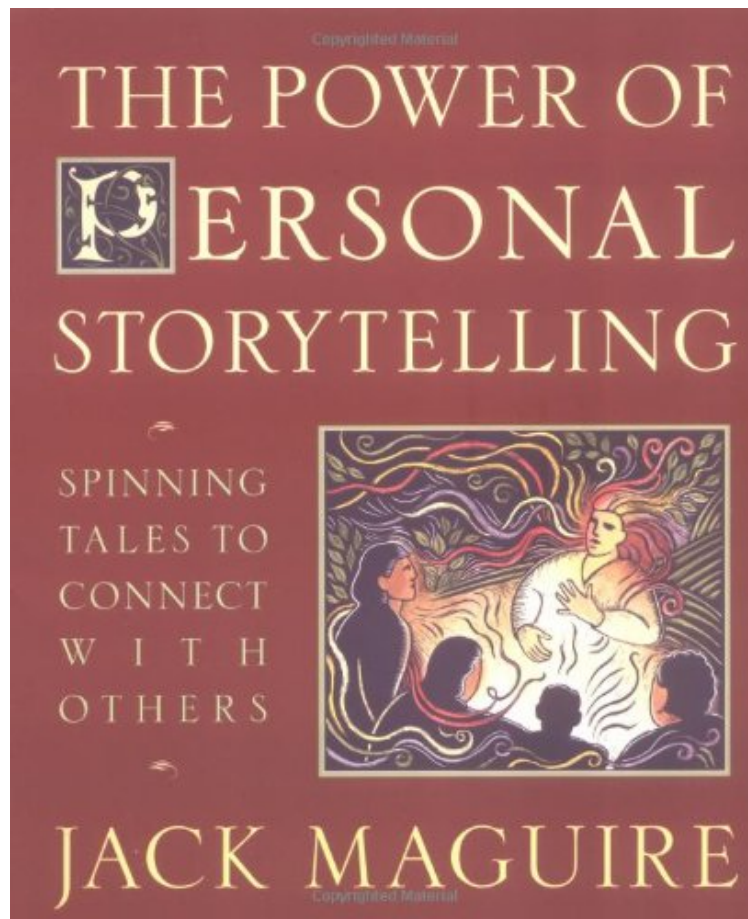


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Jack Maguire : The Power of Personal Storytelling: Spinning Tales to Connect with Others before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Power of Personal Storytelling: Spinning Tales to Connect with Others:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Useful content and new ideas on story-telling, interesting but fragmentary snippets of stories By Hsiaoshuang Contrary to what one reviewer (1-star) says, I am not Macquire, even though I'm giving him a positive review. I find the book useful because it did offer techniques on how to tell stories effectively in the right settings. A useful example is Chapter 13 (pg 121) where he introduces the concept of story stalking (an annoying habit of the author is to join two words together, "storystalking", "restorying"; in the next edition of the book, please separate or at least hyphenate them). I have been a newspaper reporter and sub-editor for over 30 years, but it's only after reading this chapter that I realised my profession is no more than "story stalking". This chapter alone deserves four stars. Other important considerations on why you should buy this book: 1. Although it's softcover,

the binding is actually saddle-stitched just like in a hardcover, meaning you are able to open the book flat and write on the pages.² On the left and righthand sides of the pages are margins of 2.4-inch wide, enough for you to scribble your comments and thoughts, just like in a college textbook.³ The pages are off white and comfortable on the eye. The paper does not grow brown spots. I bought the book in 2006 but the pages remained spotless. I live in hot, humid Singapore where books deteriorate fast but this book still looks new and clean. Compare this with Folio Society costly luxury books that I bought from London, within a few months most of them have brown spots! Why I did not add one more star to make the review five-starred?¹ All the page are filled with words, words, words. The publishers are too stingy to hire a good illustrator to sketch graphics that can bring across the essential points straightaway.² The author shares many tales but they are fragmentary and told in "by-the-way" tone -- see Children of Lir (pg 188). It gives the impression that Macquire is too stingy to share his stories fully, except for the one on the Titmouse (I can't find the passage in the book again without going through individual pages.)³ This brings me to the 3d point about the stingy nature of the book: the index doesn't include a list of the stories and snippets that are scattered randomly across the pages. I need to use a red pen to underline and highlight the interesting and meaningful stuff to make it easier for my eyes to scan and spot them again.¹ of 1 people found the following review helpful. Tips and techniques for making personal story telling more effective By Big Daddy Primitive societies preserved their history and some of their wisdoms through the medium of story telling. You can almost immediately and without fail capture the interest of a small child by offering to them a story ... and most small children love to hear stories about their parents' childhood. Stories are a natural way to inform and instruct small children. This book provides practical guidance on how to capture an audience's interest, regardless of age, through the art of story telling. Have you ever watched audience reaction when a speaker says, "Let me tell you a story!?" It immediately grabs their attention! This book gives practical advice on using this native interest to capture and hold audience interest. The art (or science) of making good presentations is developed by this author with practical suggestions anyone who is called upon to speak before a group can use.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. My favorite about Storytelling! By J. Kertesz I have not the Power of Personal Storytelling for more then a year and I recommended it to everyone who want to speak in public and/or tell stories. Did not even realise that I never wrote a review of it. I learned a lot from the book and it helped me greatly. First, to discover my personal stories, to prepare them and create stories from my experience. Our crossroads, are the best part to begin, but that is just a beginning. Then the books gives advices how to shape them to make a story for the public from them. Then, instead of learning them by root, how to "embody" them. Perhaps that is the most powerful tool I learned from the book, how to imagine the stepping stones and become flexible. It did help a lot in my storytelling, this last year! And now, as I begun to study the book for the third time, I still discover new techniques and ideas and tips to use from it! Recommend it for all new, as I was a year and half ago, and all experienced, as I begin to become now. It will help your storytelling and enrich your public speaking.

You're stuck in an endless, dull conversation. As the speaker drones on, your mind wanders, until you hear the words, "I remember once when I was.." Your ears perk up. You become engrossed. An anecdote unfolds, and suddenly, the speaker is alive and excited and you know just what he means. He has used the age-old technique of storytelling to powerfully get his point across, capturing your attention through a well-told narrative of personal experience that invited you to relate to his message on an intimate level. In *The Power of Personal Storytelling*, professional storyteller Jack Maguire explains how to mine your memories to communicate more effectively, enhance personal and professional relationships, and understand yourself better so that you can better understand others. Step by step, he illustrates how shaping and expressing true stories about our lives and those of the people we've known can: * connect us more vitally with others; * develop our creativity; * strengthen our humor, courage, and confidence; and * render our lives more memorable. Whether you're a teacher or a salesman, a minister or a parent, personal storytelling can help improve the key relationships in your life while investing your memories with more meaning.

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