



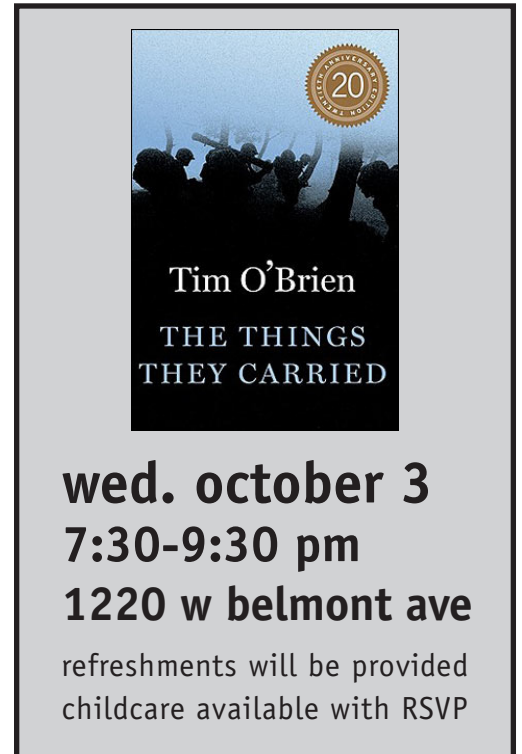
free public lecture & discussion series
meditations on activism

One Book/One Dojo

Fifty years after the Vietnam War, the U.S. remains mired in a series of military conflicts, invasions, and wars, recently including Afghanistan and Iraq. Yet, what have we learned about the limits of war and violence for resolving conflict? And, of the capacity for the human heart to heal despite the inevitable emotional burdens carried in the aftermath of war and violence? What are the similarities and difference between our own experiences with interpersonal violence and those told or not told by veterans of war?

This Meditation on Activism promises to be a robust and compassionate discussion of Tim O'Brien's internationally acclaimed *The Things They Carried*. Please join us as we reflect as a community on the moral ambiguities of war, its costs, and aftermath.

"O'Brien's meditation—on war and memory, on darkness and light—suffuses the entire work with a kind of poetic form, making for a highly originally, fully realized novel....Beautifully honest....This book is persuasive in its desperate hope that stories can save us." Publishers Weekly.



REGISTRATION: This program is free and open to members of the Thousand Waves community, their families and friends. Registration by Sept. 24 is required and signifies that you agree to read the text.

To register for this event and obtain discussion questions or for more information email Pamela Robert at: pamelinar@gmail.com or call her at: 773-272-6636.

BOOK PURCHASE: Copies of *The Things They Carried* are available for \$14.95 at the dojo, at Women & Children First Bookstore, and for \$7.14 in the Kindle Edition.

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