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"If you're ready to graduate from the boy-meets-girl league of screenwriting, meet John Truby . . . [his lessons inspire] epiphanies that make you see the contours of your psyche as sharply as your script." -LA Weekly John Truby is one of the most respected and sought-after story consultants in the film industry, and his students have gone on to pen some of Hollywood's most successful

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films, including *Sleepless in Seattle*, *Scream*, and *Shrek*. *The Anatomy of Story* is his long-awaited first book, and it shares all his secrets for writing a compelling script. Based on the lessons in his award-winning class, *Great Screenwriting*, *The Anatomy of Story* draws on a broad range of philosophy and mythology, offering fresh techniques and insightful anecdotes alongside Truby's own unique approach to building an effective, multifaceted narrative. *Theme Is What Your Story Is Really About*—the mysterious cousin of plot and character. Too often

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viewed as abstract rather than actionable, theme is frequently misunderstood and left to chance. Some writers even insist theme should not be purposefully implemented. This is unfortunate, because in many ways theme is story. Theme is the heart, the meaning, the point. Nothing that important should be overlooked. Powerful themes are never incidental. They emerge from the conjunction of strong plots and resonant character arcs. This means you can learn to plan and implement theme. In doing so, you will deepen your ability to write not only stories that entertain, but also stories that stay with

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readers long after the end. Writing Your Story's Theme will teach you: How to create theme from plot and character. Why every supporting character and subplot should enhance the theme. How to prevent theme from seeming preachy or "on the nose." What to consider in identifying the best theme for any given story. And much more! Conscious mastery of theme will elevate every story you write and allow you to craft fiction of depth and meaning. Take Control of Your Story Via a Powerful Implementation of Theme

UNLOCK YOUR GAME'S NARRATIVE

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POTENTIAL! With increasingly sophisticated video games being consumed by an enthusiastic and expanding audience, the pressure is on game developers like never before to deliver exciting stories and engaging characters. With Video Game Storytelling, game writer and producer Evan Skolnick provides a comprehensive yet easy-to-follow guide to storytelling basics and how they can be applied at every stage of the development process—by all members of the team. This clear, concise reference pairs relevant examples from top games and other media with a breakdown of the key roles

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in game development, showing how a team's shared understanding and application of core storytelling principles can deepen the player experience. Understanding story and why it matters is no longer just for writers or narrative designers. From team leadership to game design and beyond, Skolnick reveals how each member of the development team can do his or her part to help produce gripping, truly memorable narratives that will enhance gameplay and bring today's savvy gamers back time and time again. Equally useful for seasoned professionals and those new

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to the field, Carolyn
Handler Miller covers
effective techniques for
creating compelling
narratives for a wide
variety of digital media.
Written in a clear, non-
technical style, it offers
insights into the process of
content creation by someone
with long experience in the
field. Whether you're a
writer, producer, director,
project manager, or
designer, 'Digital
Storytelling' gives you all
you need to develop a
successful interactive
project. *Learn about the
ground-breaking work being
done in new forms of
narrative like Alternate

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Reality Games (ARGs),
webisodes, user-generated
content, mobile
entertainment and transmedia
storytelling *Gain insights
from case studies of cutting-
edge projects from a variety
of different media,
including the Internet,
video games, interactive
television, virtual reality
and interactive cinema
*Discover new uses of
digital storytelling for
both entertainment and
entertainment blends --
projects that teach, inform,
and promote *See how to
combine the best of both
worlds - classic and twenty-
first century storytelling
techniques

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The Things They Carried

The Ultimate Self-Publishing
Workbook

Anatomy of a Premise Line

The Essential Guide to
Memorable Storytelling from
The Moth

How to Master Premise and
Story Development for
Writing Success

Step-By-Step | 2 Manuscripts
in 1 Book | Essential Story
Writing, Story Mapping and
Storytelling Tips Any Writer
Can Learn

Save the Cat

***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***

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**your script if you can save
the cat!**

