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The Prince of Orange County

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It's the summer of 1986 in Orange County, California, and ten-year-old Thomas Kabiri's father has just left for Iran to attend a funeral.

With no school in session for the next few months, and Thomas's mother working two jobs to keep the family afloat, Thomas can live like Fountain Valley's answer to Huck Finn, spending his unsupervised days playing basketball at the local park, where an assorted cast of local characters come to shoot hoops, argue about pop culture, and tell tall tales so grandiose they would put Walter Mitty to shame.

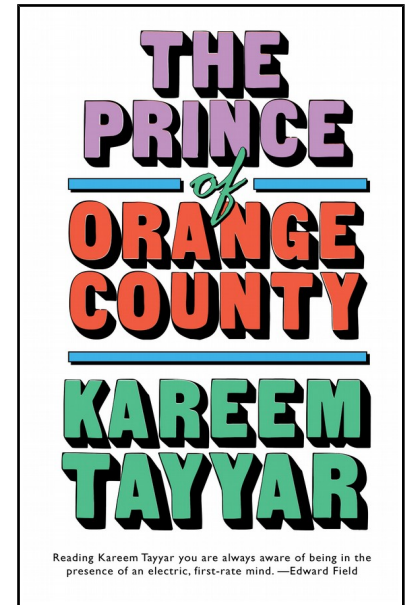
The Prince of Orange County is, like Nick Hornby's *About A Boy* and Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, a work that captures the sometimes funny, sometimes painful, always colorful experience that is growing up, and it does so with an unwavering affection for its large and diverse cast of characters

About the author

Kareem Tayyar is a poet and novelist whose books include *Magic Carpet Poems* (Tebot Bach Books), *Postmark Atlantis* (Level Four Press), *In the Footsteps of the Silver King* (Spout Hill Books), and *Scenes From A Good Life* (Tebot Bach Books). A Professor of English at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, California, he holds a Ph.D. in English from U.C. Riverside. He is a recipient of a 2019 Wurlitzer Fellowship for Poetry.

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