-hum story into a page-turning read The Art and Craft of Storytelling gives you all the tools you need to contribute your own story to our great tradition, to open new worlds to your readers, and to introduce new ways of thinking. This is the power and purpose of story. And by your writing, this is the tradition you honor. For the first time in print, celebrated storytelling phenomenon The Moth presents fifty spellbinding, soul-bearing stories selected from their extensive archive (fifteen-plus years and 10,000-plus stories strong). Inspired by friends telling stories on a porch, The Moth was born in small-town Georgia, garnered a cult following in New York City, and then rose to national acclaim with the wildly popular podcast and Peabody Award-winning weekly public radio show The Moth Radio Hour. Stories include: writer Malcolm Gladwell's wedding toast gone horribly awry; legendary rapper Darryl "DMC" McDaniels' obsession with a Sarah McLachlan song; poker champion Annie Duke's two-million-dollar hand; and A. E. Hotchner's death-defying stint in a bullring . . . with his friend Ernest Hemingway. Read about the panic of former Clinton Press Secretary Joe Lockhart when he misses Air Force One after a hard night of drinking in Moscow, and Dr. George Lombardi's fight to save Mother Teresa's life. This will be a beloved read for existing Moth enthusiasts, fans of the featured storytellers, and all who savor well-told, hilarious, and heartbreaking stories. "A Story Is a Promise offers a new model for understanding one of the most difficult of all arts: writing dramatic, engaging stories." "Written in a style reminiscent of a workshop, A Story Is a Promise guides the writer toward a keen understanding of the principle underlying all well-told stories, that a story is both a promise made and a promise kept. Step by step, this book teaches writers how to set out a story's promise in an active voice, which is the voice of the true storyteller."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved Screenwriting Fundamentals: The Art and Craft of Visual Writing takes a step-by-step approach to screenwriting, starting with a blank page and working through each element of the craft. Written in an approachable anecdote-infused style that's full of humor, Bauer shows the writer how to put the pieces together, taking the process of screenwriting out of the cerebral and on to the page. Part One of the book covers character, location, time-frame and dialogue, emphasizing the particularity in writing for a visual medium. Part Two of the book focuses on the narrative aspect of screenwriting. Proceeding incrementally from the idea and story outline, through plotting and writing the treatment, the workshop-in-a-book concludes with writing the First Draft. A unique emphasis on the visual elements of storytelling because the camera is always present—the screenplay must act as a guide for the director and the editor. A "workshop in a book" approach that walks the reader step-by-step through a screenplay—focusing on character, location, time frame, visual components, and transitions—with plenty of exercises that generate material for the narrative writing process. A process-oriented approach, combined with a lighthearted tone and approachable style, that allows the reader to ease into the daunting task of writing a First Draft and takes them all the way through to the end— First Draft in hand. SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER 'If you want to write a novel or a script, read this book' Sunday Times 'The best book on the craft of storytelling I've ever read' Matt Haig 'Rarely has a book engrossed me more, and forced me to question

