

A Moment Of Clarity

Abstract: This thesis traces the development and transition of my artwork from ceramic sculptures to mixed media installations. It details the steps I've undertaken to achieve the resulting works and provides some sources I look to for inspiration.

Pop music surrounds us - in our cars, over supermarket speakers, even when we are laid out at the dentist - but how often do we really hear what's playing? Switched on Pop is the book based on the eponymous podcast that has been hailed by NPR, Rolling Stone, The Guardian, and Entertainment Weekly for its witty and accessible analysis of Top 40 hits. Through close studies of sixteen modern classics, musicologist Nate Sloan and songwriter Charlie Harding shift pop from the background to the foreground, illuminating the essential musical concepts behind two decades of chart-topping songs. In 1939, Aaron Copland published *What to Listen for in Music*, the bestseller that made classical music approachable for generations of listeners. Eighty years later, Nate and Charlie update Copland's idea for a new audience and repertoire: 21st century pop, from Britney to Beyoncé, Outkast to Kendrick Lamar. Despite the importance of pop music in contemporary culture, most discourse only revolves around lyrics and celebrity. *Switched on Pop* gives readers the tools they need to interpret our modern soundtrack. Each chapter investigates a different song and artist, revealing musical insights such as how a single melodic motif follows Taylor Swift through every genre that she samples, André 3000 uses metric manipulation to get listeners to "shake it like a Polaroid picture," or Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee create harmonic ambiguity in "Despacito" that mirrors the patterns of global

migration. Replete with engaging discussions and eye-catching illustrations, *Switched on Pop* brings to life the musical qualities that catapult songs into the pop pantheon. Readers will find themselves listening to familiar tracks in new ways and not just those from the Top 40. The timeless concepts that Nate and Charlie define can be applied to any musical style. From fanatics to skeptics, teenagers to octogenarians, non-musicians to professional composers, every music lover will discover something ear-opening in *Switched on Pop*.

A man on a path to nowhere must make a change to not only to save himself, but those he holds most dear.

Deceptively powerful and stunningly beautiful, this monumental leap forward in conveying information effectively has always been right there in front of us, waiting to be unlocked, hiding in plain sight. All it took was the convergence of human ingenuity, artificial intelligence, and the rise of a medium capable of magic.

For anyone who has ever felt like they don't belong, *Sigh, Gone* shares an irreverent, funny, and moving tale of displacement and assimilation woven together with poignant themes from beloved works of classic literature. In 1975, during the fall of Saigon, Phuc Tran immigrates to America along with his family. By sheer chance they land in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, a small town where the Trans struggle to assimilate into their new life. In this coming-of-age memoir told through the themes of great books such as *The Metamorphosis*, *The Scarlet Letter*, *The Iliad*, and more, Tran navigates the push and pull of finding and accepting himself despite the challenges of immigration, feelings of isolation, and teenage rebellion, all while attempting to meet the rigid expectations set by his immigrant parents. Appealing to fans of coming-of-age memoirs such as *Fresh Off the Boat*, *Running with Scissors*, or tales of assimilation like *Viet Thanh*

Nguyen's *The Displaced and The Refugees, Sigh, Gone* explores one man's bewildering experiences of abuse, racism, and tragedy and reveals redemption and connection in books and punk rock. Against the hairspray-and-synthesizer backdrop of the '80s, he finds solace and kinship in the wisdom of classic literature, and in the subculture of punk rock, he finds affirmation and echoes of his disaffection. In his journey for self-discovery Tran ultimately finds refuge and inspiration in the art that shapes—and ultimately saves—him.

