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Discover how to change the lives of the people around you In You Can Change Other People, the world's #1 executive coach, Peter Bregman, and Howie Jacobson, Ph.D., share the Four Steps to help the people around you make positive change — even if they've been stuck for years. The authors rely on over 50 years of collective professional experience to show you exactly what to say to influence those around you for the better. Changing the way you talk will stop you from being perceived as a critic, and turn you into a welcomed and effective ally. You'll learn how to: Disarm their defensiveness and increase their confidence to act Turn people's biggest problems into even bigger opportunities Ensure accountability and follow through without making them dependent on you No one wants to be changed; but change and personal growth are critical to success, and more importantly, to a fulfilled life. You Can Change Other People is a must-read for those who want to improve their impact with co-workers, family members, and everyone in between.

Einstein showed us that time is an illusion, relative to one's speed through space, and speed, therefore time, is subject to the force of gravity. This is the true paradox of time: Time is measured backwards and, compelled inescapably by gravity to contract, time will end where it began—at the centre of the universe. Until then, we will dream of a brighter future.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Immortals, Alyson Noël, comes Fated—a breathtaking new saga brimming with magic, mystery, and an intoxicating love story that will steal your heart away. Meet The Soul Seekers. Strange things are happening to Daire Santos. Crows mock her, glowing people stalk her, time stops without warning, and a beautiful boy with unearthly blue eyes haunts all her dreams. Fearing for her daughter's sanity, Daire's mother sends her to live with the grandmother she's never met. A woman who recognizes the visions for what they truly are—the call to her destiny as a Soul Seeker—one who can navigate the worlds between the living and dead. There on the dusty plains of Enchantment, New Mexico, Daire sets out to harness her mystical powers. But it's when she meets Dace, the boy from her dreams, that her whole world is shaken to its core. Now Daire is forced to discover if Dace is the one guy she's meant to be with...or if he's allied with the enemy she's destined to destroy.

Ancient tradition suggests that this world-weary lament is the work of Solomon in old age. Casting its eye over the transient nature of life, the book questions the striving for wisdom and the truth, choosing instead to espouse the value of living for the moment. The text is introduced by Doris Lessing.

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Do you have what it takes to succeed in any situation? According to a retired commander who ran training for Navy SEALs, true optimal performance goes beyond just skill. It's all about THE ATTRIBUTES. "Diviney's incredible book explains why some people thrive—even when things get hard."—Charles Duhigg, New York Times bestselling author of The Power of Habit During his twenty years as a Navy officer and SEAL, Rich Diviney was intimately involved in a specialized SEAL selection process, which whittled a group of hundreds of extraordinary candidates down to a handful of the most elite performers. Diviney was often surprised by which candidates washed out and which succeeded. Some could have all the right skills and still fail, while others he might have initially dismissed would prove to be top performers. The seemingly objective criteria weren't telling him what he most needed to know: Who would succeed in one of the world's toughest military assignments? It is similarly hard to predict success in the real world. It happens often enough that underdog students accomplish exceptional achievements while highly skilled, motivated employees fail to meet expectations.

Dark-horse companies pull away from the pack while dream teams flush with talent and capital go under. In working with and selecting top special operators for decades, Diviney saw that beneath obvious skills are hidden drivers of performance, surprising core attributes—including cunning, adaptability, courage, even narcissism—that determine how resilient or perseverant we are, how situationally aware and how conscientious. These attributes explain how we perform as individuals and as part of a team. The same methodology that Diviney used in the military can be applied by anyone in their personal and professional lives, and understanding these attributes can allow readers and their teams to perform optimally, at any time, in any situation. Diviney defines the core attributes in fresh and practical ways and shares stories from the military, business, sports, relationships, and even parenting to show how understanding your own attributes and those of the people around you can create optimal performance in all areas of your life.

Unlock the more straightforward side of *The Crucible* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller, a vivid allegory of the mass hysteria that swept through the town of Salem during the Salem Witch Trials. In spite of its historical subject matter, the play was chillingly topical at the time it was written: the 1950s were marked by McCarthyism, where accusations of Communism were rife and many Americans (including Miller himself) were hauled before the House Un-American Activities Committee to answer for their behaviour. Arthur Miller is considered one of the most influential dramatists of the 20th century, and *The Crucible* was one of his best-known plays. It remains popular today, and new productions of the play are frequently performed. Find out everything you need to know about *The Crucible* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

The Green Mile, Stephen King's #1 New York Times bestselling novel, was first published twenty years ago in six original paperback installments. Inspiration for the Oscar-nominated film starring Tom Hanks about an innocent man on death row, *The Green Mile* is now available for the first time in e-serial form. *The Mouse on the Mile* is Volume Two. Paul Edgecombe's story continues with the addition of two characters, one a new prisoner awaiting his own date with "Old Sparky," Cold Mountain's electric chair. He's William "Wild Bill" Wharton, a killer with an aim to cause as much trouble as he can before his execution date. The other newcomer is a mouse. Called Steamboat Willy by the guards who first noticed him, he's later renamed Mr. Jingles by Eduard Delacroix, another of the death row inmates who eventually takes in the mouse and makes him his pet—a bit of cold comfort for a man condemned to walk the Green Mile.

