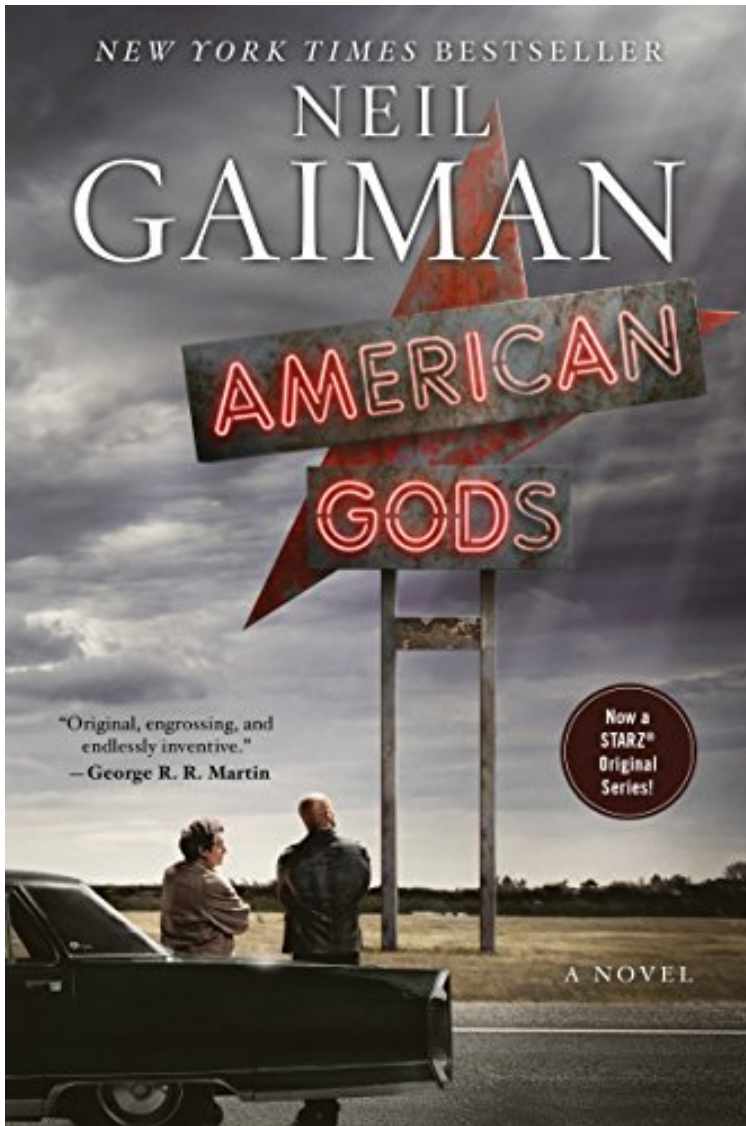


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**Description :** Description du produitThe storm was coming.Shadow spent three years in prison, keeping his head down, doing his time.All he wanted was to get back to the loving arms of his wife and to stay out of trouble for the rest of his life.But days before his scheduled release, he learns that his wife has been killed in an accident, and his world becomes a colder place. On the plane ride home to the funeral, Shadow meets a grizzled man who calls himself Mr. Wednesday.A self-styled grifter and rogue, Wednesday offers Shadow a job.And Shadow, a man with nothing to lose accepts.But working for the enigmatic Wednesday is not without its price, and Shadow soon learns that his role in Wednesday's schemes will be far more dangerous than he ever could have imagined.Entangled in a world of secrets, he embarks on a wild road trip and encounters, among others, the murderous Czernobog, the impish Mr. Nancy, and the beautiful Easter -- all of

whom seem to know more about Shadow than he himself does. Shadow will learn that the past does not die, that everyone, including his late wife, had secrets, and that the stakes are higher than anyone could have imagined. All around them a storm of epic proportions threatens to break. Soon Shadow and Wednesday will be swept up into a conflict as old as humanity itself. For beneath the placid surface of everyday life a war is being fought -- and the prize is the very soul of America. As unsettling as it is exhilarating, *American Gods* is a dark and kaleidoscopic journey deep into myth and across an America at once eerily familiar and utterly alien. Magnificently told, this work of literary magic will haunt the reader far beyond the final page.

Presented by the author  
First published in 2001, *American Gods* became an instant classic intellectual and artistic benchmark from the multiple-award-winning master of innovative fiction, Neil Gaiman. Now discover the mystery and magic of *American Gods* in this tenth anniversary edition. Newly updated and expanded with the author's preferred text, this commemorative volume is a true celebration of a modern masterpiece by the one, the only, Neil Gaiman. A storm is coming . . . Locked behind bars for three years, Shadow did his time, quietly waiting for the magic day when he could return to Eagle Point, Indiana. A man no longer scared of what tomorrow might bring, all he wanted was to be with Laura, the wife he deeply loved, and start a new life. But just days before his release, Laura and Shadow's best friend are killed in an accident. With his life in pieces and nothing to keep him tethered, Shadow accepts a job from a beguiling stranger he meets on the way home, an enigmatic man who calls himself Mr. Wednesday. A trickster and rogue, Wednesday seems to know more about Shadow than Shadow does himself. Life as Wednesday's bodyguard, driver, and errand boy is far more interesting and dangerous than Shadow ever imagined. It is a job that takes him on a dark and strange road trip and introduces him to a host of eccentric characters whose fates are mysteriously intertwined with his own. Along the way Shadow will learn that the past never dies; that everyone, including his beloved Laura, harbors secrets; and that dreams, totems, legends, and myths are more real than we know. Ultimately, he will discover that beneath the placid surface of everyday life a storm is brewing an epic war for the very soul of America and that he is standing squarely in its path. Relevant and prescient, *American Gods* has been lauded for its brilliant synthesis of mystery, satire, sex, horror, and poetic prose (Michael Dirda, *Washington Post Book World*) and as a modern phantasmagoria that distills the essence of America (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*). It is, quite simply, an outstanding work of literary imagination that will endure for generations.

Neil Gaiman sait redonner aux légendes tabliées un souffle nouveau. Celui qui, dans une nouvelle blouissante, a osé présenter Blanche-Neige comme une criminelle sadique, se permet, dans *American Gods*, de mêler mythologie et conflits de l'Amérique d'aujourd'hui... Quand les anciens dieux se sont installés en Amérique, amenés par de hardis navigateurs puis par les vagues successives d'immigrants, ils pensaient trouver un territoire la mesure de leurs ambitions. Peu à peu, cependant, leurs pouvoirs ont décliné: Anubis - l'ancien dieu des morts égyptien - en est réduit à travailler dans une entreprise de pompes funéraires! Et de nouvelles idoles - cinéma ou Internet - se sont imposées. C'est pourtant un humain, Ombre, qui se retrouve au cœur d'un conflit titanesque: peine sorti de prison, découvrant que sa femme est morte et que son meilleur ami était son amant, il accepte un contrat aussi dangereux qu'étrange... Passionnant roman-fleuve, *American Gods* confirme que Neil Gaiman est un auteur aux ambitions littéraires affirmées et un raconteur d'histoires hors du commun. --Stéphane Nicot *Revue de presse* Original, engrossing, and endlessly inventive. (George R. R. Martin) *American Gods* is sexy, thrilling, dark, funny and poetic." (Teller, of Penn Teller) "*American Gods* is like a fast run downhill through a maze -- both exhilarating and twisted." (Jane Lindskold, author of *Changer* and)