

Stories

Where the Wild Things Are – By Maurice Sendak. That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins!

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick – By Chris Van Allsburg. An incredible illustrated book full of images that demands it's viewer to decipher and understand the multitude of stories within it's pages.

Vox - by Christina Dalcher. Set in an America where half the population has been silenced, Vox is the harrowing, unforgettable story of what one woman will do to protect herself and her daughter. On the day the government decrees that women are no longer allowed to speak more than 100 words daily, Dr. Jean McClellan is in denial—this can't happen here. Not in America. Not to her.

Divergent - by Veronica Roth set in a dystopian Divergent Universe. The novel Divergent features a post apocalyptic version of Chicago and follows Beatrice "Tris" Prior as she explores her identity within a society that defines its citizens by their social and personality-related affiliation with five factions, which removes the threat of anyone exercising independent will and re-threatening the population's safety.

Wonder - by R.J. Palacio was written after an incident where her son noticed a girl with a severe facial difference and started to cry. Fearing he would react badly, Palacio attempted to remove her son from the situation so as not to upset the girl and her family but ended up worsening the situation. Natalie Merchant's song made her realize that the incident could illustrate a valuable lesson. Palacio was inspired by Merchant's lyrics and she began writing. She named the book directly after the song, and used the song's chorus as the prologue of the first chapter.

Quotes

“Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realising you were the prisoner”

“Each day you’re presented with a choice you can either keep your greatness hidden under a pile of fears regrets and excuses or you can let it out so the best way to begin unlocking in a greatness is to make a conscious choice to live out the rest of your day with the best you.”

“The most courageous act is still, to think for yourself.”

“Technology is unlocking the innate compassion we have for our fellow human being.” - Bill Gates

“Freedom cannot be bestowed it can only be achieved.”

“I write books that unlock the traffic jam in everybody’s head.” - John Updike

“Education is the key to unlocking the world a passport to freedom.” – Oprah Winfrey

“Nothing is impossible it only seems impossible until it is done.”- Nelson Mandela

“I would rather be a rebel than a slave.” – Emmaline Pankhurst

“We can only see short distances ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done.” –Alan Turing

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” – Martin Luther King Junior

“You have to speak from a place where all is possible. When you speak from a place where there is limits, you’ve already set yourself up to fail.” - Anthony Joshua

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% of how you respond to it.” - Lou Holtz

People

Mahatma Gandhi, an Indian Lawyer who employed and led non-violent demonstrations across India which led to the country's independence from colonial rule.

Luther King Jnr, an American Christian minister who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement. King is best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience, inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi.

Alan Turing, an English mathematician, computer scientist, logician, cryptanalyst, Turing was highly influential in the development of theoretical computer science, providing concepts which can be considered a model of a the computers we use today. He cracked the Nazi's Enigma code which ultimately lead to the allies victory in ww2. Despite these accomplishments, he was never fully recognised in his home country during his lifetime due to his homosexuality.

Emmeline Pankhurst, a British political activist. She is best remembered for organizing the UK suffragette movement and helping women win the right to vote. In 1999, Time named her as one of the 100 Most Important People of the 20th Century, stating that "she shaped an idea of women for our time" and "shook society into a new pattern from which there could be no going back". She was widely criticised for her militant tactics, and historians disagree about their effectiveness, but her work is recognised as a crucial element in achieving women's suffrage in the United Kingdom.

Anthony Joshua is a British professional boxer who is a two-time unified heavyweight champion Born in 1989, in Watford, England. Joshua lived in Nigeria as a student in boarding school before returning to the uk at age 12. At the age of 22 Joshua was spared jailed after breaking the law and soon competed at the 2012 olympics and his boxing career took off.

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Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader, who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalised racism and fostering racial reconciliation. Ideologically an African nationalist and socialist, he served as the president of the African National Congress (ANC) party from 1991 to 1997. Nelson Mandela served 27 years in prison, amid growing domestic and international pressure, and with fears of a racial civil war, until President F. W. de Klerk released him in 1990.

Wangari Maathai, a renowned Kenyan social, environmental and political activist and the first African woman to win the Nobel Prize. Educated in the U.S. at the university of Pittsburgh, as well as the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Maathai founded the Green Belt, an environmental non-governmental organization focused on the planting of trees, environmental conservation, and women's right in a particularly male dominant society. Over 51 million trees have been planted, and over 30,000 women have been trained in forestry, food processing, bee-keeping, and other trades that help them earn income while preserving their lands and resources as part of the Green Belt Movement.

Amelia Earhart, an American aviator pioneer and author. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She set many other records, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences, and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots. During an attempt to make a circumnavigational flight of the globe in 1937, Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the central Pacific Ocean.

Maya Angelou, an American poet, singer, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees. Angelou is best known for her series of seven autobiographies, which focus on her childhood and early adult experiences. The first, 'I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings' (1969), tells of her life up to the age of 17 and brought her international recognition and acclaim.

Artwork



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