***Explores the techniques of
effective character
development in the
processing of writing novels
to take the author's stories
from good to great,
including how to determine
which arc is right for your
character, why you should
never pit plot against
character, and how to avoid
the pitfalls of writing novels
without character arcs.
What really makes a video
game story interactive?
What's the best way to
create an interactive story?
How much control should***

players be given? Do they really want that control in the first place? Do they even know what they want- or are their stated desires at odds with the unconscious preferences? All of these questions and more are examined in this definitive book on interactive storytelling for video games. You'll get detailed descriptions of all major types of interactive stories, case studies of popular games (including Bioshock, Fallout 3, Final Fantasy XIII, Heavy Rain, and Metal Gear Solid), and how players interact with

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them, and an in-depth analysis of the results of a national survey on player storytelling preferences in games. You'll get the expert advice you need to generate compelling and original game concepts and narratives. With Interactive Storytelling for Video Games, you'll:

***NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • The definitive guide to telling an unforgettable story in any setting, drawing on twenty-five years of experience 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 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***
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tailor your stories for any occasion 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. The Masterful Author's Guide to Uniting Story Structure How to Use the Enneagram-Story Connection to Become a Master Storyteller The Writer's Guide to Plotting Stories That

Matter

***Role of Storytelling in
Character Development and
Leadership Practice of One
Rock Mentors, Associates
and Mentees***

***Psychological Foundations
of Moral Education and
Character Development
Here Lies a Father
Chasing the Scream***

The ultimate self-publishing guide, is a workbook filled with secrets and tips to help you get started towards your journey of creating your self-published book. Story Outlining, Character Development, and other Storytelling tips are for you to have the best writing experience in your career, The

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Write Way. All you need is to grab a pen, your thoughts and ready to work! Learn how to create synopsis, cliffhangers, keep notes on characters chapter by chapter. Understand the importance of character development and understanding how to fully develop your story. Best of all never forget the details.

Within the growing world of social media and computer technology, it is important to facilitate collaborative knowledge building through the utilization of visual literacy, decision-making, abstract thinking, and creativity in the application of scientific teaching. Visual Approaches to Cognitive Education With Technology

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Integration is a critical scholarly resource that presents discussions on cognitive education pertaining to particular scientific fields, music, digital art, programming, computer graphics, and new media.

Highlighting relevant topics such as educational visualization, art and technology integration, online learning, and multimedia technology, this book is geared towards educators, students, and researchers seeking current research on the integration of new visual education methods and technologies.

This is the third edition of Character Development and Storytelling for Games, a standard work in the field that brings all of the teaching from

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the first two books up to date and tackles the new challenges of today. Professional game writer and designer Lee Sheldon combines his experience and expertise in this updated edition. New examples, new game types, and new challenges throughout the text highlight the fundamentals of character writing and storytelling. But this book is not just a box of techniques for writers of video games. It is an exploration of the roots of character development and storytelling that readers can trace from Homer to Chaucer to Cervantes to Dickens and even Mozart. Many contemporary writers also contribute insights from books, plays, television, films, and, yes,

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games. Sheldon and his contributors emphasize the importance of creative instinct and listening to the inner voice that guides successful game writers and designers. Join him on his quest to instruct, inform, and maybe even inspire your next great game.

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

The Anatomy of Story
Creating Character Arcs

The Moral of the Story
The Power

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The Story Grid

An Integrated Theory of Moral
Development

The New York Times

Bestseller What if everything
you think you know about
addiction is wrong? Johann
Hari's journey into the heart of
the war on drugs led him to
ask this question--and to write
the book that gave rise to his
viral TED talk, viewed more
than 62 million times, and
inspired the feature film *The
United States vs. Billie Holiday*
and the documentary series
The Fix. One of Johann Hari's
earliest memories is of trying
to wake up one of his relatives

and not being able to. As he grew older, he realized he had addiction in his family.

Confused, not knowing what to do, he set out and traveled over 30,000 miles over three years to discover what really causes addiction--and what really solves it. He uncovered a range of remarkable human stories--of how the war on drugs began with Billie Holiday, the great jazz singer, being stalked and killed by a racist policeman; of the scientist who discovered the surprising key to addiction; and of the countries that ended their own war on

drugs--with extraordinary results. Chasing the Scream is the story of a life-changing journey that transformed the addiction debate internationally--and showed the world that the opposite of addiction is connection. 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!

