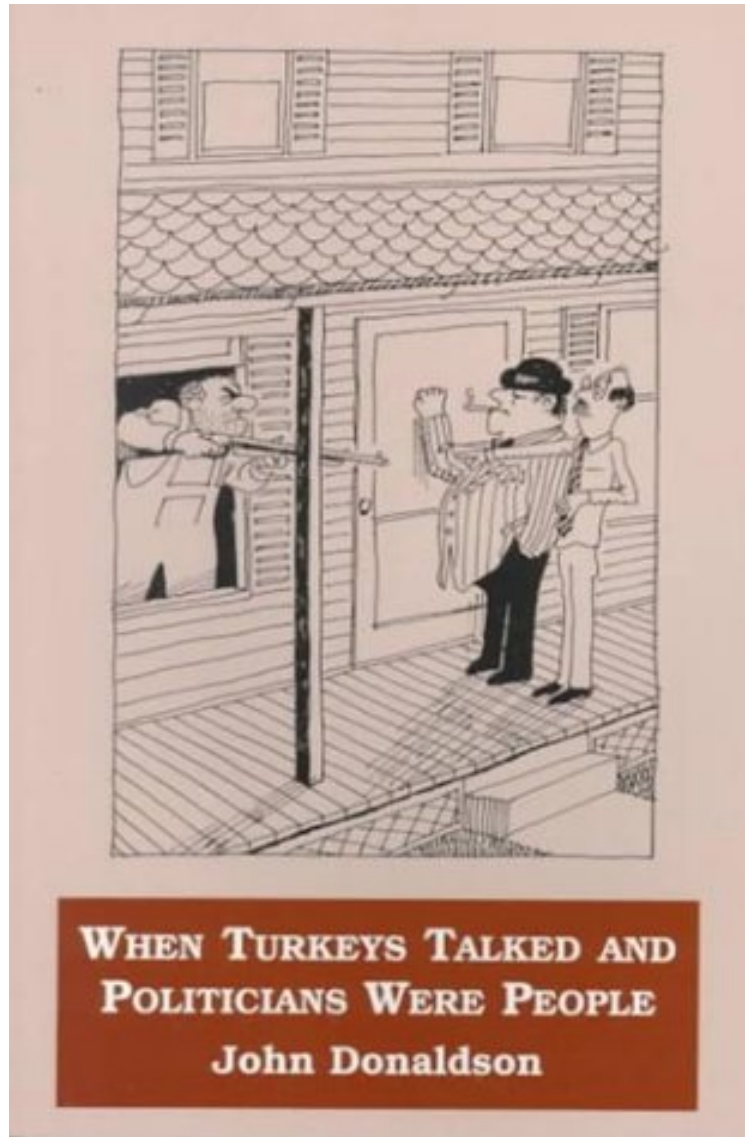


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A nostalgic true story of small town life in the 1930'sBy A CustomerMr. Donaldson has created a well written masterpiece of humor and nostalgia on the perils and joys of growing up in a little town in northwestern Pennsylvania during the 1930's. The very small town of Spring Creek is seen thru the eyes of a young boy on his excursion thru early childhood. John Donaldson's narrative combines the

elements of a northern Huck Finn with a dash of Forest Gump like contact with the near great. It depicts a time when people were connected to their politicians and to each other. His early adventures include campaigning for Alf Landon, at the tender age of seven, rescuing the governor of Pennsylvania and a believable but dubious encounter with the Apostle Paul. Each escapade is a delight, and like all good literature, altho it seems impossible, each chapter surpasses its predecessor. The descriptions of the unintended raft trip down the Brokenstraw Creek and the Revival meetings are unforgettable and worthy of Twain or Sinclair Lewis. Mr. Donaldson's focal point is his father's General Store which allows him contact with all the rich characters of Spring Creek and its environs. This book is of special interest to me since I grew up just a few miles from Spring Creek (Corry, PA) just a few years later and remember fondly my family's Saturday morning excursions to Donaldson Brothers Store (a truly magical place) to buy the weekly groceries. I still drive thru Spring Creek on my visits back home and will certainly pay more attention the next time. This book not only satisfies local interest but will have irresistible appeal to anyone interested in a good read. Mr. Donaldson has also illustrated some of his stories with beguiling Thurberlike cartoons. As Alf Landon would have said, if he had thought of it, "ich bin ein Spring Creeker."

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