# Dramatizing the Data for Dialogic Dissemination

Insights in Qualitative Research Methods







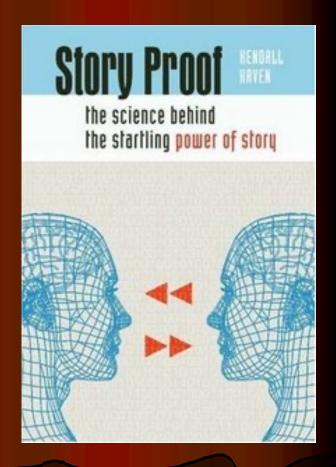


Joe Norris, Professor Emeritus, Brock University



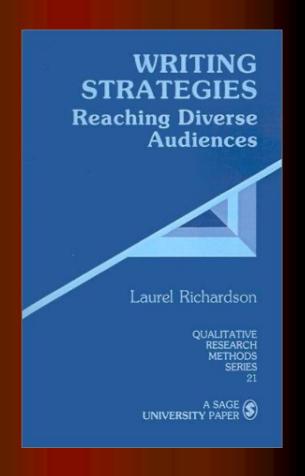
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- "People are eager for stories.
- Not dissertations.
- Not lectures.
- Not informative essays.
- For stories" (p. 8).



## Richardson, L. (1990). Writing strategies: Reaching diverse audiences. Newbury Park: Sage Publications Inc.

Whenever we write science, we are telling some kind of story, or some part of a larger narrative. Some of our stories are more complex, more densely described, and offer greater opportunities as emancipatory documents; others are more abstract, distanced from lived experience, and reinscribe existent hegemonies. Even when we think we are not telling a story, we are, at the very least, embedding our research in a metanarrative, about, for example, how science progresses or how art is accomplished

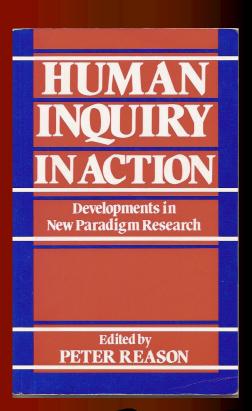


The Current (CBC)
Interview with
Dr. Neeja Bakshi
Oct 4, 2021

You know, we're seeing a lot more deaths in Alberta in the last 10 to 12 days. And I know that people are sick of COVID, they're sick of hearing about numbers, and the numbers start to mean not a whole lot, but I think we have to really pause and remember that each number is not only a person, but a family. It's also health care providers that are sharing that information with that family. And there's a lot of people that continually are affected on a daily basis, and I don't think we should become numb to that.

Reason, P., & Hawkins, P. (1988). Storytelling as inquiry. In P. Reason (Ed.), *Human inquiry in action* (pp. 79-101). Newbury Park: Sage Publications Inc.

## EXPLAINEXPRESS



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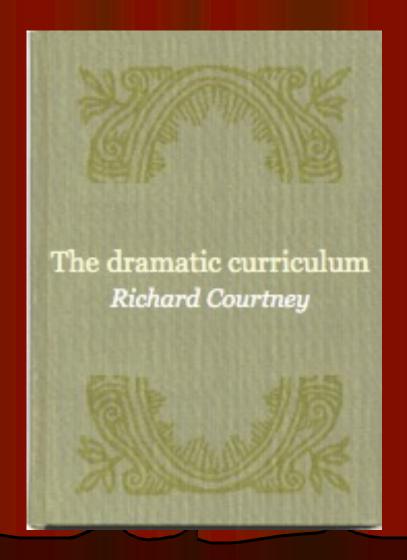
#### **Closed Discourse**

- Explain
- Convince
- Control
- Truth Claims

#### **Open Discourse**

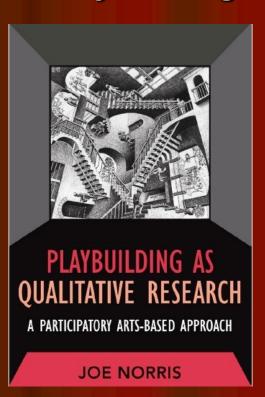
- Express
- Evocative
- Metaphoric
- Dialogic
- Situational