What would happen if women suddenly possessed a fierce new power? "The Power is our era's The Handmaid's Tale."

--Ron Charles, Washington Post

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Magazine Best Novel of the
YearA New York Times Book
Review Editors' ChoiceAn
Amazon Best Book of the Year**
**"Alderman's writing is
beautiful, and her intelligence
seems almost limitless. She
also has a pitch-dark sense of
humor that she wields
perfectly." --Michael Schaub,
NPR In THE POWER, the**

world is a recognizable place: there's a rich Nigerian boy who lounges around the family pool; a foster kid whose religious parents hide their true nature; an ambitious American politician; a tough London girl from a tricky family. But then a vital new force takes root and flourishes, causing their lives to converge with devastating effect. Teenage girls now have immense physical power--they can cause agonizing pain and even death. And, with this small twist of nature, the world drastically resets. From award-winning author Naomi

Alderman, THE POWER is speculative fiction at its most ambitious and provocative, at once taking us on a thrilling journey to an alternate reality, and exposing our own world in bold and surprising ways. This remarkable and monumental book at last provides a comprehensive answer to the age-old riddle of whether there are only a small number of 'basic stories' in the world. Using a wealth of examples, from ancient myths and folk tales via the plays and novels of great literature to the popular movies and TV soap operas of today, it shows

that there are seven archetypal themes which recur throughout every kind of storytelling. But this is only the prelude to an investigation into how and why we are 'programmed' to imagine stories in these ways, and how they relate to the inmost patterns of human psychology. Drawing on a vast array of examples, from Proust to detective stories, from the Marquis de Sade to E.T., Christopher Booker then leads us through the extraordinary changes in the nature of storytelling over the past 200 years, and why so

many stories have 'lost the plot' by losing touch with their underlying archetypal purpose. Booker analyses why evolution has given us the need to tell stories and illustrates how storytelling has provided a uniquely revealing mirror to mankind's psychological development over the past 5000 years. This seminal book opens up in an entirely new way our understanding of the real purpose storytelling plays in our lives, and will be a talking point for years to come.

Creating Memorable Characters for Fiction, Film,

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Writing Your Story's Theme

Game Plans

Folktales for Character

Development

A Creator's Guide to

Interactive Entertainment

How to Tell a Story

What Good Editors Know

This book takes a unique look at visual character development in motion pictures and television by using famous works of art combined with modern works of film and television to demonstrate how to weave a visual tale. In a

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single shot or scene,
what should we reveal
about a character? What
should we conceal? How
can we show a
character's progression
over time? In Visual
Character Development in
Film and
Television, authors
Michael Hanly and
Elisabeth Rowney explain
how to create compelling
visual characters for
the screen by analyzing
fine art aesthetics and
combining them with
modern cinematic
techniques. Full-color

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chapters cover character-driven approaches to costume design and makeup application, production design, cinematography and lighting, plot development, editing considerations, and more. By exploring how surroundings, habits, lifestyles - even the color of a sweater - can tell us more about a character on the screen than what can be said in dialogue alone, this book will prove a valuable resource for

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The Multiplayer Classroom: Game Plans is a companion to The Multiplayer Classroom: Designing Coursework as a Game, now in its

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second edition from CRC Press. This book covers four multiplayer classroom projects played in the real world in real time to teach and entertain. They were funded by grants or institutions, collaborations between Lee Sheldon, as writer/designer, and subject matter experts in various fields. They are written to be accessible to anyone--designer, educator, or layperson--interested in

game-based learning. The subjects are increasingly relevant in this day and age: physical fitness, Mandarin, cybersecurity, and especially an online class exploring culture and identity on the internet that is unlike any online class you have ever seen. Read the annotated, often-suspenseful stories of how each game, with its unique challenges, thrills, and spills, was built. Lee Sheldon began his writing career in

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television as a writer-
producer, eventually
writing more than 200
shows ranging from
Charlie's Angels
(writer) to Edge of
Night (head writer) to
Star Trek: The Next
Generation (writer-
producer). Having
written and designed
more than forty
commercial and applied
video games, Lee
spearheaded the first
full writing for games
concentration in North
America at Rensselaer
Polytechnic Institute

and the second writing concentration at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is a regular lecturer and consultant on game design and writing in the United States and abroad. His most recent commercial game, the award-winning The Lion's Song, is currently on Steam. For the past two years he consulted on an "escape room in a box," funded by NASA, that gives visitors to hundreds of science museums and planetariums

the opportunity to play colonizers on the moon. He is currently writing his second mystery novel.

