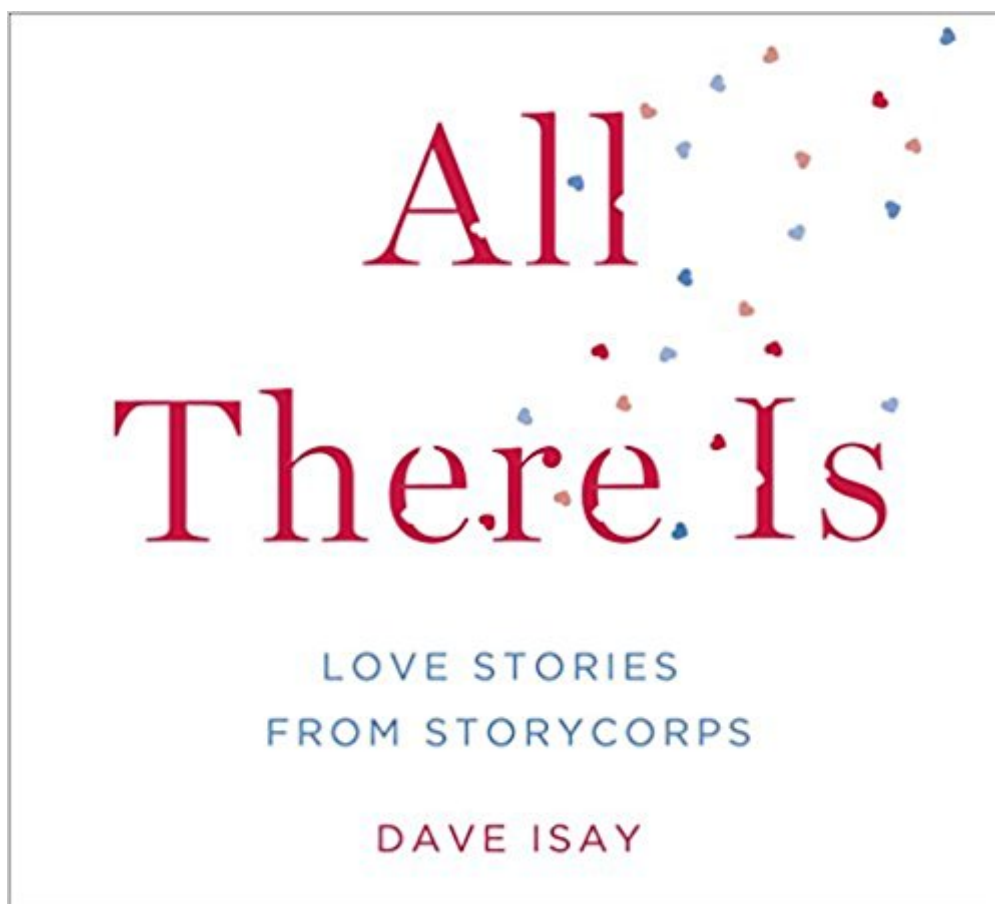


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# All There Is: Love Stories From StoryCorps



## Synopsis

StoryCorps travels America, collecting and preserving the stories of our lives. Each conversation is housed in the Library of Congress, and many are broadcast on NPR's Morning Edition, heard by millions of listeners each week. Told from the hearts, souls, and lives of individual Americans, these stories make us laugh, cry, think, feel, and know that we are all worth listening to and remembering.

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## Customer Reviews

For nearly a decade, the StoryCorps oral-history project has invested countless hours in the simple act of listening, yielding more than 30,000 interviews from more than 60,000 participants. Some of those interviews have aired on NPR's Morning Edition; all are being archived in the Library of Congress; and a powerful few have been gathered in book form, resulting in two best-sellers, *Listening Is an Act of Love* and *Mom: A Celebration of Mothers* from StoryCorps. Now, just in time for Valentine's Day, comes this new collection about the enduring power of love, the perfect antidote to the cynicism and fear that pervade so much of our thinking in America today. StoryCorps founder Dave Isay has pulled together a set of interviews that head straight for the heart, as couples remember their first date, laugh and joke over each other's foibles, or express their undying love for one another. And if Beverly Eckert remembering her husband's voice over his cell phone on 9/11 as the South Tower collapsed around him doesn't move you to tears, you simply have no heart. --Leonard Kniffel --This text refers to the Preloaded Digital Audio Player edition.