A Financial Times "Business Book of the Month" Based on his work at some of the world's largest companies, including Ford, Adidas, and Chanel, Christian Madsbjerg's *Sensemaking* is a provocative stand against the tyranny of big data and scientism, and an urgent, overdue defense of human intelligence. Humans have become subservient to algorithms. Every day brings a new Moneyball fix--a math whiz who will crack open an industry with clean fact-based analysis rather than human intuition and experience. As a result, we have stopped thinking. Machines do it for us. Christian Madsbjerg argues that our fixation with data often masks stunning deficiencies, and the risks for humankind are enormous. Blind devotion to number crunching imperils our businesses, our educations, our governments, and our life savings. Too many companies have lost touch with the humanity of their customers, while marginalizing workers with liberal arts-based skills. Contrary to popular thinking, Madsbjerg shows how many of today's biggest success stories stem not from "quant" thinking but from deep, nuanced engagement with culture, language, and history. He calls his method sensemaking. In this landmark book, Madsbjerg lays out five principles for how business leaders, entrepreneurs, and individuals can use it to solve their thorniest problems. He profiles companies using sensemaking to connect with

new customers, and takes readers inside the work process of sensemaking "connoisseurs" like investor George Soros, architect Bjarke Ingels, and others. Both practical and philosophical, Sensemaking is a powerful rejoinder to corporate groupthink and an indispensable resource for leaders and innovators who want to stand out from the pack. Businesses need a new type of problem solving. Why? Because they are getting people wrong. Traditional problem-solving methods taught in business schools serve us well for some of the everyday challenges of business, but they tend to be ineffective with problems involving a high degree of uncertainty. Why? Because, more often than not, these tools are based on a flawed model of human behavior. And that flawed model is the invisible scaffolding that supports our surveys, our focus groups, our R&D, and much of our long-term strategic planning. In *The Moment of Clarity*, Christian Madsbjerg and Mikkel Rasmussen examine the business world's assumptions about human behavior and show how these assumptions can lead businesses off track. But the authors chart a way forward. Using theories and tools from the human sciences—anthropology, sociology, philosophy, and psychology—*The Moment of Clarity* introduces a practical framework called sensemaking. Sensemaking's nonlinear problem-solving approach gives executives a better way to understand business challenges involving shifts in human behavior. This new methodology, a fundamentally different way to think about strategy, is already taking off in Fortune 100 companies around the world. Through compelling case studies and their direct experience with LEGO, Samsung, Adidas, Coloplast, and Intel, Madsbjerg and Rasmussen will show you how to solve problems as diverse as setting company direction, driving growth, improving sales models, understanding the real culture of your organization, and finding your way in new markets. Over and over again,

executives say the same thing after engaging in a process of sensemaking: “Now I see it . . .” This experience—the moment of clarity—has the potential to drive the entire strategic future of your company. Isn’t it time you and your firm started getting people right? Learn more about the innovation and strategy work of ReD Associates at: redassociates.com

Meet your next crisis head on and come through it stronger than ever by using the hard-earned strategies and core principles from Marc Polymeropoulos, a highly decorated, 26-year operations officer with the CIA. Marc Polymeropoulos has had to live with the consequences of decisions made under the most high-stress circumstances you can imagine as a senior intelligence officer in the CIA, retiring from his 26 years of service as one of the CIA’s most decorated field officers. Though your crisis situations may not entail international counter terrorism as Marc’s did, in our age of social media and a 24-hour news cycle, the consequences of mishandling a crisis can escalate quickly, leaving irreparable damage to a company’s reputation and bottom line in its wake. In *Clarity in Crisis*, Marc shares how true leaders need to lead in and through times of crisis and thrive under conditions of ambiguity, rather than message their way out or duck from hard decisions. Far from mere theory, Marc outlines the unique and specific mindset and strategies he himself practiced and honed throughout his remarkable career. *Clarity*

in Crisis provides proven strategies and core principles that leaders can apply to meet any crisis head on and lead through it, including: The critical elements to managing crisis, such as knowing who you can always count on to execute under high-stress situations. An understanding of the importance of following and stressing key fundamentals and avoiding shortcuts that often do more harm than good. Implementation guidance from the “Mad Minute” section at the end of each chapter that summarizes key points and action items you can begin applying right away. How to gain confidence that you are ready for the next crisis, wherever it comes from, and embrace less than ideal situations with no fear, using the core principles outlined in these pages to find unshakeable clarity in crisis and lead when others want to flee.

