

Mythology & Fantasy

Where do good stories come from? Far from magically appearing on our Kindles or in our local bookstores, the enduring elements of Story have a legacy harkening back to our own ancient times. The tales which stick with us endure for a reason. In this Author Talk, Ryan cracks the books on why certain stories ‘Ring True’ and how we can integrate them into our own writing today. It’s more than magic rings and fairy godmothers – yet more often than not, the story elements we go back to time and time again exist because they’re Timeless. Put your thinking caps on and make sure your feet hit the road – because we’re going to be swept away with this one.

In this Author Talk, Ryan Will:

- Demonstrate how our own mythology is a veritable goldmine for writing ideas
- Show how by writing today, we’re actually carrying on our own people’s legacy as modern myth-makers, and why it matters
- Dismiss the improbable critics by using imagination as a time-tested faculty for basic human communication
- Bridge the gap between way-back-then, right now, and how-it-might-be-soon
- Adapt cultural identity via story-telling as an art form
- Teach how to use the bones of Myth as a powerful reagent for moving readers today
- Illustrate how the power of new myths help build the veracity of a writer’s world

When we write, we’re engaging in the continuing legacy of Mankind – telling our Story with each sentence we write and share. While we may fade away one day, our words won’t – nor our ideas, or hopes and dreams... when we weave them into memorable tales. Together, let’s do our own small parts to contribute to a tale as old as time by continuing our own imaginative endeavors in print.

Ryan is a die-heart fantacist. Growing up, both old tales from medieval and dark-age Europe along with modern classics mingled in his young mind. Today, he’s eternally grateful to storytellers long gone who one day set out to tell their own Tales. In addition, Ryan is a self-taught Celtic and Norse enthusiast, whose interest spans from real-world pan-mythology to continuing Professor Tolkien’s Story Stew theory. Ryan’s Mythology and Fantasy Author Talk is yet another crowd favorite

- Let’s Once Upon a Time it up!
- *Ryan*