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We are, as a species, addicted to story. Even when the body goes to sleep, the mind stays up all night, telling itself stories.

~Jonathan Gottschall

The brain stays up all night telling stories while we sleep. We just call them dreams.

~Jonathan Gottschall

We are creatures of story, and the process of changing one mind or the whole world must begin with 'Once upon a time.'

~Jonathan Gottschall

Story is where people go to practice the key skills of human social life.

~Jonathan Gottschall

I think the proper attitude toward fighting sports is one of ambivalence. You can be drawn to them, but you should also be repelled by them.

~Jonathan Gottschall

A boxing contest is a brain-damage contest. Who can give out more brain damage and who can absorb more of it?

~Jonathan Gottschall

I think what bothers us about fighting sports isn't the damage to the athlete but the fact that you win by doing more harm to your opponent than he does to you. It just seems ugly.

~Jonathan Gottschall

Bull riding is probably the most dangerous sport in the world in terms of head injuries.

~Jonathan Gottschall

I don't think people are reacting primarily to the danger of the sport. There are many other activities that are truly dangerous that we have

no inclination to ban.

~Jonathan Gottschall

People like head trauma. They love knockouts. The crowd is silent, silent, silent... and then a knockout happens, and everyone goes native. There would be far fewer knockouts without the gloves.

~Jonathan Gottschall

I'm living in the heart of gun culture, but I'm not a gun guy. I didn't grow up with them; I was never a hunter; my dad was never a hunter.

~Jonathan Gottschall

If you want to burrow a message into a human mind. Work it into a story

~Jonathan Gottschall

Human minds yield helplessly to the suction of story. No matter how hard we concentrate, no matter how deep we dig in our heels, we just can't resist the gravity of alternate worlds.

~Jonathan Gottschall

We are critical and skeptical. But when we are absorbed in a story, we drop our intellectual guard.

~Jonathan Gottschall

We are a species addicted to a stories.

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I watch fights and I often feel morally compromised by it. I feel like I'm morally culpable for what's occurring because I'm the spectator and ultimately footing the bill for the spectacle.

~Jonathan Gottschall

When you spar in boxing, the only thing that gets hurt is your brain.

Jonathan Gottschall Quotes Everything else feels pretty good. ~Jonathan Gottschall

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