TIM O'BRIEN

William Timothy "Tim" O'Brien (born October 1, 1946) is an American novelist best known for his work of fiction, *The Things They Carried* (1990), a critically acclaimed collection of semi-autobiographical, interrelated short stories inspired by O'Brien's experiences in the Vietnam War. In addition, he is known for his war novel, *Going After Cacciato* (1978), also written about wartime Vietnam.\[4\]

O'Brien has held the endowed chair at the MFA program of Texas State University–San Marcos every other year since the 2003-2004 year. O'Brien won the 1979 National Book Award for *Going After Cacciato*. His novel *In the Lake of the Woods* won the James Fenimore Cooper Prize for Best Historical Fiction in 1995. In August 2012, O'Brien received the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation’s Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award. In June 2013, O'Brien was awarded the $100,000 Pritzker Military Library Literature Award.