
WORLD OF STORIES

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Kings and Queens die but their stories remain alive.

In our infancy we listened to them with ajar mouths and smile so wide.

On a dark night when we siblings had a fight,
our mother's story sessions made it beautiful and bright .

We had a peaceful sleep such is story's might.

I met Lord Rama as human in Ramayan's legion,
Witnessed Ravana's fall and Lord Krishna's magical vision.
Stories loom large in our life, reading them make us wise.
These aesthetic tales make generations rediscover and reconnect with lost vibes.

A repositories of folk knowledge and accumulated wisdom.
They are relief from painful earthly conditions.
Stories tell mankind's evolution; what we are, what we were.
Fact and fiction weaved in seamless fusion
They repose and reaffirm our faith in culture and tradition.

They may be myths but these good myths are emblems of our legacy rich.

We listen to them with care and love to share.

They are fairy's magic band in this weary land.

Stories cross the barriers of time, past, present and future.

Make us explore and experience our similarities with other creatures.

Sadly in post truth society, high on social media, art of story-telling is striving to survive.

Each has a story to tell, I believe, come up with it so that this genre retains it's place of pride.