“A remarkable collection of true anecdotes about love and marriage and all the obstacles in between that’s bound to win over even the most jaded of cynics. . . . These testaments of love reveal themselves as profound literature on a par with that of even the grandest poet or novelist. Here’s a Valentine’s Day gift more meaningful than any box of chocolates. A. Entertainment Weekly “Love stories for people who don’t read love stories. Publishers Weekly “Remarkable love stories. USA Today

For anyone unfamiliar with StoryCorps, the concept is both simple and engaging: individuals from all walks of life are encouraged to share moments from their lives for 40 minutes, encouraged by someone who listens deeply and asks questions as needed. Every word is recorded. The stories, the memories, can cover nearly any topic. Some recordings are shared at video sites online or featured on radio stations. The book, *All There Is*, contains a varied collection of love stories recorded by StoryCorps, many arising from relatively recent events (Hurricane Katrina, September 11) and others from a glance, a chance meeting or even an arranged date. The book is divided into sections focused on three common types of love: falling in love, losing love, reconnecting with a lost love. Each account is unique and most are so touching that I felt compelled to reread many of them. Love can last after early or hasty marriages or die after thirty years, perhaps leading to a new love. Tragedy can leave a legacy of love behind. Of course there are the “love at first sight” accounts but there are also the “dislike at first sight” stories or embarrassing dates, marriages cut short by tragedy, and amazing reconnections after twenty or thirty years. There are couples who remain good friends after divorce (some even remarry). Love can begin at 17 or when couples are in their 70s. Some connections start with the oddest of circumstances. An email gets sent to someone by mistake, setting off a series of correspondences which lead to love. Attraction blooms between a tollbooth operator and one of the thousands of drivers who pass through his lane daily. There is also plenty of wisdom to be gained from this gem of a book. I’ve copied down the Six Points For a Successful Marriage shared by one couple, info they swore kept their marriage rock solid through the years. Spouses who remain committed even as their partners struggle with cancer or Alzheimer’s Disease are inspiring beyond words, demonstrating that love can remain strong even amidst so much pain. If you’ve lost hope in lasting romance or need a lift after the end of a relationship or marriage, this book is worth reading. Already drawn to love stories? You won’t want

to pass up this collection.

Stories of love found, love lost, and love found at last... based on interviews conducted for StoryCorps. I bought two copies of this book for my 8th grade class library to help students realize that reading non-fiction can be interesting. One student actually interviewed her grandmother about how she met her grandfather as a "write another chapter" project. It was heartwarming to see her connect to her grandmother in a completely different way.

Very sweet. I didn't think it was too short just not enough details on most of the stories as they are taken from short conversations that talked about other things that was edited out. Most of the stories are too general but I am keeping the book vs donating it BC of 4 stories that really touched my heart and gave me hope.

A very touching collection of love stories from NPR's StoryCorps. The book features stories on love found, lost, and found later in life, when all hope of love had been given up. The "lost" section is particularly poignant as people share their memories of loved ones who have passed on. I couldn't keep myself from crying while reading the account of one woman who spoke to her husband on the phone as he was trapped in the south tower on 9/11. But not all of the stories are tearjerkers. The final section contains some incredible stories of high school sweethearts who went their separate ways, only to find each other again decades later. I loved that the pictures of the participants were included, so you could envision what they looked like when they were younger and falling in love. A quick and very enjoyable read.

Warms the heart. Simple. This is one of those books you can pick up when you only have minutes to kill. Pick it back up again, and the story begins again. Makes me think of my own family and the stories I have yet to hear. This is a nice compilation of stories that tug at your heart strings.

I've been a fan of StoryCorps for years often arriving at work with a pang in my heart from listening to the stories shared on NPR and wondering which story I would choose to share if given the chance. When I saw this compilation of love stories I knew what I was in for and have enjoyed them thoroughly. Some lead me to laugh out loud and others elicit a tear or two. My favorite one of all is Leroy A. Morgan's remembrance of his wife, Vivian. Simple, sweet and so very, very wise. I firmly believe Leroy found Vivian again when he entered those pearly gates!

It's a collection of real short stories about love, it's a very easy reading. I gotta say - I am pretty tough when it comes to crying in books/movies, but this one got me good, each story somehow teaches you something about love. I definitely recommend it, especially for couples, newlyweds, brides-to-be, etc.

If one is not familiar with StoryCorps, either on NPR or the videos on the StoryCorps website produced by the Rausch Brothers, then you may not know about this book. They are life stories captured in a single page or two. How does one reduce lifetimes to mere pages? Love! The stories in this book are all about Love - the Good, the Real, the True...and the Hard! There are several which will break your heart just to read them. This is not to feel sadness for those whose love stories they are, but to marvel at the all too rareness, wisdom, and pure wonder of our species and what we're really capable of when we love deep down. It's a keeper! Buy one for yourself and all others that you love. Pass it on and on.

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