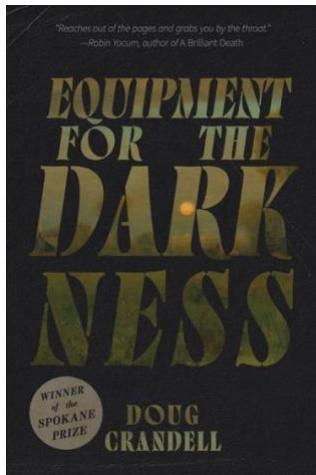


Interview Questions



What role did growing up in the first electrically lighted city (Wabash, IN) play in your development as a writer?

Your parents were factory workers and farmers, which has led some to say your writing is the definition of Midwest Gothic. Please elaborate.

Your first book, a memoir, detailed the farming accident to your right hand. Since you are from a working-class family that often had to live paycheck to paycheck, how was illness handled?

Equipment for the Darkness is a collection of short stories and your eighth book. Don't most writers start with a collection before writing novels?

Your day job is in the field of disability advocacy. Does that influence your creative writing?

There is a funny story that you met Chevy Chase and Paul Shaffer at a party in NYC. What really happened?

You have what you call *trigger* descriptions for each story that are on your website. <https://equipmentforthedarkness.com/videos-about-each-story-1> What are those and why present them?