Tri Therapy is a memoir of venturing into long-distance running and triathlon, and discovering truths within the race microcosm that translate into the tenets of a healthy, passionate life. Its chapters include reports from races like the 2,500th anniversary of the original Marathon in Greece and the 140.6-mile Ironman Triathlon, framed with essays digesting what "sport" stands for. Tri Therapy is not just for hard-core athletes. It's about setting goals and seeking balance. It's about people supporting one another. Tri Therapy is for anyone seeking a balanced and happy life.

Alexandra Hartford dedicated her life to healing others. Bandaging wounds wasn't enough, though. She needs to mend broken hearts and bridge gaps of the conscience. She delves into the deepest and safest places in the heart to learn a lesson of her own; when all else is lost, Love Never Forgets. Witness a love that is enduring and better than you can imagine; a friendship that stands the test of time. Featuring artists born after 1970 this book brings together the people who are creating the aesthetics of the next decade. These are artists who have passed the post-art school no man's land and are making waves in the contemporary art world. It includes an innovative new generation of artists who work on a global scale from Madrid to Athens, Los Angeles to Paris, Berlin to SAo Paulo. There are members of the Bowery school of New York's Lower East Side such as Agathe Snow, the new wave of underground Berlin artists that include Ozlem Altin and Sven Johne, and new installation artists to emerge post-Murakami in Tokyo, like Teppei Kaneuji. Including painting, sculpture, installation art, photography, performance work, collage, video and new technology, 100 New Artists brings together the new themes, media, imagery and ideas emerging in contemporary art practice. This is a vital new wave of art post conceptualism, post-minimalism, post pop. Not only a snapshot of art at this moment, 100 New Artists is a place to discover the people who will

define our aesthetic future.

Imagine what you could achieve if you could only clear your mind The Little Book of Clarity shows you how to clear your head and get things done. Based on bestselling book, Clarity, this new edition has been distilled to the essentials, getting right to the point. With no vague theory or superfluous anecdotes, this book gets you right to work reducing stress and boosting productivity by uncovering your mind's in-built "self-clearing" capacity. As you begin to understand the concept of innate thinking, the benefits will start emerging in every corner of your life. As you think less, you'll win more — at work, at home, and at the game of life as a whole. You'll rid your mind of clutter for good as you focus on what matters, and finally free up the time you need to pursue your dreams. Life's constant bombardment of "to-do" and "urgent" pushes your own priorities clear off the radar. Before you know it, you're always busy, but not getting very much accomplished. Personal goals fall by the wayside as you struggle just to keep up with day-to-day life. This book shows you how to cut the noise and clear the fog, and start working on what matters to you. Harness the power of insight and principles Discover your true identity and innate wisdom Build better relationships and stronger connections Discard toxic goals and pursue authentic desires Clarity is the mind's natural state, a state to which it will always return if given the

chance. Although it's evident in children, most adults have had this ability conditioned out of them by our "go-go-go" society, leaving them mentally muddled, stressed, and ineffectual. The Little Book of Clarity helps you erase that conditioning and gain the peace of mind to live a life you love — permanently.

Drawing on ten years of experience working with more than 10,000 executives from companies around the globe, Nick Craig takes you on a revelatory journey to understand your purpose, find clarity and focus, and lead with inspiration. When uncovered, purpose becomes our most fundamental guiding principle. Explaining where true purpose lies and demystifying where it doesn't, Craig offers the methods through which anyone can find their purpose. He identifies three pathways that will assess where you are with your purpose and where you should be going. Illustrated by case studies of leaders from all walks of life and industries, Craig shares their unique stories to show how top leaders are energized by their purpose, finding in it the confidence they need to properly evaluate high-stakes decisions and take the optimal action. The best leaders access their purpose especially when facing the unknown, drawing on the source of it to energize themselves. Purpose also redefines their relationships to stress, allowing them to thrive where others just survived, and to postpone momentary, fleeting rewards in favor of leaving a sustained,

