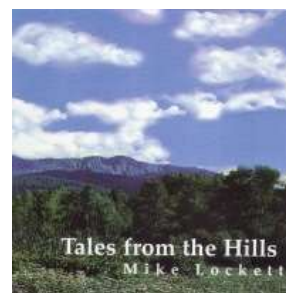


Award Winning Storyteller and Author



Bio for Dr. Mike Lockett, Storyteller and Author

Dr. Mike Lockett taught in Normal, Illinois for 21 years. Students from schools where he taught, along with children, adults and seniors from local libraries, churches and organizations came to think of him as the **Normal Storyteller**. After receiving his Doctorate in Curriculum, Lockett followed his teaching experiences by serving as a school administrator in Peoria, Illinois for twelve years. It was a NORMAL experience for Dr. Lockett to share stories when he visited classrooms or met with teachers and administrators where they called him **“The Normal Storyteller.”**

Dr. Lockett has taken his storytelling and educational messages to over 4000 audiences in schools, libraries, education conferences, festivals and churches. Mike is a teller of traditional tales in a non-traditional manner. He often adds vocal effects and dialects to his audience participation stories. He has been a performing artist in **30 states** and **15 countries** including 17 tours of Taiwan and 9 in China. In 2016, he was a featured storyteller at the Tehran International Storytelling Festival in Iran. The laughter from audiences and repeat call-backs serve as evidence that Lockett’s programs are popular. Mike always reminds everyone that his programs are always clean and high interest. They are planned on each group’s needs and are not “canned” one-size-fits-all programs.

Mike released **The Basics of Storytelling**, in 2008. Since then, he has become the author of nine children’s bilingual children’s picture books. His first four books were based on Mother Goose. The titles are **Teddy Bear**, **The Cat and the Mouse**, **Mary Had a Little Lamb**, and **Hickory Dickory Dock** (2009). Lockett released **The Magic Eyes of Little Crab** and **Monkey and Rabbit Together** in 2012, **Sky Food** and **Why Spiders Have Big Bottoms** in 2012 and **Humpty Dumpty and the Great Fall** in 2013. His books are currently in English and Chinese. (Four titles, 2016, are available in English/Spanish). **The Hungry Wolf** and 3 other titles will be released in fall, 2016. Dr. Lockett has five audio CDs and one storytelling DVD. He is the winner of over 25 awards for his books and storytelling products, including recognition from the World Storytelling Award.

View a sample story on www.mikelockett.com. Then bring **“The Normal Storyteller”** to your school, library, storytelling festival, church or other organization. Phone (309) 310-2299 or write Mike at mike@mikelockett.com to discuss booking Dr. Lockett for your program.

For bookings in **Taiwan, China, Japan, Korea** or other countries in Asia, please contact Dr. Lockett’s agent at B.K. Norton Ltd. Send emails to lillian@bookman.com.tw

