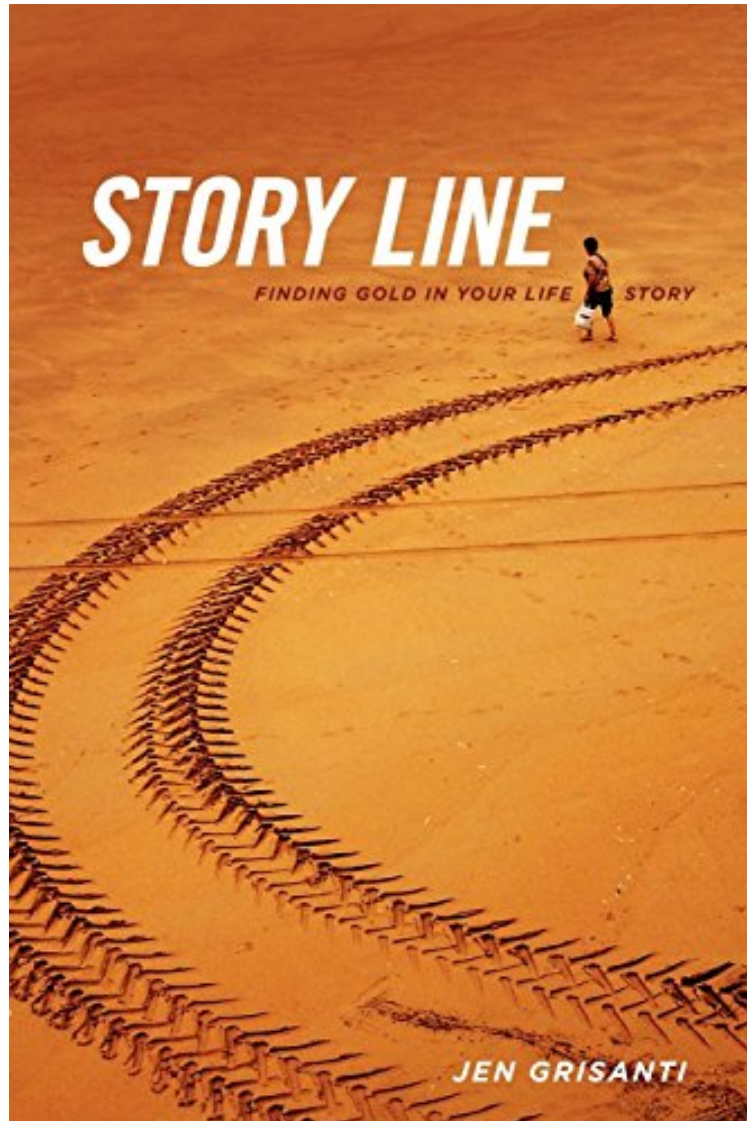


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Jennifer Grisanti : Story Line: Finding Gold in Your Life Story before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Story Line: Finding Gold in Your Life Story:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating, Insightful, and Very Helpful!By Gary E. FaymanI finished reading "Story Line" a few days ago, and it is definitely a must-read for aspiring writers, professional writers, as well as individuals who are looking for a spiritual guide. Jen's approach to storytelling is unique; instead of merely dispensing advice, Jen talks about her life experiences and favorite movies and TV shows to tie in and illustrate the concepts she presents. Reading this book is like having a close friend give you uplifting advice. It's not condescending,

and her "log line for your life" method really works! Because Jen makes the effort to personalize her own experiences and create her own story, it's easy for the reader to connect with her on a personal level. The spiritual aspect is quite fascinating and is a welcome addition. As someone who has met Jen and who attends the Friday Night Drink events she co-hosts, I can definitely say that I'm satisfied with her book and look forward to working with her as a client in the near future. This is money well-spent, and I cannot recommend this book enough. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. How to excavate stories from our lives shines through the writers book By Ms. T. E. Goldston I am a writer who has been a client of Jen's for over a year. I'm unabashedly biased about her expertise, wisdom and extraordinary skills as a writing coach. I write glowing reviews about Jen because, not only have I devoured her books, I am currently signing another contract for her services. My money is where my reviews are. :) In Story Line Jen says, This book is for any writer, novice or professional, as well as anyone who is interested in writing but hasn't taken the first step. I would go even further and recommend the book for anyone at a fork in the road searching for a beacon of light through the darkness. Story Line is really all about you. It has wonderful story analyses based on some of the best contemporary stories on TV and in movies, and, the bonus for me is the tagline of the title: Finding Gold in Your Life Story. Story Line is not only a how to for writers; it is a way to discover the answer to the question why am I driven to do this? Jen uses inspirational quotes throughout; my favorite is by Robert Southey, It is with words as with sunbeams. The more they are condensed, the deeper they burn. Story Line burns deeply for me. I also highly recommend Jen Grisanti's website, newsletter and services. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Blow life into your characters! By Lisa I had just finished a dark-comedy screenplay and had the displeasure of hearing it read out loud. I realized I felt nothing for the main character. Granted, the heroine does some not-so-nice stuff, but still, I hated her. Someone suggested I read Jen Grisanti's book, "Story Line." They said the book helps you put "heart" into your script. My friend was right. After reading the book, I realized my heroine was one-dimensional and I didn't like that one dimension I was seeing. The book showed me ways to tap into my own hopes and dreams, disappointments and heartaches and then give some of them to my main character. Duh, right? I knew about this, I've done this before, but in this one script I just couldn't get myself to go to that dark place, and that was the reason my character wasn't ringing true. The book helped me do the work needed to, first, get me in touch with those scary emotions and then put a piece of myself into the main character, which made her more empathetic. Suddenly, the heroine was jumping off the page. After rewriting the script, I still didn't want to have a beer with the main character, but I could certainly empathize with her struggles. Which allowed me to hang with her at the beginning of her arc and then root for her as she eventually grew and changed. Great book!

Story Line: Finding Gold in Your Life Story is a practical and spiritual guide to drawing upon your own story and fictionalizing it into your writing. As a Story Consultant and former VP of Current Programs at CBS/Paramount, most of the authors work with writers has focused on creating standout scripts by elevating story.

From the Author I wrote Story Line: Finding Gold In Your Life Story for anyone who has a story they want to write but are not sure which platform to write it in. We are all storytellers. We all have a story. After working as a studio executive for over 15 years and learning from the top players in the business, I wrote this book to help writers understand how to "develop" their story. One writer mentioned that my book takes off where "Save the Cat" left off. This was a huge compliment. She said that Blake's book showed her how to structure her story while my book shows her how to develop it. I came into my story philosophy after recognizing the common thread between all the shows that were nominated for Emmys, Golden Globes and Oscars. I want to be able to teach writers that they too can write from this place and achieve great heights in their writing careers. From the Back Cover "An honest, soul-baring approach to scriptwriting. You'll learn as much about yourself as you will about writing script. A must read for beginners and veterans alike." ~ Jason Filardi, screenwriter, 17 Again