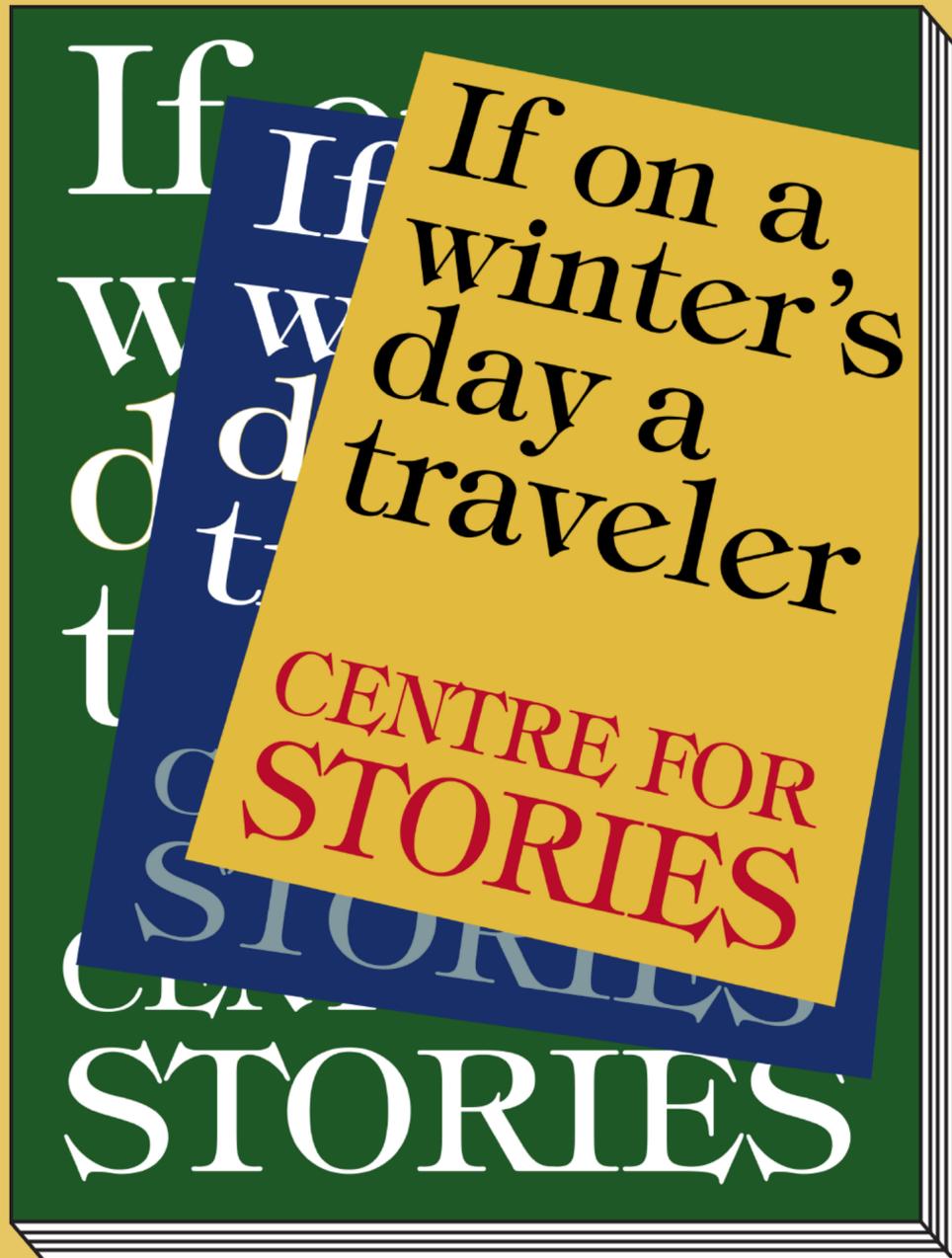


STORY COLLECTION STATION



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ABOUT

If on a winter's day a traveler is a Centre for Stories project for the City of Perth's Winter Arts Season 2017. It references Italo Calvino's 1979 novel *If on a winter's night a traveler* — a book about books, belonging, journeys, love, war, death, ideas, nature, fiction, reading and writing.

This project, like all other Centre for Stories' projects, is about stories. But this time, it's your story. We

are asking you to read a series of prompts taken from Calvino's novel (see below). Then write down your thoughts and ideas in whatever form you like. All you need to do is relax, get comfortable, take in the wintry weather, put on an extra scarf, and share.

You can find our Centre for Stories Story Collectors at collection stations during the Winter Arts Season. Check our website for locations, dates and times, or simply submit while you're there: centreforstories.com

After you and all your story-telling Perthling comrades have shared their stories, we will collate and edit them into a huge, anonymous, collaborative text to be printed on large posters and placed in public spaces around the city from August.

Now, let's begin...

YOUR TASK

You are about to begin writing for the Centre for Stories' project, *If on a winter's day a traveler*. Relax. Concentrate. Dispel every other thought. Let the world around you fade. Quiet your mind. Tell everyone around you, "I'm writing! I don't want to be disturbed!" Maybe they haven't heard you, with all that racket on the street and in the office; speak louder, yell: "I'm beginning to write for the Centre for Stories!" Or perhaps don't say anything at all; just hope they'll leave you alone, so you can write. Please, write 200 words for us based on one, any or all of the following questions...

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WEATHER

Have you been in a dust storm or a tornado, a flood or a drought? Have you ever met a meteorologist, a sailor or an astronomer? Have you ever thought about the rising and falling of the sea? Have you ever felt the moment of change from Autumn to Winter? Have you watched the sun rise and followed it until eventide?

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TRAINS

Do you remember what you were doing at the train station? Why were you there? Where were you going? Who was the lover

you were leaving? The people that you saw? The book that you read?

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DEATH

Lost, end, expiry, vanished, destroyed, extinct, pass. What words do you use to describe death and what does death mean to you? What do you know of death? Who would you have at your deathbed and what would you confess?

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HOME

What does your home look like? What does it smell like? Where are your mirrors and have they been there long? Do you have a telescope, an astrolabe or, maybe, an electric mixer? What do you keep in the draw next to your bed?

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NATURE

Tell us a story about a tree: a eucalyptus, a ginkgo, or a cypress. Tell us a story of mountains and oceans. Tell us a story about your garden or your friend's farm. Tell us about how you feel when you hold a seashell to your ear or look into the white light of the winter sun.

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