

Haunted by his past and weary of his present, Boyd Halverson has one goal before the authorities catch up with him: settle a score with the man who destroyed his life. By Monday the pair reach Mexico; by winter, they are in a lakefront mansion in Minnesota. On their trail are hitmen, jealous lovers, ex-cons, an heiress, a billionaire shipping tycoon, a three-tour veteran of Iraq, and the ghosts of Boyd's past. Everyone, it seems, except the police.

In the tradition of Jonathan Swift and Mark Twain, *America Fantastica* delivers a biting, witty, and entertaining story about the causes and costs of outlandish fantasy, while also marking the triumphant return of an essential voice in American letters. And at the heart of the novel, amid a teeming cast of characters, readers will delight in the tug-of-war between two memorable and iconic human beings—the exuberant savior-of-souls Angie Bing and the penitent but compulsive liar Boyd Halverson. Just as Tim O'Brien's modern classic, *The Things They Carried*, so brilliantly reflected the unromantic truth of war, *America Fantastica* puts a mirror to a nation and a time that has become dangerously unmoored from truth and greedy for delusion.

**TIM O'BRIEN** received the National Book Award in Fiction for *Going After Cacciato*. His book *The Things They Carried* was a finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award; it received the Chicago Tribune Heartland Award in fiction and France's Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger. In 2005, *The Things They Carried* was named by the *New York Times* as one of the twenty-two best books of the last quarter century. *In the Lake of the Woods*, published in 1994, was chosen by *Time* magazine as the best novel of that year. The book also received the James Fenimore Cooper Prize from the Society of American Historians and was selected as one of the ten best books of the year by the *New York Times*. In 2010, O'Brien received the Katherine Anne Porter Award, presented by the American Academy of Arts and Letters for a distinguished body of work. He also received the Mark Twain Award in literature and lifetime achievement awards from the Dayton Peace Prize Foundation and the Pritzker Military Library. O'Brien has been elected to both the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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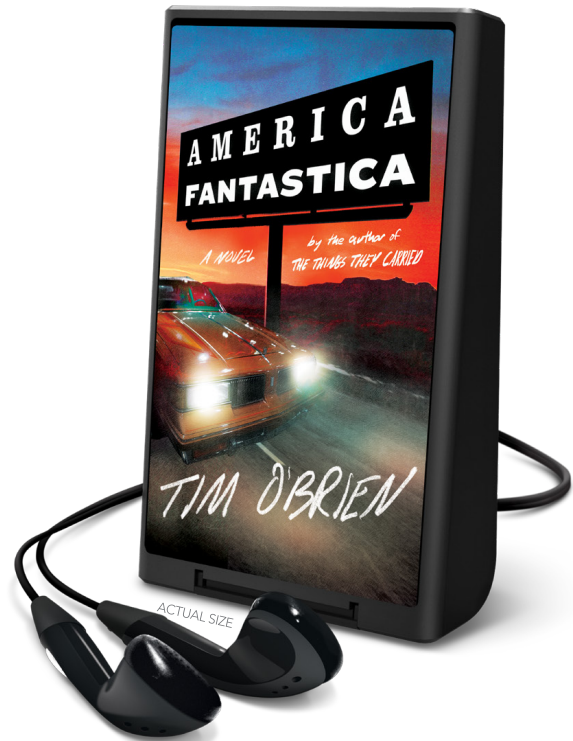
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