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From the Inside Flap

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A satire of America's obsession with bigness, toughness, money, TV, guns, and sex, *The Magic Christian* is a hilarious and wickedly original novel from a true comic genius.

"This is at once the most profoundly satiric and wildly comic account of our life and times in years."--Nelson Algren, *The Nation*

"Terry Southern is the most profoundly witty writer of our generation."--Gore Vidal

"Mr. Southern is wonderfully prodigal of comic ideas.... An enormously funny and satisfying satire, done with a great thrifty distinction."--*The Spectator*

"Terry Southern writes a mean, coolly deliberate, and murderous prose."--Norman Mailer

Terry Southern was the author of *Flash and Filigree*, *Candy* (with Mason Hoffenberg), *Blue Movie*, and *Red-Dirt Marijuana and Other Tastes*. He was also an Oscar-nominated screenwriter whose credits include *Easy Rider*, *Dr. Strangelove*, and *Barbarella*, as well as an adaptation of *The Magic Christian*.

From the Back Cover

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Terry Southern (1924-1995) was an American author and screenwriter. His novels--including the bestselling cult classics *Candy* (1958) and *The Magic Christian* (1959)--established Southern as a literary and pop

culture icon. He was also nominated for Academy Awards for his screenplays of Dr. Strangelove (written with Stanley Kubrick and Peter George) and Easy Rider (written with Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper). His other books include Flash and Filigree (1958), Red-Dirt Marijuana and Other Tastes (1967), Blue Movie (1970), and Texas Summer (1991). In later years, he wrote for Saturday Night Live and lectured on screenwriting at New York University and Columbia University.

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