

Oliver North: You said to me one day, "I realize you can't confirm this, but I know you're working with Oliver North. It would be great if he could say, 'Reagan knew everything.'" I know a good line when I hear it, so I discussed it with Ollie and he said, Sure. Those words appeared on the cover of Time Magazine, and in a just world, HarperCollins would have sent you a nice check. (The book's editor, Gladys Carr, was useless – and that's putting it kindly.) Your brief comment may have been the most helpful editorial advice I ever received, and it was for a book you weren't even working on.