A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a groundbreaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. *The Things They Carried* depicts the men of Alpha Company:

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Jimmy Cross, Henry Dobbins, Rat Kiley, Mitchell Sanders, Norman Bowker, Kiowa, and the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three. Taught everywhere—from high school classrooms to graduate seminars in creative writing—it has become required reading for any American and continues to challenge readers in their perceptions of fact and

fiction, war and peace, courage and fear and longing. The Things They Carried won France's prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize; it was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

A user-friendly, hands-on approach to using storytelling and folktales in character education, as well as twelve stories that are fun, time- and audience-

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tested, and accessible

to a wide range of

listeners, from

preschool to high

school.

A Storytelling

Curriculum for Character

Development for Children

Ages Three Years to Five

Years for the Goldia and

Robert Naylor Children's

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Interactive Storytelling

for Video Games

Character Development

and Storytelling F +

Beginning Illustration

and St Oryboarding

The Green Mile

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**The Inspiration for the
Feature Film "The United
States vs. Billie
Holiday"**

**A Data Visualization
Guide for Business
Professionals**

Why We Tell Stories

At Col Mountain Penitentiary, along the lonely stretch of cells known as the Green Mile, killers as depraved as the psychopathic "Billy the Kid" Wharton and the possessed Eduard Delacroix await death strapped in "Old Sparky."

This book offers a unique approach to storytelling, connecting the Enneagram

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system with classic story principles of character development, plot, and story structure to provide a seven-step methodology to achieve rapid story development. Using the nine-core personality styles underlying all human thought, feeling, and action, it provides the tools needed to understand and leverage the Enneagram-Story connection for writing success. Author Jeff Lyons starts with the basics of the Enneagram system and builds with how to discover and design the critical story structure components of any story, featuring supporting examples of

the Enneagram-Story connection in practice across film, literature and TV. Readers will learn the fundamentals of the Enneagram system and how to utilise it to create multi-dimensional characters, master premise line development, maintain narrative drive, and create antagonists that are perfectly designed to challenge your protagonist in a way that goes beyond surface action to reveal the dramatic core of any story. Lyons explores the use of the Enneagram as a tool not only for character development, but for story development itself. This is the ideal text for intermediate and

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advanced level screenwriting and creative-writing students, as well as professional screenwriters and novelists looking to get more from their writing process and story structure. surface action to reveal the dramatic core of any story. Lyons explores the use of the Enneagram as a tool not only for character development, but for story development itself. This is the ideal text for intermediate and advanced level screenwriting and creative-writing students, as well as professional screenwriters and novelists looking to get more from their writing process and

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story structure.

"This book will focus on teaching and learning practices for the young student via remote learning providing resources pertaining to remote learning for others to be able to access and including suggestions for lesson plans, formats, concepts, ideas or anything necessary to further the body of research pertaining to remote learning"--

Do Your Readers Love Your Characters? No matter what type of fiction you write, it's the characters that draw readers in. In fact, if the reader doesn't care about the characters, the most gripping plot won't carry the day.

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So how do you get readers to care? Character diagrams, checklists, and charts can only take you so far. You need to know your characters - and love (or hate) them - just as you do real people, which means learning about your characters from the inside out. In *Creating Compelling Characters From The Inside Out* you'll explore your characters' loves, lives, and values so you can:

- Understand their hopes, fears, and motivations
- Learn what drives them to do what they do
- Create living, breathing characters rather than cardboard cutouts

