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*A distraught young woman, a solitary truck driver,  
and an injured dog find hope and love on the American road.*

*Where do you go when your world caves in?*

Poker-playing Dawn Carlisle is running from a domineering mother, a penchant for alcohol, and an ex-husband suing her for custody of their daughter.

Abner Weaver, nursing a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) hangover acquired in Vietnam, has drifted back into long haul trucking, his truck cab a “foxhole against the world.”

An injured dog draws Dawn and Abner together. A vicious gang of cardsharps, a globalist trucking company owner, and a shower of Las Vegas Texas Hold ’em winnings sever their relationship—ultimately driving them to a moment of perception and healing.

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