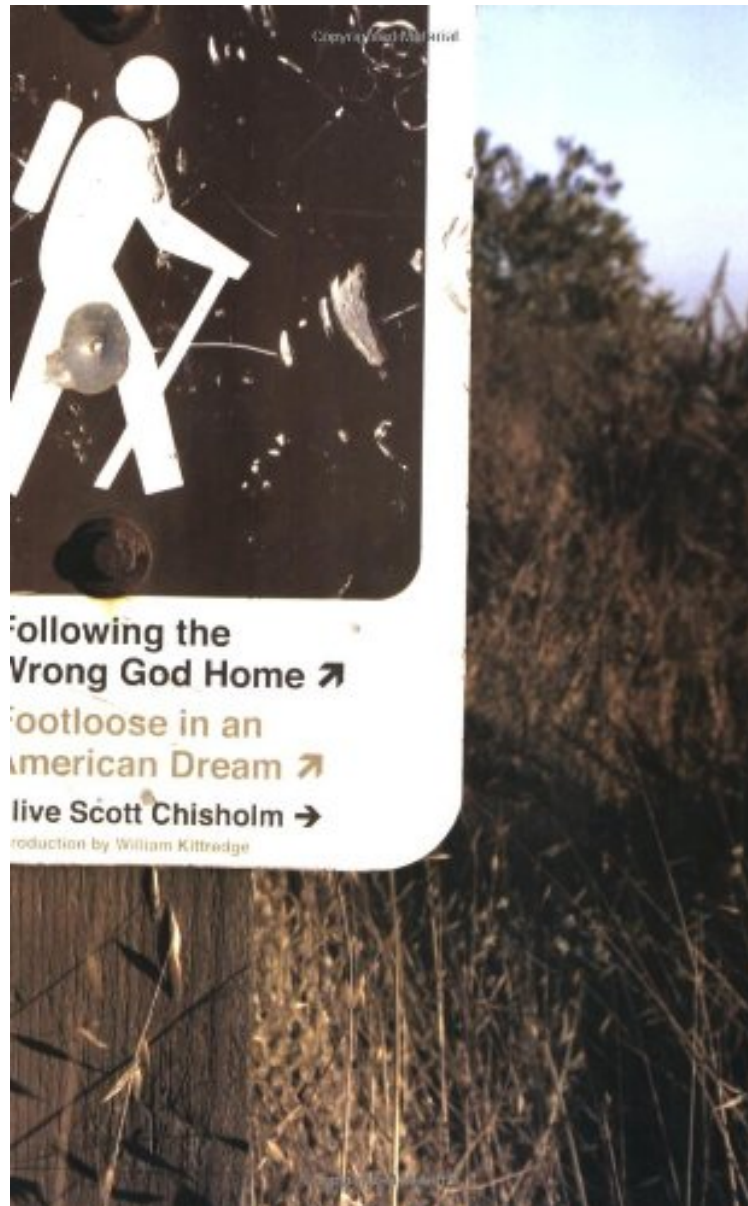


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Clive Scott Chisholm wryly describes himself as a fugitive from the American Dream. A displaced Canadian and a legally registered alien, Chisholm set out from his home in upstate New York in 1985 to discover the origins of that dream. In *Following the Wrong God Home*, he recounts his personal odyssey, describing the people he encountered and the unforgettable stories they told.

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