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Steve Otto has a degree from the University of Missouri in speech and dramatics. For four years he

worked in television during the "live, Black and White TV" days, and spent the next 30 years working for the government while acting, directing and producing in community theater. He started telling stories in 1986, and became a full time freelance teller in 1994. He tells stories to groups from Nursery School to Nursing Homes. His specialties are stories from the Ozarks, ghost stories, stories from literature, inspirational, and creative audience participation stories. He has been featured twice on the Ghost story stage of the Tejas Storytelling Festival in Texas, three times at the Northland Storytelling Festival in Madison, WI, Riverwinds Festival in Illinois, The St. Charles Riverboat festival, the Nebraska Festival, and for many years he has been a teller at the St. Louis Arch Festival. For ten years he was the feature teller at Des Moines Living History Farms pumpkin festival.

Steve knows that Storytelling is much more than just spinning a yarn. He has presented seminars and workshops at the Tejas Festival, The Texas Storytelling Conference, Riverwinds Festival, The Nebraska Storytelling Festival, The St. Louis Arch Festival, The Kansas City Storytelling Celebration and twice at The National Storytelling Conference. His seminars range from teaching the basics of storytelling, how to tell Ghost Stories, telling from Literature, business seminars on communications, and collecting the stories of our past, to teaching teachers how to use storytelling as a teaching tool.

He has produced three CDs of stories, one of Scary Stuff (great for Halloween), one of Children's stories for kids from k-8, and one which includes stories for adults including two stories about his growing up during WW II

Settle back and let you mind roam free . . . you will find that you will create pictures in that mind that you never imagined possible. You will remember events long forgotten, and venture into the world of STORYTELLING.