# Want to Know My Story?

Do you know the one characteristic that all great brands possess? They tell great stories. I build brands - organizational as well as personal - by telling your stories. Stories that intrigue, inspire, persuade, motivate and propel people into action. I also coach business leaders to craft and tell their best stories.

I am a storyteller who has worked for two decades in the corporate world. I understand business needs intimately, and make it my business to **bridge the gap** between what organizations want to say and what people need to hear. I have honed to a precise degree the art of unpacking complex jargon, and turning it into tales that people understand, relate to and remember.

Ideas fascinate me. I spend hours thinking, and stitching together ideas (some my own, some borrowed) to build something new. I have been called an "Idea Amplifier", and I own the label with pride. It helps to have a mind that understands the spirit or intent behind the words, and automatically picks out the significant facts from surrounding clutter.

I love my super power – an incredible connection with animals. The world can be cruel to those without an agency, a voice. I refuse to condone this. I do everything I can to make this planet a happier and safer home for all. I rescue dogs and cats, rehabilitate the injured, re-home abandoned pets, advocate for their rights, foster and adopt as many as I can. And every day, I pray that I – and others of my tribe – will no longer be needed. Until then, I use my storytelling expertise to help local animal shelters raise awareness and funds.

I draw no boundaries between the professional and personal me. Engage the storyteller or the animal rights warrior, I am all me. You get the same **passion**, **commitment**, **and willingness to smash through every barrier** that stands between today and a better, kinder world.

# The Stories I Live By...

Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged | Daniel Quinn's Ishmael | Richard Bach's Illusions



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## **Leadership Boosters**

CXO Presentations, Business & Industry Reports, Team Messages, Leader Profiles, Articles, Executive Interviews

## Content / Brand Strategy

Content Blueprints, Leadership Branding, Brand Enhancement

#### **Persuasive Content**

Articles, Brochures, Reports, Websites, Press Briefings

#### **Internal Messaging**

Employee Forums, Intranet, Knowledge Exchange portals

#### **Business Pitches**

Investor Communication, Start Up Pitches, Case Studies

#### **Passion Projects**

Outreach, Branding and Funding for Animal Welfare / Blood Donation

# **Communications Manager**

India Cloud & IT R&D Centre > Bangalore



- Received Ace Award for designing custom Employee Engagement platforms for the Unit Head, shaped team's culture
- Architect of eight new business proposals, with 75% success rate
- Built the site's brand; positioning it to global stakeholders through Business Reviews. Instrumental in seeding new opportunities
- Orchestrated interactive All Employee Meetings, often cited as "best I have participated in" by speakers and audience alike
- Delivered exceptional content, making "Sonalify" a synonym for excellence
- Trusted Advisor to leadership team, coaching them to build their individual leadership brands

# **Executive Comms Manager + Content Specialist**

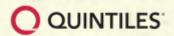
CISCO

*India + Globalization Centre > Bangalore* 

- Built India leader's personal brand by planning, writing, designing, producing, and coaching to deliver persuasive presentations
- Positioned Cisco India's Head as a thought leader in the industry; ghost writing articles that appeared in the national print media
- Lent communication expertise to other Business Units
- Crafted CXO level customer presentations for Advanced Services team, positioning Cisco as a trusted network migration expert
- Designed web tools and web-based management dashboard
- Laid off, and then re-hired within two months

# **Assistant Manager, Marketing**

India > Bangalore



- Built India unit's identity as a CoE in Clinical Research (global branding)
- Launched "Quintiles Store" branded merchandise for employees
- Created unit's first intranet portal, led virtual team of seven authors

# **Assistant Manager, Corporate Affairs**

India > Ahmedabad



- Created and implemented Corporate Identity blueprint, including advertising, PR, branding collaterals
- Crafted proposal and executive presentations for Gujarat's first plasma fractionation project.
- Fashioned investor messages Annual Reports, Information Memorandum, Executive Presentations for analysts and media
- White paper for Blood Banking Consultancy Services won three consultancy contracts from National AIDS Control Organisation & International Red Cross.

# Officer, Advertising & Marketing

India > Ahmedabad



- Set up the function
- Launched the brand in Gujarat, Maharasthra, Rajasthan and MP
- Initiated the use of street theatre to tap semi-urban and rural markets

## **Assistant Manager**

India > Ahmedabad



 Learnt Corporate and Employer Branding, Event & PR Management, Agency coordination



#### MBA, Finance

B K School of Business Management, Gujarat University, GPA 3.12/4

#### **BA**, Economics

M S University of Baroda, 75%

#### HSC / Grade 12

Central Board of Secondary Education,74%

#### SSC / Grade 10

Central Board of Secondary Education,77%

# Professional Development Mudra Institute ofCommunications

- Managing Marketing Communication
- Managing Corporate Reputation

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