

Suggested Interview Questions for Donald Miller
author of *Father Fiction: Chapters for a Fatherless Generation*
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How difficult was it for you to write about the pain of growing up fatherless?

What was it like to meet your father for the first time in thirty years?

How were you able to forgive your dad for abandoning you?

Tell us about the nonprofit you founded, The Mentoring Project. What have you learned from the mentors and the boys they're working with?

What kind of work are you doing with the President's Fatherhood Task Force?

Why is it essential for fatherless boys to have adult male role models?

How have male role models been important in your own life?

How do young men growing up without dads learn about things like relating to women, character and integrity, spirituality, the value of work, how to operate power tools and other life lessons?

What do you think churches should be doing to address the fatherlessness crisis?

When did you realize that growing up without a father had affected you?

How did your father's abandonment affect your view of God?

Did your faith help or hinder your ability to deal with your father's absence?

During your school years you were convinced that you were "stupid." How did your father's absence affect your view of yourself?

You wrote this book specifically for young men. What about young women who grow up without a father—do they have a different set of problems?

How do you hope that you, and others who've been hurt by their father's neglect, can become "wounded healers"?

This book was originally published a few years ago as *To Own a Dragon*. What compelled you to revise it?

If you could give just one piece of advice to a boy who is growing up without a father, what would it be?

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