

Storytelling is what we do when we communicate with others. Most of us have memories of sitting in a circle someplace, around a campfire, at a family gathering, or a teenage sleep over, and listening to and sharing stories.

Stories communicate to us on a level different than the intellectual, linear place where most of us hang out. They probe deep into our souls and evoke responses that can, at times, surprise us.

At this storytelling gathering there will be wisdom stories, funny stories, maybe some personal stories and there will be time for each attendee to plumb the depths of their own soul to see what the stories say to their story. This offering can be adapted from a short one story to open a time of teaching to a two hour spiritual enrichment time and even to a one day or weekend retreat.



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Inscape Ministries presentations bring to life some of the most important and inspiring spiritual teachers of the past. We learn of their deepest struggles and intuitions about the meaning of life and death, about prayer, mystical experience, war and peace --- and the way of universal compassion and non-violent love which flows from a life of union with God.

May the witness of their lives touch, open, and expand our own hearts.

As Mother Teresa once said: "May God so break open our hearts that the whole world falls in."

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*Stories
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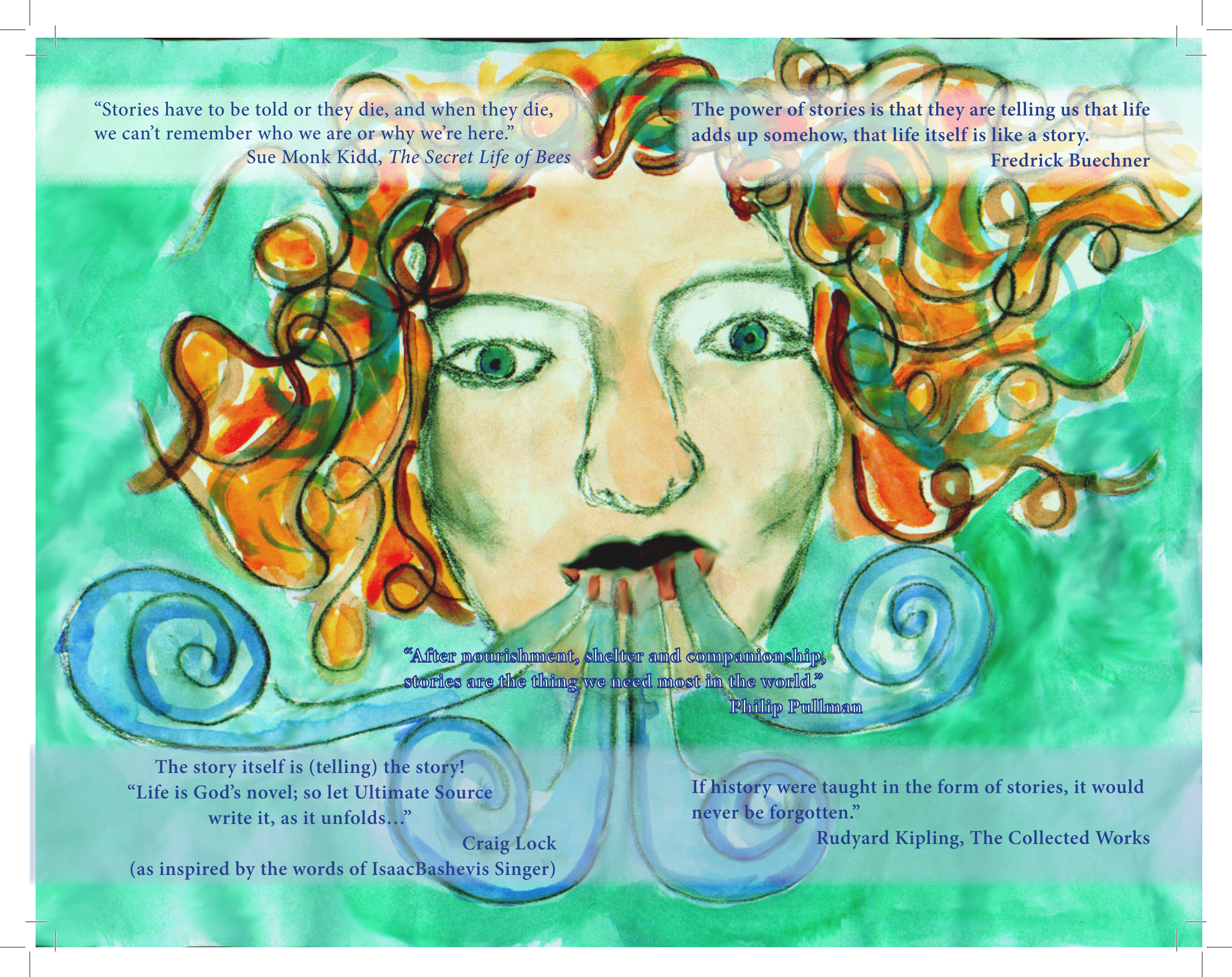
*A
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"Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die,
we can't remember who we are or why we're here."

Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*

The power of stories is that they are telling us that life
adds up somehow, that life itself is like a story.

Fredrick Buechner

"After nourishment, shelter and companionship,
stories are the thing we need most in the world."

Philip Pullman

The story itself is (telling) the story!
"Life is God's novel; so let Ultimate Source
write it, as it unfolds..."

Craig Lock
(as inspired by the words of Isaac Bashevis Singer)

If history were taught in the form of stories, it would
never be forgotten."

Rudyard Kipling, *The Collected Works*