## Courtney, R. (1980). *The dramatic curriculum*. Drama Book Specialists.

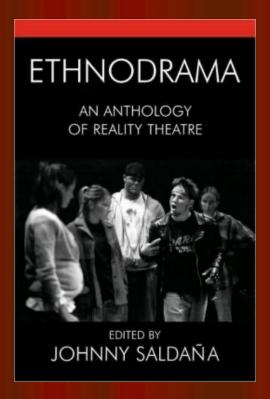


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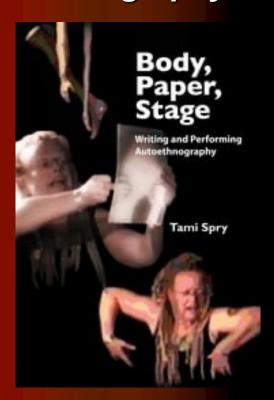
#### **Playbuilding**



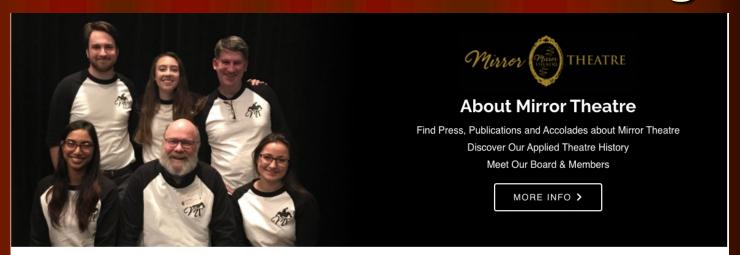
#### **Ethnodrama**



#### **Ethnography**



## **EXPRESS - Dramatizing**





#### Mirror Theatre Performances

These performances were designed for video/web distribution. We also provide live performances and



#### Mirror Theatre Process

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#### **Booking Mirror Theatre**

Book a current performance or workshop (live or virtual) or commission a project to meet your needs.

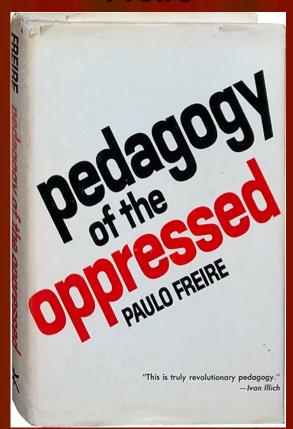
### **Truth/Fiction**

The opposite of fact isn't fiction but something like error. The opposite of fiction isn't truth but something like objectivity or actuality. Any genre or piece of writing that claims to be objective, to represent the actual, is a writing that denies its own existence, as David Lock said. In other words, no text is free of self-conscious constructions: no text can act as a mirror to the actual....The imposition of fiction into the divide between fact and error doesn't negate the possibility of a real world: all it does is recognize the impossibility for others to be objective.

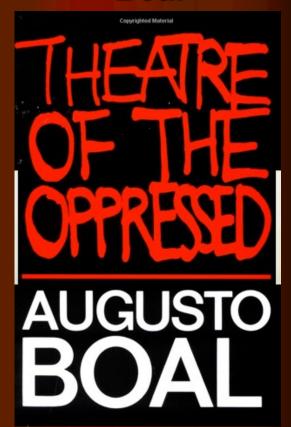
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## Axiology of Discourse Dialogic

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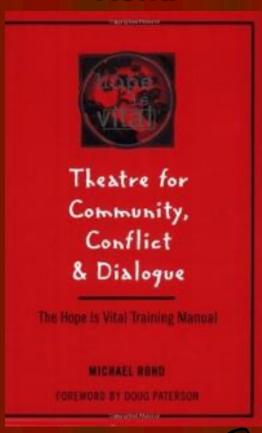
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### Dialogic Discourse

Rohd, M. (1998). Theatre for community, conflict and dialogue. Heinemann.

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An activating scene grabs everyone in the room. It's a scene that you create with your group. People need to care about it, recognize it, and be pulled into the drama of it. Most important, people must want to effect change in what they see. They need to see a clear opportunity to get involved and to explore options. An activating scene does not show *what to do.* It does not have a message. It asks what can <mark>be done</mark> (p. 97).

