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In **The Triumph of Narrative**, celebrated journalist and critic Robert Fulford explores narrative in all of its forms—from conversation, gossip, and urban legends to journalism, literature, film and television. Fulford vividly illustrates how storytelling formed the core of civilized life, how stories shape us as much as we shape stories, and why the human appetite for narrative persists.

Pursuing his subject across a landscape that includes *The Birth of a Nation*, *Chinatown*, television news, Twain, Hemingway and Nabokov, sex scandals, and *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Fulford brilliantly elucidates the timeless elements of narrative and articulates the intimate connections between stories and how we live and view reality. During an era when mass media and mass leisure have enabled us to spend much more time absorbing stories than any of our ancestors could, **The Triumph of Narrative** is an incisive look at one of our most fundamental, irreplaceable needs.

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