

When Stories Clash: Addressing Conflict with Narrative Mediation

Conflict is a natural part of human interaction. It can arise from a variety of sources, including differences in values, beliefs, goals, and perceptions. While conflict can be destructive, it can also be an opportunity for growth and learning.



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In her book *When Stories Clash: Addressing Conflict with Narrative Mediation*, Dr. Sarah Anderson offers a new approach to resolving conflict. Anderson argues that conflict is often rooted in competing stories. These stories can be about the past, the present, or the future. They can be about ourselves, about others, or about the world around us.

When our stories clash, it can be difficult to see the other person's point of view. We may become defensive, angry, or even hostile. However,

Anderson believes that it is possible to break through these barriers and find common ground.

Narrative mediation is a process that helps people to understand and share their stories. It is a non-adversarial approach that focuses on building bridges between people. Narrative mediation can be used to resolve a wide range of conflicts, from personal disputes to workplace disagreements.

The book *When Stories Clash* provides a step-by-step guide to narrative mediation. Anderson explains how to prepare for a mediation, how to facilitate a mediation, and how to follow up after a mediation. She also includes case studies of how narrative mediation has been used to successfully resolve conflicts.

Benefits of Narrative Mediation

Narrative mediation offers a number of benefits over traditional approaches to conflict resolution. These benefits include:

- **It is non-adversarial.** Narrative mediation focuses on building bridges between people, not on winning or losing.
- **It is collaborative.** Narrative mediation encourages all parties to participate in the process and to share their stories.
- **It is respectful.** Narrative mediation respects the dignity of all parties involved.
- **It is effective.** Narrative mediation has been shown to be an effective way to resolve a wide range of conflicts.

How to Use Narrative Mediation

If you are involved in a conflict, you may be wondering how you can use narrative mediation to resolve it. The first step is to find a qualified narrative mediator. A narrative mediator is someone who has been trained in the narrative mediation process and who has experience resolving conflicts.

Once you have found a narrative mediator, the next step is to schedule a mediation session. The mediation session will typically last for several hours. During the mediation session, you will have the opportunity to share your story and to hear the other person's story. The mediator will help you to identify the common ground between your stories and to develop a plan for resolving the conflict.

Narrative mediation is a powerful tool that can be used to resolve a wide range of conflicts. If you are involved in a conflict, I encourage you to consider using narrative mediation. It may be the key to finding a peaceful and lasting solution.

About the Author

Dr. Sarah Anderson is a leading expert in narrative mediation. She is the author of several books on the subject, including *When Stories Clash: Addressing Conflict with Narrative Mediation*. Anderson is also a professor of law at the University of California, Berkeley. She has taught narrative mediation to students, lawyers, and other professionals around the world.

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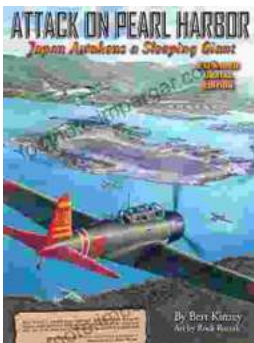


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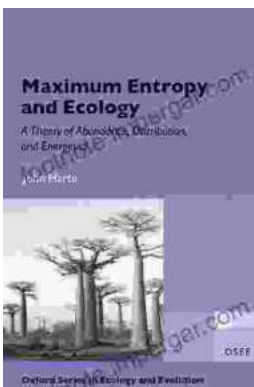
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