everything I've ever read, seen or written. A masterpiece' Adam Rutherford Why stories make us human and how to tell them better. There have been many attempts to understand what makes a good story - but few have used a scientific approach. In this incisive, thought-provoking book, award-winning writer Will Storr demonstrates how master storytellers manipulate and compel us. Applying dazzling psychological research and cutting-edge neuroscience to the foundations of our myths and archetypes, he shows how we can use these tools to tell better stories - and make sense of our chaotic modern world. INCLUDES NEW MATERIAL. This is the writing workbook that will help new or struggling writers to understand both the art and craft of storytelling. This book has three sections. A Story is a Promise explores the mechanics of telling a story. Deep Characterization explores what happens when an author makes characters an extension of the author's issues. The Spirit of Storytelling suggests techniques for authors to create characters with fully realized inner lives; characters who are vibrant, dynamic, and resonate with readers. The book includes a link to an outline of *The Lovely Bones* and a diagram for developing the dramatic truths of characters, and new reviews of popular movies, including *Inception*, and detailed reviews of *Romeo and Juliet* (the play), *The Heidi Chronicles* (play), *The Shawshank Redemption* and *The Usual Suspects* (movies), and *The Lovely Bones* (novels). These reviews are meant to help writers understand the underlying process that creates popular stories. Learn storytelling from the reading or watching the stories you love! "How Story Works is a writing encyclopedia, a road map, and a pep talk all rolled into one--the rare 'How To' that feels like you're having a fun chat with an enthusiastic expert who can't wait to read what you've created. If you have a story inside of you, this book can help you get it out of there and into the world where it belongs." --Josh Siegal, writer and producer, *30 Rock*, *The Good Place*, *Saved By The Bell* Almost two decades ago, Lani Diane Rich signed a two-book deal with Warner Books and panicked. She'd written one story, but had no idea how she wrote it. Right then, she started on a quest to learn everything about stories. Now, 12 novels and thousands of hours analyzing stories later, she's ready to teach you not only how story works, but how to make it work for you. Whether you're writing novels, films, comics or video games, this theory will teach you what you need to know about craft so that you can get out of your own way and let your magic shine. "Lani's assistance was instrumental in turning my manuscript into an actual book that you can hold in your hands. She won't just make you a better writer, she'll inspire you to work hard, love your creations, and be proud to take them out into the world." --Luke Arnold, star of Starz's *Black Sails* and author of *The Last Smile in Sunder City* From Charles Johnson—a National Book Award winner, Professor Emeritus at University of Washington, and one of America's preeminent scholars on literature and race—comes an instructive, inspiring guide to the craft and art of writing. An award-winning novelist, philosopher, essayist, screenwriter, professor, and cartoonist, Charles Johnson has devoted his life to creative pursuit. His 1990 National Book Award-winning novel *Middle Passage* is a modern classic, revered as much for its daring plot as its philosophical underpinnings. For thirty-three years, Johnson taught and mentored students in the art and craft of creative writing. *The Way of the Writer* is his record of those years, and the coda to a kaleidoscopic, boundary-shattering career. Organized into six accessible, easy-to-navigate sections, *The Way of the Writer* is both a literary reflection on the creative impulse and a utilitarian guide to the writing process. Johnson shares his lessons and exercises from the classroom, starting with word choice, sentence structure, and narrative voice, and delving into the mechanics of scene, dialogue, plot and storytelling before exploring the larger questions at stake for the serious writer. What separates literature from industrial fiction? What lies at the heart of the creative impulse? How does one navigate the literary world? And how are philosophy and fiction concomitant? Luminous, inspiring, and imminently accessible, *The Way of the Writer* is a revelatory glimpse into the mind of the writer and an essential guide for anyone with a story to tell. The sequel to *Mixon's* popular "The Art & Craft of Fiction: A Practitioner's Manual," her new book, "The Art & Craft of Story: 2nd Practitioner's Manual," explores in detail the complex crafts of character development and plot structure, explaining and illuminating exactly how the greats have done this work to such powerful effect and teaching how to apply their lessons to your own fiction. *Mixon* includes dozens of examples from the literary canon along with a step-by-step analysis of six brilliant stories from which their genres sprang, as well as discussing the grand art of storytelling, from character arc/narrative arc to three-dimensional graphing, from hunting the ghost tiger to the Tao of theme. Again, *Mixon's* voice is warm and entertaining, your personal welcome into the greater fellowship of all writers. Many of us would love to hold the attention of a crowd, a classroom, or just a group of our friends by telling them a great story. We have felt the pressure of a public presentation or the disappointment of a story that is ignored and we are ready for more. In "The Art of Storytelling," John Walsh talks through the steps to presenting a compelling story, outlining the strategies that helped him move from stammerer to storyteller as he fulfilled his calling of becoming a preacher. This book will help any person with a story to share, as it talks through all aspects of presentation, from what to do with your hands as you speak, to crafting a killer ending. It is especially relevant those who teach through the stories of the Bible or who would like to do so.-- Encouraging children to let their imagination run wild, Emily K. Neubinger offers 40 inventive projects and activities that will inspire kids ages 5 to 12 to express themselves through storytelling. Younger children will love making story stones and a storytelling jar, while older kids will open up and thrive as they embark on guided story walks and inspiring journaling exercises. Sparking creativity while developing a child's love of language, *Show Me a Story* will kindle a lifelong passion for both writing and telling original stories. Can you captivate an audience with your story? Many of us would love to hold the attention of a crowd, a classroom, or just a group of our friends by telling them a great story. We have felt the pressure of a public presentation or the disappointment of telling a story that others ignore. We are ready to be heard, ready to captivate. In *The Art of Storytelling*, John Walsh takes us through the steps to presenting a compelling story—outlining the strategies that helped him move from stammerer to storyteller. This book will help any person with a story to share by walking you through all aspects of presentation . . . from what to do with your hands as you speak all the way to crafting a killer ending. Whether you're telling bedtime stories to your children or Bible stories to a congregation, this book will take your storytelling to a new level. *Writing for News Media* is a down-to-earth guide on how to write news stories for online, print and broadcast audiences. It celebrates the craft of storytelling, arguing for its continued importance in a modern newsroom. With dynamism and humour, Ian Pickering, a journalist with 30 years' experience, offers readers practical advice on being a news journalist, with step-by-step guidance on creating a great story and writing the perfect news copy. Chapters include: extracts from published news articles to help illustrate the dos and don'ts of storytelling; the ten golden rules for structuring and putting together a successful news article, including 'Nail the intro', 'Let it flow' and 'Keep it simple'; instruction on writing stories for different specialist subjects, including politics, court cases, economics, funnies and celebrity; help for readers on how to write for broadcast news; tips on how to write headlines, how to use pictures, how to make the most of quotations and how to avoid common style and grammar mistakes; glossaries covering a range of different aspects of news journalism, including types of news story, online and data journalism, typesetting and broadcasting. This is an instructive and insightful manual which champions brilliant storytelling and writing with flair. It introduces a set of key creative and analytical techniques that will help students of journalism and young professionals hone and refine their story-writing skills. Jack Hart, master writing coach and former managing editor of the *Oregonian*, has guided several Pulitzer Prize-winning narratives to publication. Since its publication in 2011, his book *Storycraft* has become the definitive guide to crafting narrative nonfiction. This is the book to read to learn the art of storytelling as embodied in the work of writers such as David Grann, Mary Roach, Tracy Kidder, and John McPhee. In this new edition, Hart has expanded the book's range to delve into podcasting and has incorporated new insights from recent research into storytelling and the brain. He has also added dozens of new examples that illustrate effective narrative nonfiction. This edition of *Storycraft* is also paired with *Wordcraft*, a new incarnation of Hart's earlier book *A Writer's Coach*, now also available from Chicago. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Now in paperback and featuring new material, the definitive guide to telling an unforgettable story in any setting, from the storytelling experts at The Moth "From toasts to eulogies, from job interviews to social events, this book will help you with ideas, structure, delivery and more."—CNN LONGLISTED FOR THE PORCHLIGHT BUSINESS BOOK AWARD Over the past twenty-five years, the directors of The Moth have worked with people from all walks of life—including astronauts, hairdressers, rock stars, a retired pickpocket, high school students, and Nobel Prize winners—to develop true personal stories that have moved and delighted live audiences and listeners of The Moth's Peabody Award-winning radio hour and podcast. A leader in the modern



