

# stories2music

Bringing stories and music to life

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Newsletter

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## Kickstarting the year off right!

stories2music has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for music licensing. The stories currently have web-only music licenses, which allows them to be displayed on a website for listening, but the stories cannot be downloaded or sold.

Amazon Audible has a “WhisperLink” feature that allows Kindle readers to switch back and forth between text and audio versions of the book. s2m has two Kindle e-books on Amazon, so we want to put those audio books on Audible. However, music “sale” licenses must be purchased in order to sell the stories on Audible or on the s2m website.

West One Music has generously offered a discounted “sale” license price if all 16 stories are licensed together. Once the stories are sold on Audible, they can't be offered for free on the s2m website, so a members-only area will be provided through Wild Apricot where s2m members have access to the stories as well as options to donate, register for webinars, etc. The Kickstarter campaign is raising funds for all of these features.

Check out the [Kickstarter page](#) and support s2m.

## Media Grammar and stories2music

stories2music's “[Aurora's Secret](#)” was used in a History of Multimedia [class research project](#) in fall 2017 at Palomar College. The study tested the effects of orchestra film music and sound effects on the listener's imagination as well as the participants' awareness of media grammar. Participants listened to three versions of the story: narration only, narration with music and narration with music and sound effects. They completed a survey after each section. The addition of the music and sound effects each altered the listener's imagination.

This type of research is important because the audio book industry is starting to produce “full cast” productions of [audio books](#) with music and Foley sound effects similar to the old radio shows.

## Coming Soon!

Five new stories in the True Love Imagined Collection are awaiting funds for music licensing:

- An Ordinary Day
- The Dance
- One Life
- A Grateful Heart
- The Fire!

## Kindle e-books

Two e-books are now available on Amazon Kindle.

- The Boy Who Was Loved by the Wind
- True Love Imagined Collection

Purchase your copies today on [Amazon](#).

## New Web Pages

New web pages have been added to the [s2m website](#):

- Social Media
- Publications
- Research
- Resources
- Donate
- Members