



Media Guide for ClanDonnell: A Storied History of Ireland **And** **Buy The Horse A Guinness (& Other Wee Tales of Ireland)**

ClanDonnell: A Storied History of Ireland

- Author: David K. McDonnell
- ISBN 13: 978-0-9860385-0-1
- Dewey #: 941.5
- Publisher: Burrowing Owl Press, Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan
- Retail Price: \$34.95
- Binding: Paperback
- Genre: History, non-fiction
- Publication Year: 2014
- Illustrations: Most photographs by Linda McDonnell, plus heavy use of historical illustrations, maps and other graphics
- Audience: Adult. Target audience is Irish-Americans and Irish; secondary audience includes anyone with a general interest and curiosity about Irish history.

ClanDonnell: A Storied History of Ireland is a collection of stories of an Irish clan which tell the history of Ireland in an entertaining, easy-to-read fashion. The tone is more like an oral history than that of a formal history text. The human stories, numerous illustrations, and humor bring the history of Ireland to life for the non-historian reader. It is the winner of the following book awards:

- First Place (Humanities) Reader Views' 2014 Reviewers' Choice Literary Awards
- First Place (History General) 2014 Beverly Hills Book Awards
- Finalist (Historical Non-Fiction) Next Generation Indie Book Awards, Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group

Below is a list of independent book reviews, each of which may be freely reproduced, provided that credit is given as noted. Links and full text of these (and other) reviews are available on the website.

- IndieReader (credit to *IndieReader*)
- Reader Views / Blog Critics (credit to Susan Violante and *Reader Views*)
- Portland Book Review (credit to *Portland Book Review*)
- San Francisco Book Review (credit to *San Francisco Book Review*)
- The Internet Review of Books (credit to Dennis Rizzo and *Internet Review of Books*)

Buy The Horse A Guinness (& Other Wee Tales Of Ireland)

- Author: David K. McDonnell
- ISBN 13: 978-0-9860385-0-8
- Publisher: Burrowing Owl Press, Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan
- Retail Price: \$25.95
- Binding: Paperback
- Genre: Short stories, non-fiction
- Publication Year: 2018
- Illustrations: Rob Wilkinson
- Audience: Adult. Target audience is Irish-Americans and Irish; secondary audience includes anyone who enjoys a good yarn.
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Buy The Horse A Guinness is a collection of eight short stories, each of which originated as one of the author's oral stories. Each of humorous and told in the tradition of Irish oral storytelling. The book was reviewed by Reader Views (and Thoughtcrawlers blog), with credit to Susan Violante and *Reader Views*. Links are available on the website.

Story Telling and Book Presentations: David McDonnell appears at Irish and Celtic festivals, bookstores, libraries, cultural centers, Irish pubs and other retailers. Presentations always include entertaining and informative stories of Ireland with full audience interaction. McDonnell has a vast repertoire of stories and an encyclopedic memory for details and is creative and flexible in his approach to presentations. McDonnell typically charges a modest fee, as an honorarium and reimbursement of expenses, for festival and certain other appearances.

Some samples of his storytelling are available on his website, with icons on the home page. All of his podcasts, "Random Thoughts from County Antrim" are at clandonnell.net/random-thoughts-from-county-antrim/, and other appearances are at "ClanDonnell On The Air" at clandonnell.net/radio-tv-video-appearances/. Written interviews, and written versions of some of the stories, are likewise on the website.

Distribution: Both books are available directly from the publisher at www.clandonnell.net, Amazon and other online outlets, and the many retailers listed on the website. **Buy The Horse A Guinness** is also available globally through Ingram Content Group.

Internet Presence:

- Web Site: www.clandonnell.net
- Media Links: Media coverage of the book and storytelling events is included on the website
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ClanDonnell>
- YouTube (with sample stories and interviews): ClanDonnell and David McDonnell channels
- Weekly podcasts (Sundays, 6:00 to 6:30 pm) during the pandemic may be viewed by hitting the icon on the website home page

Author Biography: David McDonnell earned his bachelor's and doctorate degrees at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He practiced law in Detroit and suburbs for over 30 years and now writes from his home on Grand Traverse Bay near Traverse City, Michigan.

Illustrations: The book covers and author photos, and all illustrations in the books and website, are available at higher resolution upon request.