meaningful impact. Accessible, methodical, and eminently practical, *Leading from Purpose* offers the comprehensive toolbox with which everyone--whether a c-suite executive or behind-the-scenes office worker--can live out their purpose and achieve success on their own terms. If you find yourself in an organization that is struggling to live its purpose, Craig's insights on how to bring your purpose and the organization's purpose into the same room at the same time is game-changing and will redefine your life and career.

When you can see things others can't, where do you look for the truth? This paranormal murder mystery will have teens reading on the edge of their seats! Clarity "Clare" Fern sees things. Things no one else can see. Things like stolen kisses and long-buried secrets. All she has to do is touch a certain object, and the visions come to her. It's a gift. And a curse. When a teenage girl is found murdered, Clare's ex-boyfriend wants her to help solve the case but Clare doesn't want to get involved. Then Clare's brother becomes the prime suspect, and Clare can no longer look away. Teaming up with Gabriel, the smouldering son of the new detective, Clare must venture into the depths of fear, revenge, and lust in order to find the killer.

The gift of a commonplace book: A seed that can bloom well beyond a lifetime. A place to collect the wisdom and stories which others in ancient and modern times have to teach us.

And then, even further possibilities: to make sense out of everyday nonsense; to enthuse the heart; to enliven a passion for life; to guide the spiritual journey; to laugh; to relax from the speed and demands of our too busy world; to gently remind us of our inclusion in the family of history and society; to enjoy and relish the utter beauty of language and story; to discover new writers and thinkers even as we revisit old favorites; to find inspiration for writing, speaking, motivating, creating, and even counseling; to guide our young with gentle reminders of the purposes of life; and, finally perhaps, to define our own voice in the living of life...

"A Moment of Clarity: The Journey Continues," began as a writing workshop to exercise the therapeutic value of reflecting our internal thoughts in the form of writing in an effort to better aide us towards our recovery and stability. The workshop was designed specifically for men and women who desired to tell their stories through the written word and who had decided to share their experiences with others. By the end of the four-week workshop, each story was compiled into a collection of testimonies from individuals who have struggled through many obstacles and were determined to live victoriously. By translating our stories from our minds and writing it down on page, we recollected memories of our journey thus far and were able to express the passion of our present state of being. Through the process, the writing gave life to our vision and future goals. Over thirty stories and poems have been contributed to the book from individuals from all walks of life with no discrimination towards background, age, race, religion, sexuality, or type of addiction.

Fleeting moments of fierce clarity are had when the confusion clears and the gray numbness that hangs about our senses draws back, allowing us to see the world and ourselves with sharp relief. Follow author and New England native L.M.

Browning in her wanderings across the Northeast, from the solitude of her home along the shore of Connecticut, to the rushing city streets of Boston, to the tall-pine landscape of Arcadia Park in Rhode Island to the quiet edges of Walden Pond.

LEARN TO CLEAR YOUR MIND AND THINK LIKE A WINNER We all have so much going on. A million different projects, to-do lists longer than your arm. We all worry about things – money, deadlines. With all this buzzing around in our heads it's often a nightmare trying to concentrate on one thing. What if someone could show you how to empty your mind of all the noise? If you could be shown how to de-clutter your mind and concentrate on one important thing? Well Jamie Smart, state-of-mind specialist, can do just that – with Clarity he will show you how to get real clarity of thought. You'll learn how to clear your mind and become less stressed and more productive – and as a result, more confident in your abilities. Clarity will help you to:

- Greatly improve your concentration and ability to think clearly
- Reduce stress levels and increase productivity
- Grow your confidence and self-belief
- Find innovative solutions to problems and make progress on goals and dreams
- Trust your intuition and improve your decision-making
- Build stronger relationships through better communication

