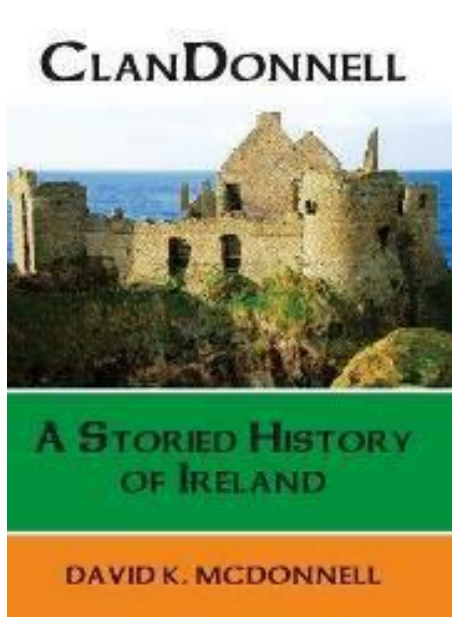


ClanDonnell Tales of Ireland

“Millions of people around the world are of Irish descent, yet most of us barely have passing knowledge about the Ireland of our ancestors,” says author David McDonnell. “And much of what we think we know – how our ancestors lived, why they left the island – is often way off the mark.”



McDonnell’s new book, *ClanDonnell: A Storied History of Ireland*, offers an entertaining remedy by telling the stories of people in the Celtic Irish McDonnell clan and their subsequent descendants. Since the first McDonnells were mercenaries, they were called into service in all corners of Ireland and interacted – often violently – with other Irish clans. Over time, the McDonnells faced the same troubling forces as all Irish – brutal clan wars, religious strife, subjugation by the English, confiscation of lands, famine and starvation, mass emigration, struggles for national identity and independence... and much more. Thus the stories of the McDonnells reflect the stories of all Irish, from any clan.

The book is non-fiction, but has all the elements of a historical novel – fair maidens, multiple beheadings, nasty bar fights (one ends with a javelin through the heart!), plotted assassinations, hangings, exile, and witches’ spells, to name a few. Timeless themes of passionate love, family bonds, valor and honor, revenge and political intrigue, leap off every page. McDonnell spent years exhaustively researching the origination of the Irish clans – as well as the origination of Irish last names – and many stories transpired over a thousand years ago. Over 600 strategically placed images, as well as the author’s wit and story-telling skills, make this unlike any other history of Ireland.

For more information (including preface, table of contents, sample stories and photographs, and author background) see www.clandonnell.net.