

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

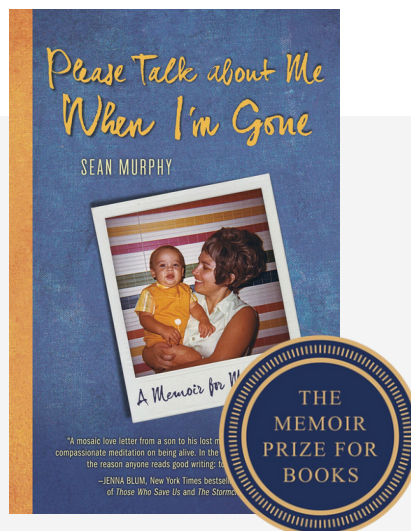
Critically Acclaimed Author of 8 Books



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

— Louis Bayard

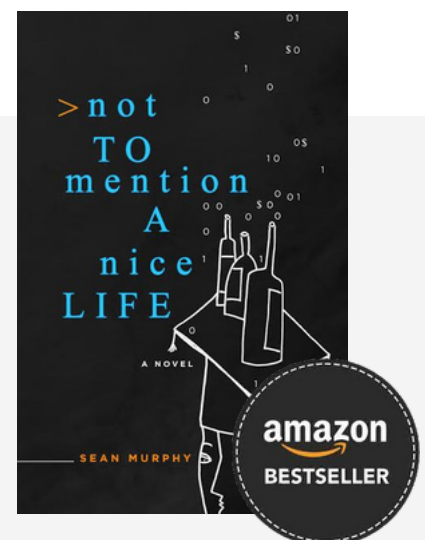
Author of #1 Netflix Movie,
The Pale Blue Eye



"...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+

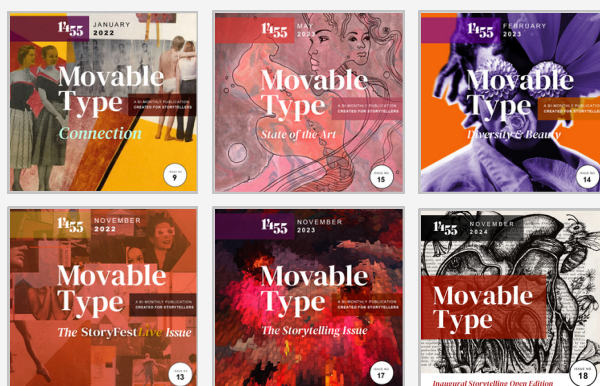
In-person and virtual attendees

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



Bring Sean's Insight to Your Audience

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