When, in the winter of 1691, accusations of witchcraft surface in her small New England village, twelve-year-old Mary Chase fights to save her mother from execution.

A new Penguin Plays edition of the forgotten classic that launched the career of one of America's greatest playwrights It took more than fifty years for *The Man Who Had All the Luck* to be appreciated for what it truly is: the first stirrings of a genius that would go on to blossom in such masterpieces as *Death of a*

Salesman and The Crucible. This striking new edition finally adds Miller's first major play to the Penguin Plays series—now in beautifully redesigned covers. Infused with the moral malaise of the Depression era, this parable-like drama centers on David Beeves, a man before whom every obstacle to personal and professional success seems to crumble with ease. But his good fortune merely serves to reveal the tragedies of those around him in greater relief, offering what David believes to be evidence of a capricious god or, worse, a godless, arbitrary universe. David's journey toward fulfillment becomes a nightmare of existential doubts, a desperate grasp for reason in a cosmos seemingly devoid of any, and a struggle that will take him to the brink of madness.

Sixteen-year-old Jamie New comes out and wears a dress to the school prom, with encouragement from his friends and his loving mother.

A literary study guide that includes summaries and commentaries.

The Crucible is a study in the mass hysteria which led to the 1692 Salem witchcraft trials, concentrating on the fate of some of the key figures caught up in the persecution. It powerfully depicts people and principles under pressure and the issues and motivations involved. At the same time, it is also a parable for the events of the McCarthy era in the USA of the 1950s when anyone suspected of left-wing views was arraigned for 'Un-American Activities'.

Stage Lighting: The Fundamentals is written specifically for introductory stage lighting courses. The book begins with an examination of the nature of light, perception, and color, then leads into a conversation of stage lighting equipment and technicians. Lamps, luminaries, controls/dimming, and electricity form the basis of these chapters. The book also provides a detailed explanation and overview of the lighting design process for the theatre and several other traditional forms of entertainment. Finally, the book explores a variety of additional areas where lighting designers can find related future employment, such as concert and corporate lighting, themed design, architectural and landscape lighting, and computer animation. New for this edition: enlarged full-color illustrations, photographs, light plots and examples of lighting design; updated information on LED lighting and equipment; expanded discussion of the practical use of color as a designer; expanded discussion of psychological/perceptual effects of color; new discussion of color mixing through light sources that make use of additive mixing; expanded discussion of industry professions; expanded discussion and illustrations relating to photometrics; expanded discussion and examples of control protocols and new equipment; and updated designer profiles along with the addition of still more designer profiles. In this State Standards-aligned Literature Kit™, we divide the novel by chapters or sections and feature reading comprehension and vocabulary questions. In every section, we include Before You Read and After You Read questions. The Before You Read activities prepare students for reading by setting a purpose for reading. They stimulate background knowledge and experience, and guide students to make connections between what they know and what they will learn. The After You Read activities check students' comprehension and extend their learning. Students are asked to give thoughtful consideration of the text through creative and

evaluative short-answer questions and journal prompts. Also included are writing tasks, graphic organizers, comprehension quiz, test prep, word search, and crossword to further develop students' critical thinking and writing skills, and analysis of the text. About the Novel: The Crucible is the award-winning play written by Arthur Miller about the Salem witch trials of 1692. One night in Salem Massachusetts, a group of girls are caught dancing in the woods by Reverend Parris. His own daughter falls into a coma soon after, and the town is ablaze with talks of witchcraft. The Reverend sends for Reverend Hale to examine the girl for witchcraft. Hale concludes that the town of Salem is in fact engulfed in witchcraft as one by one the girls accuse other townspeople of communing with the devil. A trial ensues causing those accused to either deny these allegations, or confess, thus accusing someone else. This cycle finally culminates in the death of several innocent townsfolk. The Crucible is a historical dramatization of true events that show reputation is more important than admitting ignorance. All of our content is aligned to your State Standards and are written to Bloom's Taxonomy. Provides critical excerpts offering an overview of "The Crucible" including the conditions under which the work was written, a biographical sketch of the author, and a descriptive list of characters.

