



## ***Oxford American's* Chris Offutt nominated for 2015 National Magazine Award**

LITTLE ROCK, AR - The *Oxford American* is proud to announce that the magazine has been nominated for a 2015 National Magazine Award: Chris Offutt's irreverent "cooking" column is a finalist in the Columns & Commentary category.

Sly, sometimes absurd, and always hilarious, Offutt's essays appear as the final piece in every non-music issue of the *Oxford American* under the tongue-in-cheek banner "Cooking With Chris." In 2014, Offutt's subjects ranged from his summer flipping omelets in the Grand Canyon ("Chicken Eggs") to the ear candling accident that set his couch on fire ("Bourbon and Cheese") to his imaginary career as a spy ("CIA Cake & Jeff Davis Pie").

This is the *Oxford American's* twelfth National Magazine Award nomination since the magazine's founding in 1992. The *OA* won in the Single-Topic Issue category in 1999 and 2004, and in the Video category in 2011.

The winners of the 2015 National Magazine Awards will be announced on Monday, February 2, in New York City.

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### **ABOUT CHRIS OFFUTT**

*Oxford American* contributing editor Chris Offutt grew up in Haldeman, Kentucky. He is the author of *Kentucky Straight*, *Out of the Woods*, *The Same River Twice*, *No Heroes*, and *The Good Brother*. He has written screenplays for *True Blood*, *Weeds*, and *Treme*, and TV pilots for Fox, Lionsgate, and CBS. He lives in Oxford, Mississippi.

### **ABOUT THE OXFORD AMERICAN**

The *Oxford American* is a national magazine dedicated to featuring the best in Southern writing, while documenting the complexity and vitality of the American South. Edited by Roger D. Hodge and billed as "The Southern Magazine of Good Writing," the *OA* has won three National Magazine Awards and other high honors since it began publication in 1992. The magazine has published the original work of such acclaimed writers as Charles Portis, Roy Blount, Jr., ZZ Packer, Donald Harington, Donna Tartt, and many others, while also discovering and launching the most promising writers in the region. For more information, visit [oxfordamerican.org](http://oxfordamerican.org).

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARDS**

The National Magazine Awards honor print and digital publications that consistently demonstrate superior execution of editorial objectives, innovative techniques, noteworthy journalistic enterprise and imaginative art direction. Established in 1966, the awards are sponsored by the American Society of Magazine Editors in association with the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and are administered by ASME.