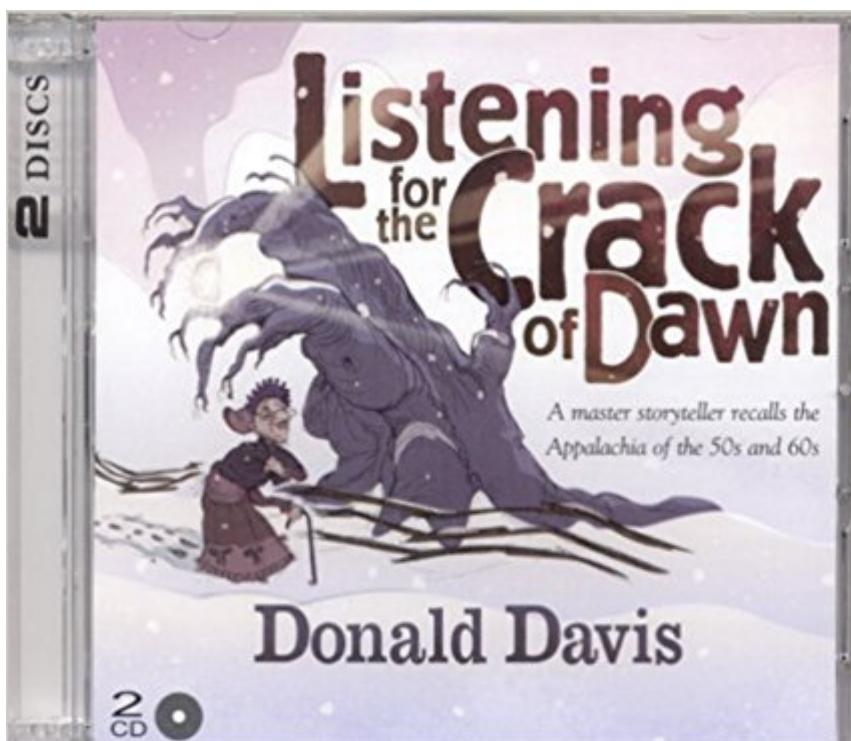


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# Listening For The Crack Of Dawn (American Storytelling (Audio))



## **Synopsis**

Audiences at storytelling festivals worldwide are passionate about Donald Davis and his deceptively soft-edged Appalachian stories. Developed in oral performance, Davis' stories resonate in the experiences of his listeners and readers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

YA-- A charming, humorous chronicle of Davis's coming of age in the 1950s and '60s. Time and place are vividly portrayed through such characters as Carrie Boyd, who in a shrill 6-six-year-old voice announced on the first day of school, "Look--that little boy wet his pants," thus beginning a long lasting love/hate relationship; Miss Daisy, a master teacher who taught every subject through imaginary travels; Dr. York and his miracle cure-all--a dose of molasses; and Daff-knee Garlic, the owner and operator of the "educational institution for teenagers in all of Nantahala County," the drive-in theatre. YAs who like nostalgia such as Ferrol Sams's Run with the Horseman (Peachtree, 1982), or to hear stories of people and places past from older relatives will enjoy this book. They will also see that certain elements of growing up are universal--only the time, place, and people's names change.- Carol Clark, Lee High School, Springfield, VA  
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In the best oral tradition, retired minister Davis relates his youth in rural Appalachia in North Carolina in the 1950s. The author admits his reluctance to commit his stories to paper. He need not have worried. The result is a delightful memoir--warm and bittersweet--of his family, friends, and life experiences. At times humorous and at other times heartrending, the separate stories mesh together. The tales take Davis from grade school to high school, where he introduces readers to pals and principals, class toughs and teachers, family and friends. The author's frankness is refreshing, as is his ability to evoke in the reader similar experiences of a gentler age. Highly recommended for most libraries and essential for regional collections.- Boyd Childress, Auburn Univ. Lib., Ala.Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A friend turned me on to Donald Davis and his story-telling. I am hooked! His stories remind me so much of my growing up in Virginia and getting to know my paternal relatives. I listen to them in the car. His tales are entralling. Some people must think I am crazy when I laugh out loud as I am driving down the road.

When joyed listening to the stories very much. I only wish that had been more!

I read this aloud to my junior high students many years ago. I thought about several events in the story and the dramatic ending so many times that I bought my own copy. Hard to believe that it's not true. Great story teller.

We had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Davis in Dallas in May, 1993. We were taken to his performance by our sons' Latin teacher. This made his story of Ms. V.D.'s Latin class all the more entertaining. Our family has, for years decorated our Christmas tree with Ivory Snow soap. His story of Christmas in Sulphur Springs gave us some warming insight into possible origins of the tradition. I'm sure most will find comfortably familiar territory as well, or at least be reminded of nearly forgotten family memories of their own. What a great collection. What a great story teller. Greatfully, our copy is autographed.

DO NOT MISS This - tender, funnier than anything I have read - reminiscent -- fabulous book!

Great stories. This book met all my expectations. I would highly recommend this book to anyone

who likes family stories.

The title kinda of sets the scene of what you will find inside. Fantastic storyteller ...

Wonderful tales. I highly recommend them for traveling or just fun listening. Great for the whole family. All good fun

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