

Twelve Stories

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Preface

Sometimes I feel that one life is too short for all the things I want to do. There is always more to discover, there are always more stories to find and there are always new things to try. It is sometimes hard for me to choose where I should be focusing.

Because of my many occupations, the present volume of stories took a long time to finish. The ideas behind it were present for many years, but they remained in basic form only until recently. I revised many of the stories, added details and corrected mistakes. Notwithstanding all these revisions, the stories still are what I intended them to be when I conceived them: tiny pieces of life, written like fairy tales, with situations or events that will make you think, feel sorry or laugh.

Tiny pieces of a life, indeed. For me, telling a story is a way to share the things I have learned in life and this is particularly true for these twelve stories. They can be enjoyed as just a story, but there is always an underlying idea that relates to situations I experienced in life. I guess some situations may be recognized because readers have experienced these situations themselves. Some can perhaps be imagined, because I know readers have as much imagination as a writer.

Should you want to discover a meaning behind the stories for yourself, you should stop reading here and just read the stories. Below I will go into some deeper layers for those who are interested.

An important and returning subject in the stories is love: the effects of love, the necessities for love and the consequences of love. I think it is true that most experiences in life will have a relation to love in some way. We are a social species, we cannot live without other people. We need to be cared for, we want to care.