

Tell Me a Story in the Dark: A Guide to Creating Magical Bedtime Stories for Young Children

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John Olive believes that “inside everyone lurks a master teller of bedtime tales,” and he sets about proving it in *Tell Me a Story in the Dark: A Guide to Creating Magical Bedtime Stories for Young Children*, a captivating how-to, guaranteed to engage even the toughest pajama-clad critics.

With humor, whimsy, and obvious storytelling skills, Olive walks newcomers through the entire process, from setting the stage with lights-out to the final kiss goodnight. The bulk of *Tell Me a Story in the Dark* describes popular bedtime subgenre classics such as myths, legends, tall tales, fables, and fairy tales, as well as the more elusive nonsense stories, found stories, and stories from personal experience and family history. Examples of each are written out in full, followed by bullet points and interspersed with “storytelling tips,” ideas, and basic formulas for creating original tales sure to enhance the quality and mutual enjoyment of lulling the children off to sleep with sweet dreams and smiles.

Perfect for parents or grandparents who struggle to get reluctant children off to bed tear- and drama-free, *Tell Me a Story in the Dark* is sure to inspire even the most novice or reticent would-be storytellers.

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