

# True Story...

Sunday, June 8, 2025:

**YOU GOT THIS:** Personal stories from people whose lives have been changed by cancer.

**LIZZY ROSS** is an actor, writer, graphic artist, and sled dog wrangler. She's the founder and producer of the True Story program and also your host for this evening. She's very thankful you're here. If you'd like to know anything else please visit [lizzyross.com](http://lizzyross.com).

**NICHOLAS CORMIER III** is a United States Air Force Veteran. Spent several years as an Air Traffic Controller. Graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington—studied Art with a concentration in Film and a minor in Theatre. MBA from Texas State University. Actor. Writer. Director. Nicholas advocates for mentally ill veterans, including those with substance abuse issues, living on the streets of Los Angeles. USC Warrior Bard. Nicholas' short story "D-pod" is First and Only Runner Up for Solstice Literary Magazine's 2023 Annual Fiction Prize. Nicholas' story "Tolstoy Soldiers" was officially selected for WORDTheatre's world-wide Veteran's Day event in 2021. He performed work alongside some of the world's greatest actors in 2022 for Cedering Fox's WORDTheatre. Nicholas' short story "Salome" is nominated for 2023 Best of the Net. His short story "Noose" recently won 2nd Place for Creative Writing in the 2022 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.

**JONATHAN JOSEPHSON:** Fifty of Jonathan's plays have been produced around the world including Actors Theatre of Louisville (Humana Festival), Milwaukee Rep (RepLab), Samuel French OOB (Festival Winner), Chance Theater, and Mountain View Mausoleum. His work has been included in several Smith and Kraus Best Of collections, The Great Plains Theatre Conference, Best of PlayGround-LA, and has also been named a Finalist for the O'Neill. Twenty-six of his plays are published by Concord Theatricals, Broadway Licensing, and others. He's also a co-founder of the award-winning Unbound Productions (Wicked Lit, History Lit, Mystery Lit). B.A. Theatre: Playwriting, UCSD. DG, ALAP.

**KERRY MCGUIRE** has a lifelong passion for theatre and live comedy. She wrote and taught sketch comedy in both New York and LA at the Upright Citizens Brigade. She also wrote for comedy sites such as CollegeHumor and Jest, and for "Hot Date," a sketch show starring Emily Axford and Brian Murphy that played on Pop TV (RIP) and can now be found on Netflix. At least, it could be found on Netflix for a while. In her free time, she loves hiking, jumping off rocks into the lake with her doggo, and surviving triple positive breast cancer.

**SARAH ROCKWOOD** is a writer living in Los Angeles, California. Her son Wolfie was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer at only four years old. Sarah turned to writing to document the two-year battle, portions of which will be featured for True Story. Her work has been published in Hero magazine.

**ISADORA SWANN** is so excited to work with EST/LA to share her story! She recently graduated from USC with a double major in theatre and social change. After growing up acting at the Guthrie in her hometown of Minneapolis, LA has been a welcome step towards pursuing her dreams. She is happy to collaborate and can be reached at [isadora@estlosangeles.org](mailto:isadora@estlosangeles.org).

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