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**Didactic** 

**Dialogic** 

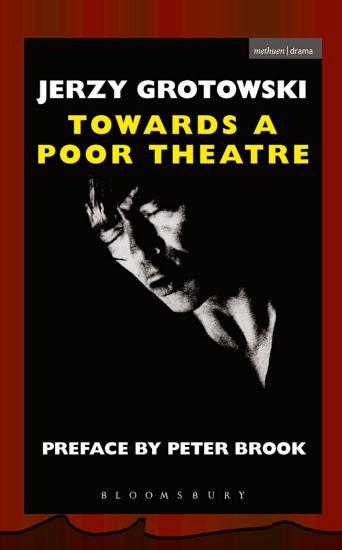
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- For

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## Scene Examples

Source/Inspiration	Topic/Play	Scene	Style	Forum - Amoral
External Focus Group	Person Centred Care	Breakfast	Shadow	Define Expectations
External Interview	Challenging Myths Homeless Shelter	Better	Image Theatre	Image Theatre
External Client Data	University 101 Time Management	Setting the Pace	Machines	Fix Machine If Needed
External Twitter	Implicit Bias Titles	What's in a Title	On Line Variations	Role How to correct?
External/Internal News/Plausible	Challenging Myths Shelter Location	NIMBY	Choral	Hot Seating
External Literature	Common Knowledge Academic Integrity	Haunting Quotes	Quote Collage	Group Discussion Define Integrity
Internal Prior Experience	Common Knowledge Academic Integrity	Second Chances	Realism	Out Scene Later that Night
Internal Metaphor	<b>Mental Health</b> When Ready	When Ready V7	On Location	Group Discussion What is Help?
Internal During Devising	Challenging Myths Homeless Shelter	Parking Lot	Realism	Voices For/Against
Improvisation Metaphor	<b>University 101</b> Budget	Drinks on Me	Impressionistic	File Cards
Internal Non-Actors	Youth Engagement Vaping	To Vape or Not to Vape	Voices For/Against	Voices For/Against

## Grotowski, J. (1968). *Towards a Poor Theatre*. Simon and Schuster Inc.



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Non-Actors	Vaping	Not to Vape	For/Against	For/Against



### **Web Dissemination**

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#### Athabasca's Going Unmanned

An Ethnodrama About **Incarcerated Youth** 

Diane Conrad



#### SOCIAL FICTIONS SERIES

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**Embodied Research for Social** Change

Anne Harris and Christine Sinclair



## Kindred Spirits









#### CONTACT! UNLOAD VETERANS FINALLY AND FULLY COMING HOME



Background
Constet\*(Indiad is a theatre piece featuring Canadian Armed Forces veterans who share their stories of overcoming
challenges as they transition home post-deployment. The 30-minute play has been performed 18 times, reaching over
1500 nadience members. Two indimate productions include a private show for His Royal Highness Prince Harry of
Wales at Canadia House in London, England, and a performance on Parliament Hill for inmitters and senances.

It is not only critical to make support services available for veterans, but also bring awareness to these programs for returning veterans, which is why including the Connect! Unload performance as part of the 2017 Invictus Games will be a tremendous benefit to both the participants and partons.

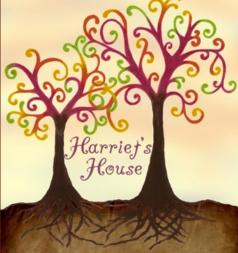
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e information on Contact! Unload and our role at the 2017 Invictus Games, please visit operation







## Formative Evaluation of SSHRC's Research/Creation Grants in Fine Arts Program (2007)

argues for "supporting high quality research and the advancement of knowledge in this field, and the dissemination and transfer of research outcomes to the academic community and to the public at large" (p. 12).

## Accessible Available vs Comprehensible

- Try it as research producers
- Break the Hegemony of Discourse
  - Epistemology
  - Axiology
  - Ontology
  - Aesthetics
  - Pedagogy
  - Appreciate/Understand it as research consumers

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