

Everybody is a part of everything anyway  
You can have everything if you let yourself be,  
Donovan

When we would clamour for a story as children, my mother didn't always reach for a book. Instead, she'd say: "Give me three things." We would name the three most unconnected, unlikely things we could think of (a bird and a fire and a runaway train, for example) and somehow, she would weave them into a magical story. Her stories flowed naturally like a river to the ocean and everything that happened felt snug and inevitable. We knew she was making them up but we believed in them no less for knowing. When I grew up I did the same with my children and now they are doing it with theirs and the stories are passed on, along with the lesson: everybody is a part of everything. No one is too small or unconnected or unlikely to be part of our story.

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# A World Full of *Stories*



Jo Chopra

It all means more than I can tell you.  
So you must not judge what I know by what I find words for.

Marilynne Robinson

When Charlie King, the great American folksinger, was a little boy, he used to tell his grandmother tall tales. She would ask: "Are you telling the truth or are you telling me a story?" As he got older, Charlie realized that, actually, the best way to tell the truth was to tell a story.

As I've gotten older, I've realized that everyone and everything has a story to tell – children, cats, old people, trees, teenagers, birds, rivers, the lot. If we haven't heard what the dolphin or the disabled child or the prisoner or the meadow next door has to say, our book is incomplete.

Just because we don't understand the way someone tells their story, doesn't mean they have no story to tell. A rock absorbs a river's story and changes its own shape to show how well it has listened. A dog who cowers and whimpers whenever its owner goes by tells a story written in fear. A child who raises her hand with eager enthusiasm whenever the teacher asks a question proclaims her story as eloquently as the one who slumps in her seat and takes no interest in anything. Watch. Speak. Listen. Learn. Stories are being heard and told everywhere.

Our stories are what we have. They are our maps, our passports, our tickets, our cameras, our baggage claims. They hold our memories, our beliefs, our reasons for being. They tell who we are, where we're from and where we're going. Telling our stories, some of us need help from an interpreter; others use technology. Some of us listen with our eyes; some of us speak with our hands.

Some of our stories are misinterpreted so that we don't recognize them as our own and some of the stories we heard growing up had "happy endings" that actually made us miserable. Some of us started out with one story and ended with another, as countries, conditions, languages, genders, births, deaths and loves transformed us.

Our 2022 calendar celebrates stories: the ones we tell and the ones we listen to; the ones the wind carries and the ones the ocean contains; the slow stories proceeding at the stately pace of a hand-propelled wheelchair and the fast, clever ones with the trick endings; the stories told in sign and the ones the night sky spells out in stars to aid those navigators who travel from one hemisphere to another, summoning up in us all that we shared in common, once upon a time.

Jo Chopra

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Jo Chopra

Some of these things are true  
and some of them lies.  
But they are all good stories.

Hilary Mantel

# January 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>30</b>	31					<b>1</b> New Year's Day
<b>2</b>	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>16</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b>	24	25	<b>26</b> Republic Day	27	28	29



Manik Mandal

“It’s always like this in their adventures” she thought. “To save and be saved. I wish somebody would write a story sometime about the people who warm up the heroes afterward.”

Tove Jansson

# February 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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27	28					



Dev Raj Agrawal

Rivers write their own histories.

Ravi Chopra

March 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 Maha Shivratri	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Holi	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Cathleen Chopra-McGowan

It's time for you to say goodnight, Mama tells me.  
 I go on in breathless joy.  
 Remember, tomorrow's a school day, Mama tells me.  
 I go on in breathless joy.

Randall Jarrell

# April 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Mahavir Jayanti Ambedkar Jayanti	15 Good Friday	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Manik Mandal

A word after a word after a word is power.

Margaret Atwood

May 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>1</b>	2	<b>3</b> Id-ul-Fitr	4	5	6	7
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<b>15</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>22</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>29</b>	30	31				



Sanjay Sondhi

I would like to paint  
the way a bird sings.

Claude Monet

# June 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		



Manik Mandal

I have nothing to say  
and I am saying it  
and that is poetry  
as I need it.

John Cage

# July 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>31</b>					1	2
<b>3</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9
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<b>17</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>24</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30



Samantha Black

One day  
I will find  
the right words,  
and they will  
be simple.

Jack Kerouac

# August 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Raksha Bandhan	12	13
14	15 Independence Day	16	17	18	19 Janmashtami	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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There is something infinitely healing in the repeated stories of nature — the assurance that dawn comes after night and spring after winter.

Rachel Carson

Anand Chopra-McGowan

# September 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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Manik Mandal

Since it is so likely that children will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic princesses.

C S Lewis

# October 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30	31					1
2 Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	3	4	5 Dussehra	6	7	8
9 Id-e- Milad	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Diwali	25	26	27	28	29



Vibha Krishnamurthy

Be joyful, though you have  
considered all the facts.

Wendell Berry

# November 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <small>Guru Nanak's Birthday</small>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <small>Moy Moy Jayanti</small>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Manik Mandal

I've never had the right words  
to describe my life, and now that  
I've entered my own story,  
I need them more than ever.

Jeffrey Eugenides

# December 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1	2	3 World Disability Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31