

ABOUT THE AUTHORS & DIRECTOR



TIM MADIGAN: PLAYWRIGHT & AUTHOR || Tim Madigan is a New York Times bestselling author, playwright, journalist and lecturer whose work has often focused on humanitarian concerns and race history and reconciliation. His books include the critically acclaimed and best-selling *The Burning: The Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921*, which is a definitive account of America's worst episode of racial violence. In 2019, it was primary source material for the depiction of the massacre in the pilot episode of the Emmy-winning series, *Watchmen* on HBO. *The Burning* became a *New York Times* bestseller in June 2021. His most recent major work was a cover story on the Tulsa Race Massacre for the April 2021 edition of *Smithsonian* magazine. In 2017, Tim collaborated with grief therapist Patrick O'Malley on the critically acclaimed,

Getting Grief Right: Finding Your Story of Love in the Sorrow of Loss, published by *Sounds True*. In 2020, Tim published *Extra Innings*, the story of Fred Claire's remarkable career as general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and in his later years, Claire's triumph over a near-fatal case of skin cancer at the City of Hope Medical Center in California. A 1995 newspaper assignment led to Tim's interview with Fred Rogers, the icon of children's television, and a close friendship between the two men that lasted until Rogers' death in 2003. Tim's memoir, *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship With Fred Rogers*, is an intimate account of Rogers' human greatness, and a testament to the healing power of friendship. First published in 2006, *I'm Proud of You* continues to inspire readers around the globe. The stage adaptation of *I'm Proud of You*, written by Madigan and Harry Parker, will make its world premiere at Circle Theatre in Fort Worth on October 28, 2023. The transformative relationship between Tim and Fred Rogers, and Tim's own experiences as a seeking and healing human being remain at the heart of his work. Tim continues to speak of Mister Rogers and matters of the heart to varied audiences around the nation. Tim lives with his wife Catherine in Texas.