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**Description :** Description du produit Charles Portis has been acclaimed as one of Americas foremost comic writers. True Grit is his most famous novel. First published in 1968, and the basis for the movie of the same name starring John Wayne (for which he won his only Academy Award), it tells the story of Mattie Ross, a fourteen-year-old girl from Dardanelle, Arkansas, who sets out in the winter of eighteen seventy-something to avenge the murder of her father. Since not even Mattie (who is no self-doubter) would ride into Indian Territory alone, she "convinces" one-eyed "Rooster" Cogburn, the meanest available U.S. Marshall, to tag along with her. As Mattie outdickers and outmaneuvers the hard-bitten types in her path, as her performance under fire makes them eat their words, her indestructible vitality and harsh innocence by turns amuse, horrify, and touch the reader. What happensto Mattie, to the gang of outlaws unfortunate enough to tangle with herrings with the dramatic rightness of legend and the marvelous overtones, the continual surprises, of

personality. True Grit is eccentric, cool, straight and unflinching, like Mattie herself, who tells the story a half-century later in a voice that sounds strong and sure enough to outlast us all.

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Revue de presseCharles Portis is perhaps the most original talent overlooked by literary culture in America. --EsquireIt is a pleasure to be able to recommend a novel wholeheartedly... an instant classic. --Newsday

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