Praise for Clarity: "Thought-provoking, entertaining, and potentially life changing – highly recommended!" Michael Neill, Radio Show Host and Author of *The Inside-Out Revolution: The only thing you need to know to change your life forever* "A powerful, positive book that can help you to achieve more than you ever thought possible, in every area." Brian Tracy, Author of *Goals and Eat That Frog* "I highly recommend this book to anyone trying to deal with life stressors and find true wisdom and well-being." Mark Howard, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, ThreePrinciplesInstitute.org "Take your time

reading this profound book. Jamie Smart is about to blow apart every circumstantial excuse you ever came up with. He's about to put the steering wheel back in your hands." Garret Kramer, Founder of Inner Sports and Author of Stillpower "The insights you'll get whilst reading Clarity will resonant in how you manage day to day but, more importantly, provide a framework for refreshing your priorities, goals and drive." Peter Lake, Group Business Development Director, JS Group "The world of leadership, sales and customer engagement has changed radically over the past ten years. People are more savvy, better informed and sick of the same old story. Jamie Smart cuts through the noise of the marketplace and shows you what really works. Profound, practical and instantly applicable; Clarity is essential reading if you want to make your mark in the 21st century." Paul Charmatz, Former Managing Director, Camelot "Jamie, you really hit the bullseye with this brilliant book; it's a must-read for everyone who wants clarity of mind." Joe Stumpf, Founder of By Referral Only and Author of Willing Warrior "Jamie Smart takes an outdated paradigm of success and turns it on its head. Pull up a chair, get a copy of Clarity and discover how you can experience an exponential increase in clarity and quality of life." Rich Litvin, co-author of The Prosperous Coach and Founder of The Confident Woman's Salon "Jamie Smart is brilliant! In his book Clarity, he has unlocked an insight into the real-life matrix. Be ready to have your world turned inside-out because, as Jamie so effortlessly demonstrates, this is how it works." Richard Enion, Dragon's Den Winner, BassToneSlap.com and R

Finding Your Moment of Clarity is about taking you an introspective, self-actualization, mirror image reflection into your current way of thinking, feeling, and most importantly, your actions towards achievement. Discovering your power within by taking control of your inner guiding system for

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positive direction and transformation while you seek to obtain "that special something" in life that you want to achieve. Are you clear on what your purpose is in life? Your purpose or moment of mental clarity can also be identified as being your "heart's burning desire." Your WHY [reason or purpose - goal or dream] and vision, are the most important factors on your success journey! Your WHY [reason or purpose - goal or dream] can be defined within the everyday thoughts that you think, the words the you speak, along with the everyday actions that you take, and the people that you associate with. Your success is attributed to how you think. After reading Finding Your Moment of Clarity, you will have a clear vision, clearly defined goals, realistic dreams, and a formattable action plan attached with dates of accomplishment for your success. In order to achieve it, you first must believe it. Organizations are stressed. Innovation and global competition have become the source of relentless pressure and customers have never had higher expectations. Corporate efforts to improve everyday productivity and boost profits are producing diminishing returns. Yet a new frontier of enormous opportunity to improve results is hidden in plain sight. According to a Fortune 500 study, as much as 80% of working time is lost to tiresome meetings, unclear expectations, difficult decisions and other wasteful delays. Overcoming the lack of clarity behind this waste - on both an individual and organizational basis - would reap huge rewards. In The Power of Clarity, Ann Latham exposes the unrecognized confusion and explains how to eliminate it. This fascinating guide to workplace productivity and effectiveness draws upon extensive research and case studies to demonstrate how you can get better results in far less time while also increasing confidence and commitment. Born into enormous privilege as well as burdened by gut-wrenching family tragedy, Christopher Kennedy Lawford now

