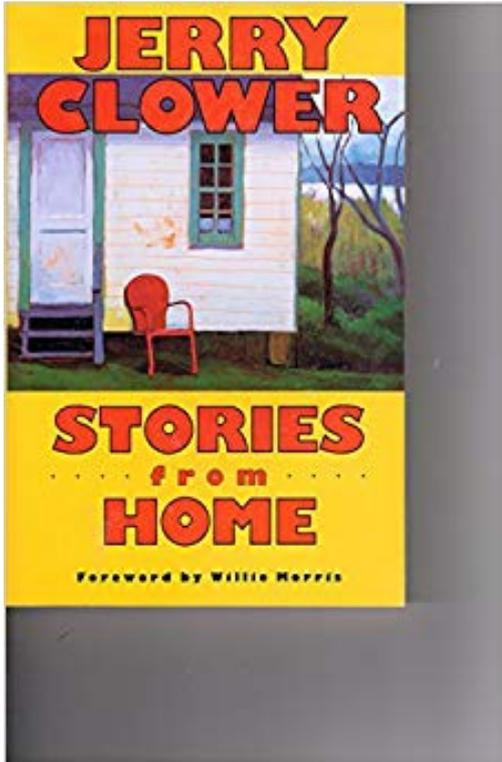


## Stories from Home by Willie Morris, Jerry Clower



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Brimming with his rich humor, Jerry Clower's book manifests the unsurpassed southern art of yarn spinning. It shows as well the nature of the man for whom good storytelling is more than just show business.

Nashville's funniest man had a serious side. Deep in the merry heart of this comic entertainer were the codes and values that made him an esteemed humanitarian.

He was named America's best country comic for nine years in a row and was called "the funniest American storyteller since Will Rogers" and "the Mouth of the Mighty Mississippi." This boisterous, down-home man's loving, extroverted manner and his forthright display of positive feelings for others arose from the substance of sober, rock-solid regional values he gained from maturing in the rural South. *Stories from Home* embraces both Jerry Clowers, the funny man and the serious man, and shows his anecdotal humor in the mainstream of the South's great oral tradition of folktales and narratives.

Jerry Clower's hilarious stories about possum hunting, coon dogs, and the rambunctious Ledbetter clan were standards in his stage routines, videos, and albums. In *Stories from Home* many of his fans' favorite Clower tales are included. Here, too, is a long interview in which he explored his beliefs and tells how he gained firm convictions about race, religion, education, and family as well as an intolerance of negativism.



## Reviews of the **Stories from Home** by Willie Morris, Jerry Clower

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Not what I expected. Mr. Clower was truly a funny man but this book just didn't do justice to his down home story telling. Seemed to be a good deal of repetition of his time at Mississippi Chemical Company interspersed with his well know stories but not any new material as I had hoped.

*Kare*

Before The Blue Collar Comedy Tour there was Jerry Clower.

Clean, family friendly, and classic down home southern humor.

A great gift.

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*just one girl*

Good entertaining reading. Some of his most famous stories retold and some you may not have heard.

*IWAS*

I grew up loving Jerry Clower we'd listen to his albums so I got this for my dad.

*Wiliniett*

I knew Jerry Clower for 50 years and his brother Sonny. Jerry was a wonderful human being. I love all of his books and recordings.

*Malanim*

A quick read but thoroughly enjoyable.

My favorite part of this book was the first 49 pages where Jerry Clower becomes the story. This long interview with him takes you on a journey beyond his charming wit and storytelling.

Clower, in his modesty and ole boy ways, belies how fascinating his own story is. Stepping beyond the yarns he spins on stage, he takes you on a trip through the South and introduces you to a string of people he has met along the way.

Join Jerry in a chat with William Faulkner or Will Davis Campbell (Will D. Campbell, author of *Brother to a Dragonfly*).

Take a nostalgic visit to Jerry and Homerline when they were tenants at primitive artist Theora Hamblett's home in Oxford, Mississippi.

Clower loves to tell a story and he's made a career out of doing it well. But the best story is the one

he admits he has been privileged to live.

"Stories From Home" is priceless.

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