
Mostly True

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& Drawings of Brian Andreas



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*To my sons, David Quinn & Matthew Shea, for reminding
me to be fearless & fierce for those who will inherit the
future, & most of all, to my dearest Ellen, for reminding
me to sing with all my heart.*

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Introduction

The stories in this book began as hand-stamped stories on StoryPeople. At art festivals and galleries, many people stopped for a moment to read them, and ended up staying for hours, as we talked about all the stories in our lives. In the end, many of you said, "I want them all. When are you going to do a book?"

Well, here it is. Mostly true. Buy it. Read it. Send it to friends. Use it to start a conversation. Throw it at your dog. Teach it to people from other countries and have them translate it. Sing your favorites to yourself in the shower. Ask your children to explain them to you. Explain it to them when you're in the car and they can't get away. When you meet someone new, have them read it to help you decide whether you want to spend any more time with them.

I was going to tell you all about why I think stories are so necessary for our world today. Why I think we need new myths so we can see the world as the strange and beautiful place it is. But you already know that.

I like art that admits to being a part of life. The moments I have with my friends and family are really all I need. I like to take them and weave them into stories filled with laughter and music and lunacy. And they are mostly true, but I'm not telling which parts...

I hope you enjoy them as much as I do.

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Andreas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Most of the stuff
I say is true because
I saw it in a dream
& I don't have the
presence of mind
to make up lies
when I'm asleep.



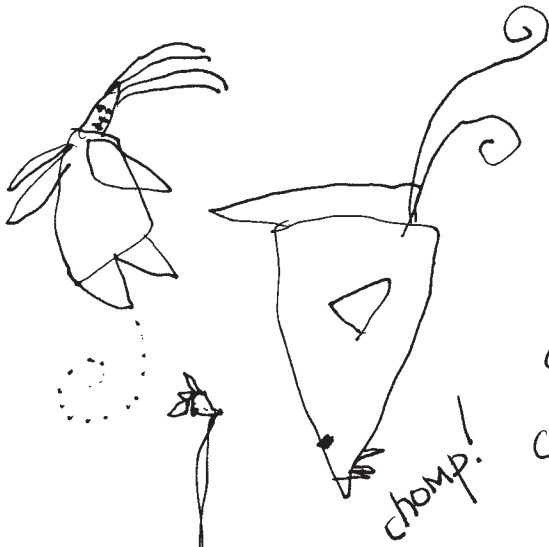
We lay there & looked up at
the night sky & she told me
about stars called blue squares
& red swirls & I told her I'd
never heard of them.

Of course not, she said,
the really important stuff they
never tell you. You have to
imagine it on your own.



My uncle told me once
there were 3 rules for a
great opera. Make it loud,
wear flashy clothes & if
it's not going your way,
kill yourself.

It has no basis in reality,
he added. That's why I
like it.



There are Angels
everywhere you can
imagine. I saw
one hiding in the
closet in our
bedroom

once & I
invited her
out but she
said she
was
waiting
for a
friend

thank you just the
same & next time I
looked she was gone