

David McDonnell

Biographical Sketch

David McDonnell is a critically acclaimed author and story teller (“seanchaí” in the words of the Irish) with a passion for Irish and Irish-American history. His passion and story-telling skills have enchanted and educated both readers and listeners in both America and Ireland.

ClanDonnell: A Storied History of Ireland, David’s first book, won three national literary awards and received universally positive book reviews. *ClanDonnell* 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 that of an oral history. The human stories, numerous illustrations, and humor bring the history of Ireland to life for the non-historian reader.

David’s latest book, *Buy The Horse A Guinness (& Other Wee Tales of Ireland)* is collection of eight short stories, each of which were in his repertoire of oral stories. The book is whimsically illustrated by talented British artist Rob Wilkinson

His next book, a fictional story set in both Detroit and Dublin, is in process.

David has appeared at Irish and Celtic festivals, book stores, libraries, heritage centers, Irish pubs and other retailers, on his national and international book and story-telling tours. 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. David’s stories draw upon Irish history, culture and folklore, with his vivid imagination and wry sense of humor added to the mix.

David 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, enjoying the sunset over Lake Michigan nearly every evening. His immediate clan includes his wife, four children, a grandson and a granddaughter.

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