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"Fascinating...moving...a big, engrossing book [with] an unexpected ending that surprises mightily."

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From the best-selling author of *The Horse Whisperer*, an astounding new novel about fathers, sons, and the dangers of family secrets.

Tom Bedford lives alone in the wilds of Montana. Distanced from his own troubled past, he rarely sees his son, Danny, who is now deployed in Iraq. Tom hasn't always been so isolated. As a boy, his mother was a rising movie star in the glitzy, enchanted world of 1960s Hollywood. She fell in love with young Tom's onscreen cowboy hero, the suave Ray Montane. Tommy and his mother lived in a glamorous, Hollywood version of the Wild West—until a shocking and deadly confrontation forced them to flee.

As a man, Tom has put all of that behind him—until Danny is charged with murder. In the chaos of war, his son has been caught in a violent skirmish gone bloodily awry, and the Army needs someone to pay for the mistake. Shocked into action, Tom confronts the violence in his past and fights to save the son he'd let slip away. As father and son struggle to understand one another, they also learn the true meaning of bravery.

THE BRAVE lives up to its name--a courageous and full-hearted novel, beautifully interlacing the past and present with Evans's trademark masterful storytelling.

NICHOLAS EVANS has been a journalist, screenwriter, TV/film producer, and novelist. He studied at Oxford University after serving in Africa with the Voluntary Service Overseas. He then studied journalism and worked as a newspaper reporter and television screenwriter before writing four bestselling books of fiction. His novel, *The Horse Whisperer* was made into a celebrated movie directed by Robert Redford. He lives in Devon with his wife, singer/songwriter Charlotte Gordon Cumming.