Marked for sacrifice to an ancient evil, his only chance of survival is the man who broke his heart. Vince Pagano may live out loud and proud, but he has a secret: Vampires are real. In fact, he used to date one before said vampire, well, ghosted him. Flash forward five years. Vince lands in trouble of a supernatural nature, and there's only one man he can turn to. Charlie Travert is a vampire who's quiet, restrained, and possessive. It's been five years since a charismatic young human crushed his heart with a lie, and Charlie walked away to save the broken pieces. But when Vince tumbles in his door with hell on his heels, Charlie will do whatever it takes to save the man he couldn't forgive-but couldn't forget either. Immortal Longing is a second chance romance with a happily ever after that kicks off the Austin Immortals series. Filled with magic, unforgettable characters, and a world on the verge of an apocalypse, the series combines the worldbuilding of urban fantasy with the emotion of a romance.

Marisel Vera emerges as a major voice of contemporary fiction with a heart-wrenching novel set in Puerto Rico on the eve of the Spanish-American War.

The Dramatic Text Workbook and Video explores the expressive potential of language and how you, as an actor, director or teacher, can develop the skills to release that potential in rehearsal and performance. Written by acclaimed voice teachers David Carey and Rebecca Clark Carey, this practical textbook shows how to bring together the power of language with voice and provides practical approaches to each aspect of verbal expression with the aid of classical and modern scenes and speeches. Chapters consider: · Sound: speech sounds and how to use them more expressively · Image: bringing life and specificity to images when you speak · Sense: how to focus on the most significant words and phrases in a speech or scene · Rhythm: how rhythm is created and used in both verse and prose · Argument: the structure or logic of language The Dramatic Text Workbook and Video, a new edition of The Verbal Arts Workbook, includes a revised introduction, updated reading lists and access to over 90 minutes of online video workshops, exploring the key techniques and tactics discussed in the book.

A haunting examination of groupthink and mass hysteria in a rural community, presented here with enlightening criticism and commentary "I believe that the reader will discover here the essential nature of one of the strangest and most awful chapters in human history," Arthur Miller wrote in an introduction to The Crucible, his classic play about the witch-hunts and trials in seventeenth-century Salem, Massachusetts. Based on historical people and real events, Miller's drama is a searing portrait of a community engulfed by hysteria. In the rigid theocracy of Salem, rumors that women are practicing witchcraft galvanize the town's most basic fears

and suspicions; and when a young girl accuses Elizabeth Proctor of being a witch, self-righteous church leaders and townspeople insist that Elizabeth be brought to trial. The ruthlessness of the prosecutors and the eagerness of neighbor to testify against neighbor brilliantly illuminate the destructive power of socially sanctioned violence. Written in 1953, *The Crucible* is a mirror Miller uses to reflect the anti-communist hysteria inspired by Senator Joseph McCarthy's "witch-hunts" in the United States. Within the text itself, Miller contemplates the parallels, writing: "Political opposition...is given an inhumane overlay, which then justifies the abrogation of all normally applied customs of civilized behavior. A political policy is equated with moral right, and opposition to it with diabolical malevolence." This Viking Critical Library edition of Arthur Miller's dramatic recreation of the Salem witch trials contains the complete text of *The Crucible* as well as extensive critical and contextual material about the play and the playwright, including: Selections from Miller's writings on his most frequently performed play Essays on the historical background of *The Crucible*, including personal narratives by participants in the trials and records of witchcraft in Salem from the original documents Reviews of *The Crucible*, in production by Brooks Atkinson, Walter Kerr, Eric Bentley, and others Excerpts from Jean-Paul Sartre's *Les Sorcières de Salem*, a "spin-off" of Miller's play, and three analogous works by Twain, Shaw, and Budd Schulberg Critical essays on the play, on Miller, and on the play in the context of Miller's oeuvre An introduction by the editor, a chronology, a list of topics for discussion and papers prepared by Malcolm Cowley, and a bibliography

"This guide contains an introduction to the new course, plus exam tips, comprehensive summary and discussion of each text in the Advanced English course, including Area of Study and Advanced English Modules, a list of key issues to consider in each chapter related to the relevant syllabus area, helpful advice on how to read different types of texts and plot outlines, character discussion and interpretations."--Publisher description.

