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"An epic and a legend." --"The Washington Post"

"Like Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and Thomas Berger's "Little Big Man", Charles Portis's "True Grit" captures the naive elegance of the American voice." -- Jonathan Lethem

"An instant classic. Read it and have the most fun you've had reading a novel in years, maybe decades." -- "Newsday"

"Skillfully constructed, a comic tour de force." --"The New York Times Book Review"

"Charles Portis details the savagery of the 1870s frontier through an astonishing narrative voice: that of the 14-year-old Mattie Ross, a flinty, skeptical, Bible-thumping scourge." --"Wall Street Journal"

"I loved that book. Charles Portis got a real Mark Twain feeling, the cynicism and the humor. I tried to buy the book myself." --John Wayne

#### About the Author

Charles Portis lives in Arkansas, where he was born and educated. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War, was the London bureau chief of the New York Herald-Tribune, and was a writer for The New Yorker.

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