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Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurSten Stenson, Vietnam veteran and retired school principal, and his wife, Carolee, are on a cruise in Costa Rica when their coach excursion is hijacked. Sten's military training overtakes him and within moments one of the attackers lies dead. The rest flee and Sten finds himself hailed a hero by the tour group and everyone back home.Meanwhile, in the redwood forests north of San Francisco, Sara a farrier who refuses to recognize the authority of the government is arrested after failing to cooperate with police at a routine stop. A chance meeting with twenty-five-year-old Adam, Sten and Carolee's unstable son, sparks a strange but passionate relationship fuelled by a mutual hatred of the law. Adam, an angry and misunderstood

outsider, perennially dressed in camouflage and with his head shaved to the bone, has an unhealthy obsession with nineteenth-century mountain man John Colter. As Adam's views and behaviour become steadily more extreme, he descends into a spiral of fanatical violence that is impossible for his family or Sara to halt. The latest novel by internationally bestselling author T. C. Boyle, *The Harder They Come* is as timely as it is provocative. A deep and disturbing meditation on the roots of American gun violence, it explores the fine line between heroism and savagery, and just how far a parent can be held accountable for the actions of his child. *Revue de presse* *The Harder They Come* has no solutions to the delusions and dysfunctions it portrays. But it taps memorably into something deeply skewed in the American psyche. (The Oregonian (Portland)) [T]hrilling Boyle can paint a scene in vibrant colors. [with] characters, who, to his credit, occupy a dark space between psychosis and Americana... (Entertainment Weekly)...A full-throated Harley Davidson of a novel... using some of fictions least fashionable attributes, social realism, pointed action...to brilliantly dissect Americas love affair with violence[Boyles] prose manages to be both vivid and sharp, patient and pressing.. Boyles writing never loses energy or descriptive power. (Los Angeles Times)...Boyle tellingly explores the anger, paranoia, and violence lurking in the shadowlands of the American psyche. A powerful and profoundly unsettling tale. (Library Journal (starred review)) This new work of fiction from Boyle presents a fractured threesome: a 70-year-old ex-Marine, his troubled son and the sons older girlfriend-a right-wing anarchist. A dark novel, *The Harder They Come* explores violence and the American psyche. (Houston Chronicle) T.C. Boyle again explores his favorite territory, the American psyche, in , a gripping novel about an aging Vietnam vet and his mentally unstable son, out in April. (Tampa Bay Times) When precisely...does T.C. Boyle sleep? In the 35 years since his first book came out, Boyle has published 14 novels and more than 100 stories. *The Harder They Come* is the usual T.C. Boyle...circus of serious-minded zaniness. (The Millions) Boyles...hypnotic narrative probes the complexities of heroism, violence, power, and resistance... Written with both clarity and compassion, each of the novels characters inhabits a rich and convincing private world. As they traverse a landscape none of them control, their haunting stories illuminate the violent American battle with otherness. (Publishers Weekly) Boyle has long been one of the most exciting and intelligent storytellers in the United States. His upcoming novel describes a mentally ill young man involved with a group of violent anarchists. (Washington Post) The latest from a prolific and acclaimed novelist, *The Harder They Come* is a family saga that maps the relationships between the three people at its heart, as their potent mix of violence and paranoia urges them toward tragedy. (Huffington Post) Written with both clarity and compassion, each of the novels characters inhabits a rich and convincing private world. As they traverse a landscape none of them control, their haunting stories illuminate the violent American battle with otherness. (Booklist) New York Times-best-selling author T.C. Boyle explores the volatile relationships between an aging veteran, his unstable son, and the sons much older lover in *The Harder They Come*. (Buzzfeed, 27 Of The Most Exciting New Books of 2015) A maximalist scribe of gothic melodrama, Boyle takes you on a manhunt through Californian pot groves, grisly Caribbean cruises, and Orwellian animal shelters before landing in horribly familiar territory: a disillusioned psychotic white guy with a gun. Still, plenty of sex, booze, and satire to lighten things up. (GQ) Fifteen years ago, Boyle told *The Paris* that he was writing novels of social engagement... These same concerns appear in *The Harder They Come*... It is not a cheerful book. The best ones never are. (Newsweek) Set in Northern California and rooted in actual events, *The Harder They Come* is a meditation on violence, specifically in the context of American history and culture. The text examines the connections between three damaged and explosive yet sympathetic people. (Brooklyn Daily Eagle) *The Harder They Come* is the 66-year-old Boyles 15th novel, displaying his characteristic energy, smart cultural references and talent for physical description. Its the emotional element that takes second place here, though, leaving an unfinished feel to the work. (Cleveland Plain Dealer) Boyle is a genius at capturing social microcosms and excavating emotions simmering beneath the surface of contemporary America... A gripping and revelatory tale. (BBC Between the Lines)... The pendulum swings back to high-adrenaline zaniness and pertinacious, destructive misfits. Individualism remains central, but unlike *San Miguel*, its far from contemplative. It is a juggernaut, twisted to borderline psychotic. (BookPage) [S]tunning Its gripping, funny and melancholy *The Harder They Come* is a masterly - and arresting - piece of storytelling, arguably Mr. Boyles most powerful, kinetic novel yet. (Michiko Kakutani, New York Times) [A] searing and masterful account of American violence and disaffection. (San Francisco Chronicle) [M]arvelous thrilling, intense... [T]he story and the characters...are amazing. Early in his career, Boyle could be pointlessly intense... His late style...is something to behold; it has the same verve and pace, but in service now to an adroit realism. (USA Today) Boyles tart and exuberant powers of

description, of people and places, and his cheerful black humor are as exhilarating as ever. (Minneapolis Star Tribune)The Harder They Come is the 66-year-old Boyles 15th novel, and it displays his characteristic energy, smart cultural references and talent for physical description. (Dallas Morning News)Boyle always writes well and has never shied away from challenging issues. (Houston Chronicle)A gripping read and a powerful commentary on American themes of self-reliance and anti-authoritarianism eerily prescient. (The Brooklyn Rail)In his 15th novel, the author of The Tortilla Curtain and Drop City probes the psyches of three combustible characters... Sparks will fly. (Newsday)Like the best of his work, Boyles no-frills narration makes for a fascinating journey up to the final page. (Paste Magazine)T.C. Boyle is a master at exposing the American psyche in his fiction. His new novel The Harder They Come is yet another stunning example, an engaging portrait of family, violence, and anarchy. (Largehearted Boy)Prsentation de l'diteurSten Stenson, Vietnam veteran and retired school principal, and his wife, Carolee, are on a cruise in Costa Rica when their coach excursion is hijacked. Sten's military training overtakes him and within moments one of the attackers lies dead. The rest flee and Sten finds himself hailed a hero by the tour group and everyone back home.Meanwhile, in the redwood forests north of San Francisco, Sara a farrier who refuses to recognize the authority of the government is arrested after failing to cooperate with police at a routine stop. A chance meeting with twenty-five-year-old Adam, Sten and Carolee's unstable son, sparks a strange but passionate relationship fuelled by a mutual hatred of the law. Adam, an angry and misunderstood outsider, perennially dressed in camouflage and with his head shaved to the bone, has an unhealthy obsession with nineteenth-century mountain man John Colter. As Adam's views and behaviour become steadily more extreme, he descends into a spiral of fanatical violence that is impossible for his family or Sara to halt.The latest novel by internationally bestselling author T. C. Boyle, The Harder They Come is as timely as it is provocative. A deep and disturbing meditation on the roots of American gun violence, it explores the fine line between heroism and savagery, and just how far a parent can be held accountable for the actions of his child.