



Catch the Storybug!



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Céad míle fáilte romhat!

(A hundred thousand welcomes to you!)

Catch the Storybug – in your career, in your classroom, in your life’s journey! This newsletter is designed to add a dash of spice to your storytelling, rev up your curriculum, and spark your imagination.

I have been a storyteller all of my life but decided to share tales professionally eight years ago. I began writing my Internet research column, Stor-e-Telling, for the National Storytelling Magazine in 2002. I have added some of those weblinks and others to my site at www.storybug.net to assist others in their work. I continue to write for the publication and I offer these extended newsletter resources to complement my column.

If you would like to receive the National Storytelling Magazine, an inspiring and valuable NSN member benefit, please go to <http://www.storynet.org>.

I am delighted by your interest in what I hope will be another useful resource for you. If you would like to know more about more programs and workshops please visit my website. I look forward to reading your thoughts and suggestions for future newsletters. Please feel free to email me at storybug@aol.com. Thank you for taking this first step with me.

Slàinte mhòr agad!
(Great health to you!)
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STORY SITES

Bus Songs

Your toes will be tapping and your fingers snapping as you explore this fun site so you can add some Zip A Dee Do Dah to your programs. <http://bussongs.com/>

The Golden Rod Fairy Book

Stories from England, France, Poland, Bohemia, Russia, India, China, Italy, Denmark, Ireland and Spain are contained between these cyber covers.

<http://tinyurl.com/5n6r6a>

Myths and Ancient Stories

From China to France, Lapland to Peru and beyond, tales featuring the fun and fanciful fox!

<http://tinyurl.com/6zcswd>

Scottish Fairy and Folk Tales

A lovely collection of Scottish fairy and folk tales. Printed in 1901, the work is now in the public domain.

<http://tinyurl.com/5curxx>

The Welsh Fairy Book

Eighty-four stories published in 1907 by Jenkyn Thomas, along with a page of pronunciation notes.

<http://tinyurl.com/6gfuhm>

The Magic of Mushkil Gusha

I leave you with a lovely story from author/storyteller Aaron Shepherd to add to your repertoire; perfect for the holiday season! <http://tinyurl.com/579d83>

*“It takes a thousand voices
to tell a single story.”*

Native American Saying

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Anti-Bias Lesson Plans and Resources for K-12 Educators

A good place to start if you are planning a program or lesson on anti-bullying. Discussion guides, extension plans, statistics and an annotated bibliography of children's fiction. <http://tinyurl.com/66kyjp>

Race Bridges

The artists associated with this organization are accomplishing amazing work and offer free lesson plans and resources. Take a moment to cross the bridge and envision a brighter world! www.racebridges.net

GET CREATIVE WITH CRAFTS

KidsStuffCanada.com

Creative, downloadable coloring pages to complement the stories of Grimm and Andersen. Also, interactive pages for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Halloween, etc. Enough activities to keep you coloring outside the lines until the New Year! www.kidstuffcanada.com/en

KinderArt.com

Autumn Coloring Pages <http://tinyurl.com/6jvwwm>
Blessing Boxes <http://tinyurl.com/5zuk4x>
Build A Tree Leaf by Leaf <http://tinyurl.com/68y23p>
Paper Bag Trees <http://tinyurl.com/6pyoz3>

"Merrily we roll along..." The holiday travel season is upon us and for many the wide open road is part of our profession. I offer these sites to help you travel with a smile all year long!

TRAVELING TIPS

AAA Fuel Cost Calculator

Select your destination, year, make and model of car to estimate the cost of fuel based on the regional average of cost per gallon. <http://tinyurl.com/brhf4>

Gas Buddy.com

Locate cheap gas prices in the USA and Canada. Also includes tips for conserving gas and links to other resources. <http://gasbuddy.com>

Airfarewatchdog.com

Register at this site and let them notify you when airfares drop. Other useful tools such as flight routes and information on hidden airline fees. <http://tinyurl.com/6kenug>

Kayak.com

Conduct multiple airline searches at once to lower your ticket cost. www.kayak.com

This chart will help you calculate the additional airline fees according to the individual airlines.

www.kayak.com/airline-fees

Trip Advisor

The site offers ratings and opinions of hotels, motels and attractions around the world from unbiased customers. www.tripadvisor.com

GIVING THANKS

While the global economy is on shaky ground at the moment, it is also a good time to count our blessings. There are people around the world who live in far more difficult circumstances, so if giving is on your menu this Thanksgiving I offer a cornucopia of links to guide you:

Charity Navigator

An independent charity evaluator; provides tips for making decisions about donations, statistics, information about workplace donation campaigns, and a list of the highest and lowest rated charities in various subject areas. <http://tinyurl.com/wlf7>

The Hunger Site

Since its launch in June 1999 the site has established itself as a leader in online activism, helping to feed the world's hungry. All it takes is a click of the computer keys. What could be easier? <http://tinyurl.com/2rdph4>

Rwanda Baskets

Proceeds benefit Rwandan genocide widows who weave these exquisite baskets to provide for themselves and the orphans of this war-torn nation. <http://tinyurl.com/5l4dke>

We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love. Mother Teresa