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Would you willingly overlook clear direction from God that speaks directly to you and where you are in life right now?

God's guidance is near at hand. He is not only your Authority, he is also your Author. As God writes the stories of your life, he uses your past to open up your future.

It is your privilege to listen to your own story so you can live boldly for the sake of the Greatest Story, the good news of Jesus Christ. God reveals himself to you—and to others—through the story he has written in your life.

In this insightful and compelling book, Dr. Dan B. Allender shows you how to read the stories of your life. He helps you understand the meaning that God has written into every detail of who you are. As a result, you can share your story with others and listen to their story, revealing unique aspects of God's hand at work.

Starting today, you can find deeper meaning in your story—a story *To Be Told*.

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Jan says

This book is a great review of your past, with an eye to how it shapes your future, Dan Allender is an excellent story teller and encourager for you. Our group of 20, with probably 12 attending each week has found it to be a good stimulator of conversation in small group, as well as helping us explore our past and the hurtful times. There is a workbook available also all though it is more expensive. I would not buy it unless you wanted to learn to journal and refine your writing.

Sarah Knox says

Gloriously good!!

"I wait for His coming, and it will be through story that He arrives." p219

A must read.

Wojik Romanovicz says

Convinced

This book has moved me on a journey toward understanding. An understanding I think I've always known, but have been too intimidated to experience. Our stories are powerful, and it is in the telling that we find the unmistakable work of God in our lives. A reminder that we are not to keep our lamp under a basket, but instead hold it high to light and know our path.

Nancy Piper says

Story is life changing!

We all ache for someone to know our story. We are called to be a safe place to hold others life stories with love and honor as well as our own . This book pierced my heart. I want to tell my story and I want to hear yours.

B. Mason says

There's wisdom and insight to be gleaned from this book and, as a writer, I found considerable power in Allender's metaphor of our lives as stories, to be told and understood by others and ourselves. However, I

often found myself getting mired in the language of "evangelicalese" that attempts to feel and sound important but only confuses the point that's trying to be made. What is even more frustrating is that Allender's assertions, such as knowing your past in order to be able to understand your present and shape your future, have grounding in scientific understanding of the brain, which he fails to reference. The book's lack of robust dialogue disappointed me, but Allender tells some inspiring stories and maybe that's more the point of a book that's filed under self-help.

Timothy N Brooks says

My Story

I love the challenge of reading / writing our stories . It has inspired me to write my story to understand better how God is working in my life and how he wants to work in my life. And most importantly how I can cooperate with the story he wants to write in my life

Ptllyn says

Dan Allender has written an excellent and inspiring book on knowing, understanding and embracing the story God is writing of your life, based on the theme of the circumstances He has uniquely and purposefully allowed into your life. Illustrated with powerful stories from the lives of others, it assures you of God's goodness, healing power and transformation in your own life as you come to know, share and even co-author your own story.

Helen Gillette says

This book came at just the right time. I was attempting to dig deeply into my past to be able to understand more about who, what, and the why of me. I wanted to fill in some missing puzzle pieces of my life. I was actually able to be a part of a Story Group, based on Dan Allender's teaching. Once I started putting pen to paper and writing My Story, there was a freeing of my soul and a realization of life patterns. This book helped me learn more of how to add to my story and understand things about myself.

Denise Hisey says

I'd read this book a few years ago but as with many books, I found myself understanding things more deeply and in different ways this round. I came away with a newfound desire to be involved with story telling and the healing it brings.

Mary Featherstone says

Profoundly moving

I am profoundly grateful to Dan Allender for writing this book and encouraging me to go with God into the deep end as I look at the story He has written me into. To dare to consider writing my story to offer hope to others and reveal the glory of God and His redemptive plan in my life feels very risky. I am looking at a painful past with new eyes, even gratitude and most certainly hope because of His Authorship. To consider co-authoring the rest of my life makes me shake my head in wonder and evokes great excitement in me. My workbook arrives tomorrow. Can you hear the splash as I dive into my Father's arms in the deep end?

Kaleb says

Absolutely loved this book. It taught me a lot about understanding my own story and beginning to write it. Such a deep and interesting book and would highly suggest to everyone.

Kelly Collins says

The information in this book should have been a blog or magazine article. It did not warrant an entire book.

Lauren says

This book got me writing again. Although I love Dan Allender's work, I didn't expect to be so moved by this particular title. The power of personal story has been a popular topic for years now (see Donald Miller's "A Million Miles..."), and I had an attitude of "been there, done that." I was wrong. I love Allender's emphasis on how our personal stories help reveal the greatest story, the story that God is telling about himself. This is not idle navel-gazing; this is truth-telling, the kind that reveals the ultimate Truth-Teller. "God is calling us to fully explore, to fully enjoy, and to fully capture the power of the great story, the gospel... One way we do this is by listening to our lesser stories and then telling them to others." While I felt his emphasis on facing tragedy was a bit heavy-handed, there's likely much I can learn from a man who's devoted years to counseling and therapy. A good read, with lots of great content to consider.

Ariana Scott says

This book was really helpful in being able to look back on my life and clearly identify connections between certain events and how they are affecting me now. In turn, I'm able to better understand and work through them with the Lord.

Tracy says

I have never really thought about the importance of telling our stories. This book opened my eyes to how we not only need to share our story but also listen to the stories of others. In telling my story, I am telling God's

story. When we we look at our past....the hurts, the ugly parts, the joy and triumphs we can see the theme/themes that God is weaving into our story and when we do that we are able to see how God is giving us a role in His story. We can start to see his calling in our life. I love how Allender defined calling.... " I don't believe anyone has the calling to be the president of a corporation, founder of a ministry, or director of a counseling center. Those are fine jobs and sometimes careers, but our calling is not what we do-it's how we do it. I don't believe anyone is called to a job or profession. My calling in life is not to be a writer, therapist, speaker, trainer, or administrator. My calling is to walk through any door God gives me in order to reveal his glory. If I'm a graduate school president, it's for a season, but my life lasts for eternity. If I am a physician or an auto mechanic, it is no different: I am called by God not for for a mere season or reason but for eternity to reveal his glory. What is my calling? It's to make known something about God that is bound to my unique face, name, and story. It is to reveal God through my character."