shares his life story, offering a rare glimpse into the private worlds of the rich and famous of both Washington politics and the Hollywood elite. A triumphantly inspiring memoir, the first from a Kennedy family member since Rose Kennedy's 1974 autobiography, *Symptoms of Withdrawal* tells the bittersweet truth about life inside America's greatest family legacy. As the firstborn child of famed Rat Pack actor Peter Lawford and Patricia Kennedy, sister to John F. Kennedy, Christopher Kennedy Lawford grew up with presidents and movie stars as close relatives and personal friends. Lawford recalls Marilyn Monroe teaching him to dance the twist in his living room when he was still a toddler, being awakened late at night by his uncle Jack to hear him announce his candidacy for president, being perched atop a high-roller craps table in Las Vegas while Frank Sinatra and his Rat Pack swapped jokes and threw dice, and other treasured memories of his youth as part of America's royal family. In spite of this seemingly idyllic childhood, Lawford's early life was marked by the traumatic assassinations of his beloved uncles Jack and Bobby, and he soon succumbed to the burgeoning drug scene of the 1970s during his teen years. With compelling realism mixed with equal doses of self-deprecating wit, youthful bravado, and hard-earned humility, *Symptoms of Withdrawal* chronicles Lawford's deep and long descent into near-fatal drug and alcohol addiction, and his subsequent formidable path back to the sobriety he has preserved for the past twenty years. *Symptoms of Withdrawal* is a poignantly honest portrayal of Lawford's life as a Kennedy, a journey overflowing with hilarious insider anecdotes, heartbreaking accounts of Lawford's addictions to narcotics as well as to celebrity and, ultimately, the redemption he found by asserting his own independence. In this groundbreakingly courageous and exceptionally well-written memoir, Lawford steps forward to rise above the

buried pain that first led to his addiction, and today lives mindfully by his time-tested mantra: "We are only as sick as the secrets we keep." Symptoms of Withdrawal keeps no secrets and is a compelling testament to the power of truth. The Eververse is collapsing under its own weight.

GrantMcKay created the Pillar to save the world with science, and now he must use it to save all worlds, all of creation, or doom reality itself to oblivion. The Anarchist League of Scientists charges forward for one final adventure as RICK REMENDER and MATTEOSCALERA bring their seminal pulp science fiction epic to a mind-shattering finale. Collects BLACK SCIENCE#31-43

A list of affirmations that the author has heard, or are her own creation, that guide her conduct of life.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER From the celebrated author of Inward comes a new collection of poetry and short prose focused on understanding how past wounds impact our present relationships. In Clarity & Connection, Yung Pueblo describes how intense emotions accumulate in our subconscious and condition us to act and react in certain ways. In his characteristically spare, poetic style, he guides readers through the excavation and release of the past that is required for growth. To be read on its own or as a complement to Inward, Yung Pueblo's second work is a powerful resource for those invested in the work of personal transformation, building self-awareness, and deepening their connection with others.

The author of the "New York Times" bestseller "Symptoms of Withdrawal" explores the shift in time and perception from addiction to recovery based on his own experiences and those of other recovered addicts from all walks of life.

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

Collection of poetry that will make you go into deep thought about life's journey.

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From one of the most lyrically gifted, socially conscious rappers of the past twenty years, *Vibrate Higher* is a firsthand account of hip-hop as a political force. Before Talib Kweli became a world-renowned hip-hop artist, he was a Brooklyn kid who liked to cut class, spit rhymes, and wander the streets of Greenwich Village with a motley crew of artists, rappers, and DJs who found hip-hop more inspiring than their textbooks (much to the chagrin of the educator parents who had given their son an Afrocentric name in hope of securing for him a more traditional sense of pride and purpose). Kweli's was the first generation to grow up with hip-hop as established culture—a genre of music that has expanded to include its own pantheon of heroes, rich history and politics, and distinct worldview. Eventually, childhood friendships turned into collaborations, and Kweli gained notoriety as a rapper in his own right. From collaborating with some of hip-hop's greatest—including Mos Def, Common, Kanye West, Pharrell Williams, and Kendrick Lamar—to selling books out of the oldest African-American bookstore in Brooklyn, ultimately leaving his record label, and taking control of his own recording career, Kweli tells the winding, always compelling story of the people and events that shaped his own life as well as the culture of hip-hop that informs

American culture at large. Vibrate Higher illuminates Talib Kweli's upbringing and artistic success, but so too does it give life to hip-hop as a political force—one that galvanized the Movement for Black Lives and serves a continual channel for resistance against the rising tide of white nationalism.

