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## **NEW MEMOIR BY LONGTIME ATLANTA RESIDENT CELEBRATES A “COMBUSTIBLE” SOUTHERN CHILDHOOD**

**ATLANTA/JANUARY 23, 2014:** A large, loving, and colorful family. A unique Southern town. A slower-paced, warmer-hearted America. And the kid who nearly destroyed them all.

That’s the story of longtime Atlanta resident Dr. Bill Keeton’s new memoir, *A Boy Called Combustion*. Published this January and ranked #1 in its category on Amazon on its 1/14 launch, the book celebrates the joys of childhood amid a close family in the deep South.

Nicknamed “Combustion” for reasons readers will immediately understand, young Bill Keeton grew up as part of the large Fondren family in the Jackson, MS community named after his grandfather, D.F. Fondren. Accidentally knocking down his grandparents’ garage, “helping” neighbors paint their house, and denting his mother’s brand new stove with his BB gun, “Combustion” constantly surprised all who knew him. The book’s 31 linked stories, ranging in time from the author’s early childhood through his years in college, savor the rambunctious energy behind a child’s comic exploits, the wisdom gained in the aftermath, and the colorful family and friends who shared both the lessons and the fun.

“Bill Keeton’s memoir is chock-full of wit and homespun wisdom, a modern-day Mark Twain recalling his youth in 1940s Mississippi. Through Keeton’s vibrant prose and charming stories we see how the values of a large and loving Southern family shaped a rascal channeling Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn into an insightful doctor who has served his community for over 40 years,” comments Larry Kahn, the Atlanta-based author of *The Jinx* and *King of Paine*.

Darden North, winner of the 2011 IPPY Award for Southern fiction, calls the book “a downright funny, while poignant, tale of family survival and patience told by a masterful storyteller—a unique coming of age for a young man in Mississippi that will reach readers well beyond the Deep South,” adding, “Dennis the Menace ain’t got nothing on Billy Keeton.”

Featuring 20 pages of vintage photographs and beautifully designed by CJ Madigan of Shoebox Stories, the 189-page book retails for \$13.95 in trade paperback and \$3.99 in Kindle e-book.

Dr. Keeton has lived in Atlanta since 1971. The Chief of Anesthesia at the DeKalb Medical Center for 16 years, he has also served as president of the DeKalb Medical Society and the Greater Atlanta Society of Anesthesia. *A Boy Called Combustion* is his first book. Dr. Keeton is available for phone and email interviews, talks and signings. Complete media kit, author biography, Q/A, and image slideshow are available on the [media kit page](#) at [www.billkeeton.com](http://www.billkeeton.com).