storytelling movement, The Moth inspires thousands of people around the globe to share their stories each year. Now, with *How to Tell a Story*, The Moth will help you learn how to uncover and craft your own unique stories, like Moth storytellers Mike Birbiglia, Rosanne Cash, Neil Gaiman, Elizabeth Gilbert, Padma Lakshmi, Darryl “DMC” McDaniels, Hasan Minhaj, Tig Notaro, Boots Riley, Betty Reid Soskin, John Turturro, and more. Whether your goal is to make it to the Moth stage, deliver the perfect wedding toast, wow clients at a business dinner, give a moving eulogy, ace a job interview, be a hit at parties, change the world, or simply connect more deeply to those around you, stories are essential. Sharing secrets of The Moth’s time-honed process and using examples from beloved storytellers, a team of Moth directors will show you how to

- mine your memories for your best stories
- explore structures that will boost the impact of your story
- deliver your stories with confidence
- tailor your stories for any occasion

Now featuring new prompts for engaging storytelling and filled with empowering, easy-to-follow tips for crafting stories that forge lasting bonds with friends, family, and colleagues alike, this book will help you connect authentically with the world around you and unleash the power of story in your life. This national bestseller is "a significant contribution to discussions of the art of fiction and a necessary challenge to received views about whose stories are told, how they are told and for whom they are intended" (Laila Lalami, *The New York Times Book Review*). The traditional writing workshop was established with white male writers in mind; what we call craft is informed by their cultural values. In this bold and original examination of elements of writing—including plot, character, conflict, structure, and believability—and aspects of workshop—including the silenced writer and the imagined reader—Matthew Salesses asks questions to invigorate these familiar concepts. He upends Western notions of how a story must progress. How can we rethink craft, and the teaching of it, to better reach writers with diverse backgrounds? How can we invite diverse storytelling traditions into literary spaces? Drawing from examples including *One Thousand and One Nights*, *Curious George*, Ursula K. Le Guin's *A Wizard of Earthsea*, and the Asian American classic *No-No Boy*, Salesses asks us to reimagine craft and the workshop. In the pages of exercises included here, teachers will find suggestions for building syllabi, grading, and introducing new methods to the classroom; students will find revision and editing guidance, as well as a new lens for reading their work. Salesses shows that we need to interrogate the lack of diversity at the core of published fiction: how we teach and write it. After all, as he reminds us, "When we write fiction, we write the world." Engage Your Readers with Emotion While writers might disagree over showing versus telling or plotting versus pantsing, none would argue this: If you want to write strong fiction, you must make your readers feel. The reader's experience must be an emotional journey of its own, one as involving as your characters' struggles, discoveries, and triumphs are for you. That's where *The Emotional Craft of Fiction* comes in. Veteran literary agent and expert fiction instructor Donald Maass shows you how to use story to provoke a visceral and emotional experience in readers. Topics covered include:

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- moral stakes
- connecting the inner and outer journeys
- plot as emotional opportunities
- invoking higher emotions, symbols, and emotional language
- cascading change
- story as emotional mirror
- positive spirit and magnanimous writing
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