



### **Books on Storytelling, Myth, and Art**

Barton, Bob, and David Booth, Stories in the Classroom: Storytelling, Reading Aloud and Roleplaying with Children, Heineman, 1990.

Birch, Carol, The Whole Story Handbook, August House, 2000, a short and useful guide on how to work on a story for telling. With extensive bibliography.

Calvino, Italo, Italian Folktales, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1980. - huge book of classic stories by a master.

Hamilton, Martha and Mitch Weiss, Children Tell Stories: Teaching and Using Storytelling the Classroom, Richard C. Owens Publishers, 2005.

Holt, David and Bill Mooney, The Storyteller's Guide, August House, 1996.

Holt, David and Bill Mooney, Ready-to Tell Tales, August House, 1995. A collection of stories told by professional tellers that are simple and straightforward.

Holt, David and Bill Mooney, More Ready-to Tell Tales, August House, 2000.

Hyde, Lewis, The Gift, Vintage Books, 1983. - an incredible and challenging book about creating art and giving things away. It reminds me of why I do what I do.

Story by Robert McKee - while this book is written for screenplay writers, its perceptions and advice about story are much broader than just film. Besides, we all watch movies too. Highly recommended.

Rushdie, Salman, Haroun and the Sea of Stories, Granta Books, 1990. A fantasy about a boy's quest to save his storytelling father's gift. A great book on storytelling.

Rydell, Katie, ed., A Beginner's Guide to Telling Stories, National Storytelling Network Press ([storynet.org](http://storynet.org))

Sawyer, Ruth, The Way of the Storyteller - I read this when I was just thinking I wanted to be a storyteller and it convinced me. I reread it last year and it's still great.

Yolen, Jane, ed., Favorite Folktales from Around the World, Pantheon.

**Also recommended:** Storytelling Magazine  
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