

# SEAN MURPHY

## Author, Cultural Critic, Speaker



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## A Unique Voice for Media, Conferences & Presentations

Sean Murphy is a nationally recognized writer, cultural critic, and rebel advocate who brings clarity, depth, and insight to today's most pressing conversations. With a rare talent for decoding the mechanics of storytelling, Sean bridges divides—ideological, cultural, generational—through the lens of narrative. His work doesn't just explain ideas; it makes audiences feel their relevance—equal parts informative and inspiring.

Whether he's moderating a panel, appearing on-air, or delivering a keynote, Sean commands attention with a presence that is thoughtful, provocative, and grounded. His background as an author of eight books, seasoned interviewer, and **director of The Center for Story at Shenandoah University** uniquely equips him to make complex topics accessible—and urgent.

"I admire Sean as a **masterful storyteller and essayist**, but he's also deeply knowledgeable about the many ways technology both impacts and drives changes in the cultural landscape. Murphy combines an **analytical mind with a technophile's passion**, and can explain as well as anyone why the worlds of art and academia can embrace innovation."

— Shawn DuBravac

*Futurist, Economist, NYT Bestselling Author*

## Why book Sean for your event?

- Fluent across disciplines with 20+ years writing on politics, tech, literature, and culture.
- Translates complexity with empathy, revealing how narratives shape perception and policy.
- Proven thought leader, leading conversations as **Founder of 1455 Literary Arts**.
- Rooted in experience, drawing from published work, live interviews, as well as founding and teaching at **Shenandoah University's Center for Story**.



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# Talks that connect art, technology & culture

Sean speaks at festivals, universities, and events on storytelling, creativity, and culture, offering sharp insight and meaningful dialogue as a keynote, panelist, or moderator on the following topics:

## AI, Technology & Creativity

- Investigates how digital life reshapes identity
- Clarifies the ethical and creative stakes
- Explores the loneliness paradox of hyper-connectivity
- Advocates for tech as democratizing force in art and culture

## The Power of Narrative in Society

- Shows how stories shape values and policy
- Reveals how narrative can bridge divides
- Offers tools for reframing national conversations

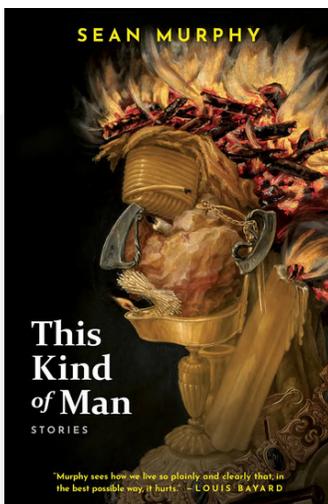
## The Arts as a Mirror & Catalyst

- Connects fiction to today's culture and politics
- Highlights how stories reflect and shape society
- Amplifies underrepresented voices and themes

## Empathy, Masculinity & Connection

- Challenges outdated tropes of manhood
- Celebrates vulnerability, growth, and emotional intelligence
- Sparks dialogue across gender and generations

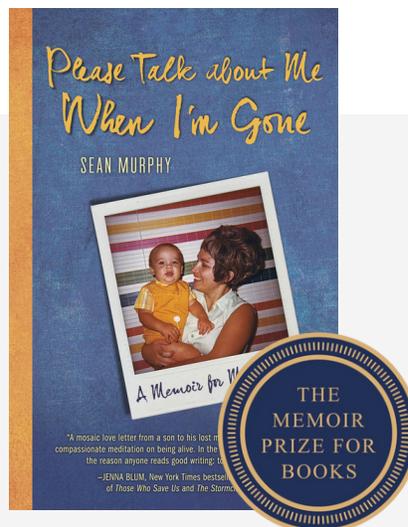
## Critically Acclaimed Author of 8 Books



"...anatomizing all the ways that American masculinity finds itself adrift..."

— Louis Bayard

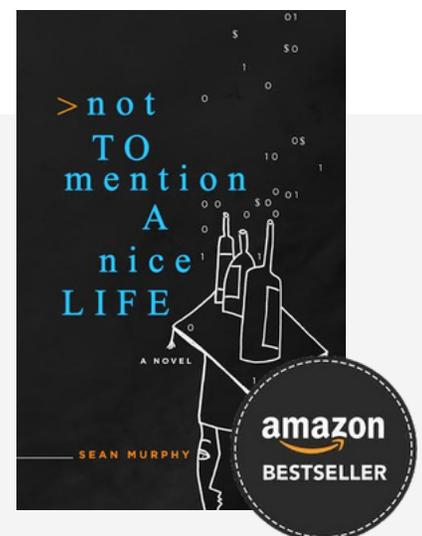
Author of #1 Netflix Movie,  
*The Pale Blue Eye*



"...a mosaic love letter...a thoughtful, compassionate meditation on being alive."

— Jenna Blum

NYT best-selling author of  
*Those Who Save Us*



"Murphy's masterful storytelling takes us on an honest, searing, sardonic ride."

— Jeremy Neuner

co-author of *The Rise of the Naked Economy*

# Championing the Humanities

## Annual StoryFest

Under Sean Murphy's leadership, StoryFest celebrates the power of storytelling. Since 2019, it has been a vibrant platform connecting authors, poets, and creatives across disciplines.

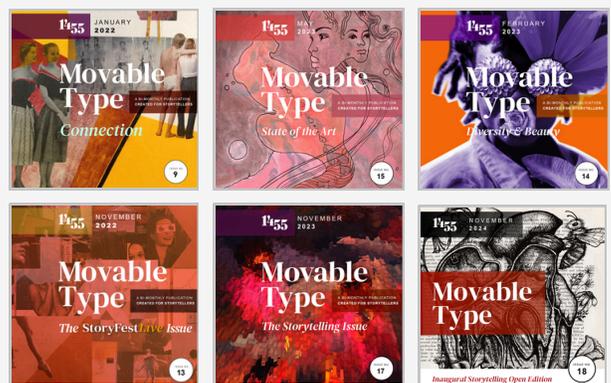
**500+** Participating speakers  
**1000+** Panels, workshops, and sessions  
**2000+** In-person and virtual attendees

## Bringing StoryFest to the Students

In his role as Director of the Center for Story at Shenandoah University, Murphy has brought the annual StoryFest and a monthly Speaker Series to the students and community.

## Movable Type e-Magazine

Curated and edited by Sean Murphy, Movable Type is 1455's e-magazine shares poetry, essays, music, and short stories from diverse voices across genres and backgrounds.



## PODCAST



## Discussions with Creative Minds

Sean hosts Some Things Considered, a 2024-launched podcast featuring conversations with writers, educators, and advocates on culture, politics, music, and technology as a part of his Substack, where he shares daily posts across distinctive sections. Tune in at [seanmurphy.live](https://seanmurphy.live)



**Bring Sean's Insight to Your Audience**

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