Using questions and prompts

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designed to help you peer into your characters' hearts and minds and examples from popular books and classics such as *Gone Girl*, *The Dead Zone*, and *Pride and Prejudice*, bestselling novelist L. M. Lilly (author of the *Awakening Supernatural Thriller Series* and the *Q.C. Davis Mysteries* under Lisa M. Lilly) helps you create real, engaging characters that will keep readers turning pages. Ready to create or enhance your characters and take your writing to the next level? Download *Creating Compelling Characters From The Inside Out* today. ***

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for games, masterclass

character development, novel

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plot and character development,

screenwriting character

development, writing a book

character development, writing

character development

The Last Book on Screenwriting

You'll Ever Need

Grit

Creating Compelling Characters

From The Inside Out

Character Development and

Storytelling for Games, Second

Edition

The Complete Serial Novel

Digital Storytelling
Visual Character Development in
Film and Television

In this instant New York Times bestseller, Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent, but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls “grit.” “Inspiration for non-geniuses everywhere” (People). The daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of “genius,” Angela

Duckworth is now a celebrated researcher and professor. It was her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience that led to her hypothesis about what really drives success: not genius, but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance. In Grit, she takes us into the field to visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and

**young finalists in the
National Spelling Bee.**

**She also mines
fascinating insights from
history and shows what
can be gleaned from
modern experiments in
peak performance.**

**Finally, she shares what
she's learned from
interviewing dozens of
high achievers—from JP
Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon
to New Yorker cartoon
editor Bob Mankoff to
Seattle Seahawks Coach
Pete Carroll.**

**“Duckworth’s ideas about
the cultivation of tenacity**

have clearly changed some lives for the better” (The New York Times Book Review). Among Grit’s most valuable insights: any effort you make ultimately counts twice toward your goal; grit can be learned, regardless of IQ or circumstances; when it comes to child-rearing, neither a warm embrace nor high standards will work by themselves; how to trigger lifelong interest; the magic of the Hard Thing Rule; and so much more. Winningly

personal, insightful, and even life-changing, Grit is a book about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference. This is “a fascinating tour of the psychological research on success” (The Wall Street Journal).

**Character Development
and Storytelling for
GamesCRC Press**

**What makes a good story
or a screenplay great?
The vast majority of
writers begin the**

storytelling process with only a partial understanding where to begin. Some labor their entire lives without ever learning that successful stories are as dependent upon good engineering as they are artistry. But the truth is, unless you are master of the form, function and criteria of successful storytelling, sitting down and pounding out a first draft without planning is an ineffective way to begin. Story Engineering starts with the criteria and the

architecture of storytelling, the engineering and design of a story--and uses it as the basis for narrative. The greatest potential of any story is found in the way six specific aspects of storytelling combine and empower each other on the page. When rendered artfully, they become a sum in excess of their parts. You'll learn to wrap your head around the big pictures of storytelling at a professional level through a new approach

that shows how to combine these six core competencies which include:

- **Four elemental competencies of concept, character, theme, and story structure (plot)**
- **Two executional competencies of scene construction and writing voice**

The true magic of storytelling happens when these six core competencies work together in perfect harmony. And the best part? Anyone can do it!

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.

Haroun and the Sea of Stories

**Teams and Ensembles:
How to Develop Stories
with Large Casts**

Story Engineering

**Your Character Is Your
Canvas**

**Story Development
Handbook of Research on
Adapting Remote
Learning Practices for
Early Childhood and
Elementary School**

Classrooms

22 Steps to Becoming a Master Storyteller

Fifteen-year-old Ian Daly's moral universe is turned upside down when, at his father's funeral, he discovers that his father had two secret families.

"Cassidy's engrossing debut...convincingly depicts the ways his sensitive, turbulent protagonist navigates the murky period between adolescence and adulthood. Cassidy's distinctive coming-of-age story will move readers."

--Publishers Weekly "Ian is a

worthy literary cousin of Holden Caulfield, another kid with little tolerance for fakes and phonies and too much hard-won skepticism for his age. The grown-ups have let Ian down; now he must create himself."

--Kirkus Reviews "Here Lies A Father is a coming of age story ripe with secrets and lies. Mckenzie Cassidy captures all the wonder and confusion of one teen's rites of passage as he grapples with the truth about his parents and the mystery of the past." --Stewart O'Nan, author of Snow Angels

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