Sasha Diamond, fresh out of a relationship with a cheating boyfriend, is ready to give up on love when she meets Sexton, an NBA star. Although she is immediately attracted to the handsome athlete, she is haunted by her doubts about men . . . doubts that are reinforced when her best friend, Tiara, finds out that her own husband has been frequenting prostitutes. Sexton persists, eventually wearing down Sasha's resistance, but then she's confronted with seemingly incontrovertible evidence that he's betrayed her. Now Sasha must choose between trusting Sexton or giving him up for good.

A Moment of Clarity tells the story of a high school junior, Kylie, who faces her best friend turned enemy, Evelyn. In the course of a single day, Kylie must face the fact that her best friend from kindergarten to fourth grade now hates her and is out to ruin her relationship with her boyfriend, Jaxon. Her fears begin to surface, and she worries that her entire future with her boyfriend might suddenly disappear with the return of Evelyn. Her best friend, Abigail, is kind and supportive, and she's the one who helps hold Kylie together, making sure that she doesn't make any bad decisions throughout this one terrible day.

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PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY BESTSELLER "Dyson writes with the affection of a fan but the rigor of an academic. ... Using extensive passages from Jay-Z's lyrics, 'Made in America' examines the rapper's role as a poet, an aesthete, an advocate for racial justice and a business, man, but devotes much of its energy to Hova the Hustler." —Allison Stewart, *The Washington Post*

"Dyson's incisive analysis of JAY-Z's brilliance not only offers a brief history of hip-hop's critical place in American culture, but also hints at how we can best move forward." —Questlove

JAY-Z: Made in America is the fruit of Michael Eric Dyson's decade of teaching the work of one of the greatest poets this nation has produced, as gifted a wordsmith as Walt Whitman, Robert Frost and Rita Dove. But as a rapper, he's sometimes not given the credit he deserves for just how great an artist he's been for so long. This book wrestles with the biggest themes of JAY-Z's career, including hustling, and it recognizes the way that he's always weaved politics into his music, making important statements about race, criminal justice, black wealth and social injustice. As he enters his fifties, and to mark his thirty years as a recording artist, this is the perfect time to take a look at JAY-Z's career and his role in making this nation what it is today. In many ways, this is JAY-Z's America as much as it's Pelosi's America, or Trump's America, or Martin Luther King's America. JAY-Z has given this country a language to think with and words to live by. Featuring a Foreword by Pharrell

In a small town, in the smallest county in the Florida panhandle, a twenty-five-year-old cold case murder is re-

opened. A new female police officer visits a seniors' residence to find out that the prime witness in the case, Jacob Jeebs, was officially diagnosed with Alzheimer's last year but is still in the early stages. Both the judge and the sheriff are locals and have been in their jobs for over thirty years and remember the initial investigation very well. In fact, the two of them along with Jacob Jeebs have been fishing together every Sunday morning for almost three decades. This new information might lead to a conviction of the main suspect from twenty-five years ago. But what would the legal ramifications be? An Alzheimer's patient has never testified at a trial of any kind before. How can you put him on the witness stand? How can you not? He is the only one who knows the truth. Will the defense be able to tear his testimony apart or will the prosecution defend the validity of using a witness who can't recall what he had for breakfast this morning, but can remember an event that happened years ago in astonishing detail? 'A Moment of Clarity', a ground-breaking legal drama that answers those questions in a compelling, creative way.

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