**Stories**

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**The best leaders . . . almost without exception and at every level, are master users of stories and symbols. *(Tom Peters, Business writer)***

**Maybe stories are just data with a soul. *(Brene Brown, author)***

**As Daddy reads to the two children, Dolly says to him: “The stories were easier to understand before you learned speed-reading.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**As part of his talk at a banquet, our minister told some jokes and a few funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles. Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation “The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published.” (Dan Betts, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Stories are like genes. They keep part of us alive after the end of our story*. (A. S. Byatt, author)***

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**All stories, if continued far enough, end in death, and he is no true storyteller who would keep that from you. *(Ernest Hemingway)***

**Knowing everything is too much like knowing nothing; without a story, it’s all just information. *(Jennifer Egan, novelist)***

**Never trust the teller, trust the tale. *(D. H. Lawrence)***

**Memory is the way we keep telling ourselves our stories -- and telling other people a somewhat different version of our stories. *(Alice Munro)***

**Billy: “The mystery story was good ‘til the end. Then they gave the whole thing away.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**After nourishment, shelter, and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world. *(Philip Pullman)***

**No story sits by itself. Our lives connect like threads on a loom, interwoven in ways we never realize. *(Mitch Albon, author)***

**Nothing in recent years, on television or anywhere else, has improved on a good story that begins “Once upon a time . . .” *(William J. Bennett, in The Children’s Book of Virtues)***

**The power of story becomes evident when, as we share, another's eyes light up and they say, "You too? Me too!" *(Nish Weiseth, in Speak: How Your Story Can Change the World)***

**Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it. *(Hannah Arendt)***

**The only thing keeping you from getting what you want is the story you keep telling yourself about why you can't have it. *(Tony Robbins, life coach)***

**Silent Storytelling: Almost all of the great directors in the 1930s trained in silents, and if there is one characteristic that unites artists as disparate as John Ford and Alfred Hitchcock, it is their ability to tell a story in purely visual terms. (Smithsonian magazine)**

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**Storytelling is the best way we have of coming up with new ideas. *(Richard Branson)***

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**The trouble with telling a good story is that it always reminds the other guy of a dull one. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**We get so used to the stories we tell about ourselves. This is why we sometimes need to find ourselves in the stories of others. *(Leslie Jamison, essayist)***

**We tell ourselves stories in order to live. We look for the sermon in the suicide. *(Joan Didion)***

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