

## DAN KENNEDY

*“...he is a man brimming with stories — and over the years, he’s gotten pretty good at telling them.” —Brian Heater*

**As the longtime host of The Moth podcast, you’d most likely recognize Dan Kennedy’s voice if you heard it. He has spent much of the last fifteen years performing and writing as he travels the world.**

A widely anthologized humorist, Dan first garnered recognition as a comedian in New York clubs and as a columnist for *McSweeney’s*. In 2003, he published his first book, *Loser Goes First*, and a memoir followed in 2008 entitled *Rock On: An Office Power Ballad*. His debut novel, *American Spirit*, received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*, which lauded the book as having, “...far surpassed the creation of character and conjured an entity so alive in its knowledge of impending death that we’re captured in a new idea of what it’s like to live.”

Dan has been a guest lecturer at Yale, as well as a guest author at The Harvard Lampoon in celebration of his work anthologized in *The Best of McSweeney’s Humor*. His stories have appeared in *GQ Magazine*, on the Peabody Award-winning *The Moth Radio Hour*, in *McSweeney’s*, and more. Dan has primarily moved into writing for film and television, selling pilots to HBO and F/X, and working on feature film rewriting assignments at Amblin and Paramount.

Despite the melancholy persona he’s adopted, Dan’s defined goal is to keep moving forward. He lives in New York, where he is currently working on another screenplay and serves as Story Producer on the forthcoming NBC primetime television series *True Story* with Ed Helms and Randall Park.