



Margie Reitsma storyteller

Professional storyteller Margie Reitsma shares stories with children and adults of all ages ... in libraries, schools, churches, and communities ... across the Midwest.

Margie believes that storytelling helps build connections – to one another, to people near and far, to the environment, and to our own hopes and dreams.

Whether she's telling compelling multicultural folktales, family or personal stories, or Biblical or historical tales – Margie's goal is to create a sense of wonder, ignite a spark of imagination, and enhance memory and learning with her lively, interactive style.

Margie is past president and continuing member of the Northlands Storytelling Network. She is a contributing author of *The Art of Storytelling*, in which she wrote the chapter of *Storytelling and the Church*. She is also a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators. Margie is a rostered artist for the Iowa Arts Council Teaching Artists (Folk Arts): www.iowaartscouncil.org.



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the *art* and *magic* of

storytelling

Storytelling teaches, inspires, entertains.
It educates, creating a sense of wonder
and enhancing understanding.

Storytelling:

- *improves listening skills, which are necessary for reading*
- *actively engages listeners, promoting participation*
- *sharpens a child's sense of sequence and ability to remember information*
- *enhances the use of imagination and creativity*
- *promotes understanding between differing cultures and people*
- *creates a feeling of relaxation and enjoyment*
- *brings to life historical events and people*

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is the touch of forever;
it binds us together,
connecting all places and time –
spellbinding your heart to mine.

Stories of love and bravery
or tales of adventure and silly tomfoolery.

You share your story and I'll tell mine,
and perhaps over time we'll find
that my story has become a part of yours
and your story is now a part of mine.

-Margie Reitsma, storyteller



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