



Being a Good Story:
Living with Serious Illness
by

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Arthur W. Frank is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Calgary. He is the author of acclaimed works such as *The Wounded Storyteller: Body, Illness, and Ethics*, and *Letting Stories Breathe: A Socio-Narratology*. For Dr. Frank, being ill requires telling stories, from medical histories to updates for friends and family: "For more than two decades I have taken these stories seriously, first during my own illnesses and later observing others. Our sense of who we are and what we are experiencing is intimately tied to the stories we tell ourselves and others. In this lecture I will explore differences between the stories we can readily fall into and stories we might craft with reflection. My question is what makes a story good not for simply coping with illness, but for making illness a meaningful part of one's life."

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