

## Mp3 Dr. Mike Lockett, The Normal Storyteller - Tales From The Hills



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"Tales from the Hills" is an audio storytelling CD. The CD features eight outstanding Appalachian Tales as told in southern dialect by Dr. Mike Lockett, The Normal Storyteller. 9 MP3 Songs SPOKEN WORD: Audiobook, FOLK: Traditional Folk Details: Michael Lockett taught in Normal, Illinois for 21 years. Students from schools where he taught, along with the Cub Scouts and Boy scouts he worked with, and boys and girls from church and libraries came to think of him as "The Normal Storyteller." They could always count on a fun filled story to accompany a lesson or reward them for a job well done if Mr. Lockett was the teacher. 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. It even played in Peoria to call him THE NORMAL STORYTELLER. Today, Dr. Lockett takes storytelling and educational messages to groups all across the USA. A teller of traditional tales, Lockett specializes in audience participation stories. I have more fun when audiences join in with the telling, says Lockett. Judging from the laughter when The Normal Storyteller is speaking to a group, they do exactly that! During his years as a teacher in Normal and administrator in the Peoria Public Schools, Dr. Lockett gave more than 1200 presentations to schools, libraries, churches and gave many keynote talks for educational and fraternal organizations. Retirement has not dulled this storyteller. Since his retirement from the position of high school principal of an alternative school, Lockett has concentrated on developing new stories and reaching out to new audiences. He has started a new small company, Heritage Schoolhouse Press, to publish materials related to storytelling and plans to also author childrens books. He has already been a featured speaker at two major educational conferences in 2006, the No Child Left

Behind Conference in Chicago and the Illinois Reading Conference in Springfield. Check out his website at [mikelocketto](http://mikelocketto.com) to see when he will be in your area. Tales from Around the World has been in production for the last two years and was completed and sent to Press on February 7, 2006. This project is the second storytelling production by Lockett. His first CD was Tales from the Hills, a collection of Appalachian tales, released in 2000 with a second printing in 2006. Both products are available for purchase on CDBaby.com. Dr. Lockett is currently the president of the Twin City Tale Spinners, a local Bloomington/Normal storytelling guild. He and other guild members can be heard telling tales at the Normal Public Library on the third Thursday of each month at 6:45 P.M. Contact Mike Lockett for more information about storytelling CDs or about booking him for storytelling programs. - Phone (309) 454-2300

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