



Short Bio for Dr. Mike Lockett – Educator/Storyteller/Children’s Author

Dr. Mike Lockett taught in Normal, Illinois for 21 years. After earning a Doctorate in Curriculum, he served as a school administrator in Peoria, Illinois for 12 years. It was a NORMAL experience for Dr. Lockett to share stories when he visited classrooms. Teachers and administrators often called him “**The Normal Storyteller.**” He has taken his storytelling and educational messages to over 4000 audiences in schools, libraries, education conferences, festivals and churches. He has performed in **32 states** and **17 countries**. He is a highly respected speaker in both face to face and in on-line programs.

Dr. Lockett is a teller of traditional tales in a non-traditional manner. He is highly effective at telling audience participation tales. His stories and music are enjoyed by young children and adult audiences alike. In 2016, Lockett was a featured storyteller at the Tehran International Storytelling Festival in Iran. In 2017 he was featured at the Storymoja Festival in Kenya. From 2006-2020 Dr. Lockett performed in 25 tours of Taiwan and 15 of China. His programs are clean and educational, The laughter from listeners and repeat call-backs serve as evidence that Lockett’s programs are enjoyable.

Lockett is also an author Mike released **The Basics of Storytelling**, in 2008. Since then, he has published 13 children’s bilingual children’s picture books in the USA. Nine are in English/Chinese. Four are in English/Spanish. He released four titles in a series of folktales in English only in 2019 and just published his first YA Novel, **The House at the Top of the Bottoms** through Parkhurst Brothers’ Publishing in the USA. He has 11 more children’s picture books that are written, edited, illustrated, recorded and ready to be released in Taiwan and the USA when the Pandemic allows. 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, senior center, storytelling festival, church or other organization. Phone (309) 310-2299 or write to 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. Agency Ltd. Send emails to Meihua@bkagency.com.tw

