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<p style="text-align: center;">IT'S SUPERMAN! <i>A Novel</i> by Tom De Haven November 2005 Hardcover \$24.95 427 Pages 0-8118-4435-8 Cover designed by acclaimed comics artist Chris Ware</p>
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Publishing at a time when comic books (and Superman) are hotter than ever, IT'S SUPERMAN! details the early years of the Man of Steel.

Superman is one of the most beloved and well-known characters in popular culture. IT'S SUPERMAN! is an exciting literary re-imagination of the character and his legendary roots – the Kansas farm boy discovering, delighting in, and grappling with his otherworldly powers. Written by respected author Tom De Haven, the novel takes Clark Kent from Smallville to Hollywood during its Golden Era to New York City, where he begins his newspaper career, meets Lois Lane, battles crooked politicians, a criminal mastermind, and finally must oppose the rise of the mad-scientists and supervillains. Sure to appeal to fans of the TV show *Smallville* and the novel *The Amazing adventures of Kavalier and Clay*, as well as devoted comic book readers, IT'S SUPERMAN! is a fun and fast-paced novel of thrilling invention, heroic escapades, ill-fitting costumes and supersized coming-of-age angst.

TOM DE HAVEN is the author of eight novels, including the Derby Dugan trilogy, hailed as a “wild ride” by the *Boston Globe* and “brimming with life and characters” by the *New York Times Book Review*. A frequent contributor to *Entertainment Weekly* and the *New York Times*, he lives in Virginia.

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