

How Much of this Story is True?



Meet the Author: Bradley Jay Owens

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Bradley Owens has been a Foreign Service Officer in Haiti, a journalist in Boston, a roofer in Las Vegas, and a creative writing instructor at Stanford University.

In *How I Met You*, published by Brighthorse Books, Owens weaves fragments from these life experiences into his stories. The question he gets asked most often is: *How much of this is true?*

Reading from his work, Owens will talk about how stories originate, how they can develop in ways the writer doesn't necessarily anticipate, the delicate dance of writing about family and the frustrations and rewards of

following a story where it wants to take you—even if that isn't where you meant to go.

Bradley Owens' stories and essays have appeared in *Ploughshares*, *The Threepenny Review*, *The Henfield Prize Stories*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and elsewhere. He has received the Henfield Prize, the National Prize in Fiction from the Loft Literary Center, and fellowships from the Cite Internationale des Arts in Paris and the University of Wisconsin. He has an MA in Creative Writing from Stanford University and a BA from UC Santa Barbara. He lives in Pacific Grove, CA.