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Don Lawson

Author of OVERLOOK'D | Founder of Floyd's House



One Open Door Can Change a Life

When Don Lawson had nowhere else to go, one family opened a door. Drawing from his memoir, *OVERLOOK'D*, he shares a deeply personal story of abandonment, foster care, homelessness, and the people who helped him find a place to belong.

Short biography

Don Lawson is the author of *OVERLOOK'D*, a University of Tennessee graduate, and the founder of Floyd's House. He aged out of foster care and became homeless while still in high school. His work connects his own story with a commitment to young adults who still need an open door.

About the memoir

A childhood shaped by abandonment, abuse, foster care, and homelessness. A family whose open door changed the course of a life. In *OVERLOOK'D*, Don Lawson tells the story of what survival costs and what can happen when someone makes room for a person who has nowhere else to go.

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FOR HOSTS & EVENT ORGANIZERS

Bring the story into the room

Author talks and community conversations drawn from OVERLOOK'D.

OVERLOOK'D: The Story Behind the Memoir

An honest conversation about telling the truth, carrying shame, and finding the courage to let others see the life behind the book.

Being Wanted Changes Things

What the Martins gave Don beyond shelter: stability, dignity, accountability, and the experience of being chosen as family.

Eighteen Is Not a Plan

A personal account of leaving care without a home, and why reaching adulthood does not erase the need for family, guidance, somewhere to turn, and a place to return.

From One Open Door to Floyd's House

The connection between the family who made room for Don and the nonprofit he is building for young adults aging out of foster care.

Audiences & conversation themes

Libraries and book clubs; community and civic organizations; colleges and universities; foster-care and youth-serving organizations; educators, mentors, and foster and adoptive families.

Conversations explore the difference between surviving and belonging, the importance of dependable relationships, and the ordinary acts of care that can change the direction of a life.

Floyd's House

Floyd's House is a nonprofit being developed to serve young adults aging out of foster care. Learn more at www.floydshouse.org.

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