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My major allegiance has been to storytelling, not to history. --Russell Banks

Storytelling Unleashes its Power

"Everyone has a story to tell," says Stephanie Ursula Hodges, one half of PenTales, a New York City based storytelling initiative. In an age where SMS and the solitary nature of social networking are the standard, Hodges- together with childhood friend Saskia Miller- is hoping to integrate the art of storytelling back into people's lives, thereby fostering community and cultivating new storytellers across the globe. And it all started with a notebook. Well, 20 notebooks. The two women gave 20 empty notebooks to 20 storytellers, with just one request: write two pages and pass it on. Now, PenTales is empowering storytellers in Paris, Berlin, Hanoi, Chicago, San Francisco and London.

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