This dramatic and deeply moving book combines a narrative that has the pace and excitement of a novel, a timeless portrait of bigotry and a self-righteousness, and an authentic history of the Salem witch trials. It stands alone in applying modern psychiatric knowledge to the witchcraft hysteria. Nearly three hundred years ago the fate of Massachusetts was delivered into the hands of a pack of young girls. Because of the fantasies and hysterical antics of unbalanced teenagers, decent men and women were sent to the gallows. Medical science that day had no better explanation than "the evil eye"; and so Massachusetts was precipitated into a reign of terror that did not end until the highest in the land had been accused of witchcraft—ministers, a judge, the Governor's lady. One by one were brought to the gallows such diverse personalities as a decent grandmother; a rakish, pipe-smoking female tramp; a plain farmer who thought only to save his wife from molestation; a lame old man whose toothless gums did not deny expression to a very salty vocabulary. But from the very beginning some fought the hysteria, pitting sanity against insanity, and eventually forced the community to atone for its tragic error. Written with sly humor, much of the book reads like a novel. In the end, one is pretty sure what was wrong with Cotton Mather, the august judges, and the tormented young girls. "The Devil in Massachusetts is a vivid and compassionate reconstruction of the Salem witchcraft hysteria. Marion Starkey has written history which illustrates the past and at the same time packs and important contemporary moral."—Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. "It is certainly a 'one sitting' sort of book, with the dramatic appeal of the well-told story and the significances of good human history."—Gerald Warner Brace "A fresh and full narration...of one of the most lurid, pitiful and deeply significant episodes in American history...."—Odell Shepard

This Student Edition of *The Crucible* is perfect for students of literature and drama and offers an unrivalled guide to Miller's classic play. It features an extensive introduction by Susan C. W. Abbotson which includes: a chronology of Miller's life and times; a summary of the plot and commentary on the characters, themes, language, context and production history of the play. Together with over twenty questions for further study, detailed notes on words and phrases from the text and the additional scene 2 of the second Act, this is the definitive edition of the play. In a small tight-knit community gossip and rumour spread like wildfire inflaming personal grievances until no-one is safe from accusation and vengeance. *The Crucible* is Miller's classic dramatisation of the witch-hunt and trials that besieged the Puritan community of Salem in 1692. Seen as a chilling parallel to the McCarthyism and repressive culture of fear that gripped America in the 1950s, the play's timeless relevance and appeal remains as strong as when the play opened on Broadway in 1953.

The Crucible still has permanence and relevance a half century after its initial publication. This powerful political drama set amidst the Salem witch trials is commonly understood as Arthur Miller's poignant response to McCarthyism. Filled with fresh essays about the play, the new edition of this invaluable literary guide features a bibliography and notes on the essay contributors.

For some fifty years now, Arthur Miller has been not only America's premier playwright, but also one of our foremost public intellectuals and cultural critics. *Echoes Down the Corridor* gathers together a dazzling array of more than forty previously uncollected essays and works of reportage. Here is Arthur Miller, the brilliant social and political commentator-but here, too, Miller the private man behind the internationally renowned public figure. Witty and wise, rich in artistry and insight, *Echoes Down the Corridor* reaffirms Arthur Miller's standing as one of the greatest writers of our time.

Arthur Miller's depiction of innocent men and women destroyed by malicious rumour, *The Crucible* is a powerful indictment of McCarthyism and the 'frontier mentality' of Cold War America, published in Penguin Modern Classics. Arthur Miller's classic parable of mass hysteria draws a chilling parallel between the Salem witch-hunt of 1692 - 'one of the strangest and most awful chapters in human history' - and the American anti-communist purges led by Senator McCarthy in the 1950s. The story of how the small community of Salem is stirred into madness by superstition, paranoia and malice, culminating in a violent climax, is a savage attack on the evils of mindless persecution and the terrifying power of false accusations. Arthur Miller (1915-2005), American dramatist, was born in New York City. In 1938 Miller won awards for his comedy *The Grass Still Grows*. His major achievement was *Death of a Salesman*, which won the 1949 Pulitzer Prize for drama and the 1949 New York Drama Critics' Circle Award. *The Crucible* was aimed at the widespread congressional investigation of subversive activities in the US; the drama won the 1953 Tony Award. Miller's autobiography, *Timebends: A Life* was published in 1987. If you enjoyed *The Crucible*, you might like Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, also available in Penguin Modern Classics. 'One of a handful of great plays that will both survive the twentieth century and bear witness to it' John Peter, *Sunday Times*

A leadership book by former Navy SEAL and New York Times bestselling author Mark Divine, *Staring Down the Wolf* focuses on harnessing the principles of purpose and discipline in life to achieve success. What does it take to command a team of elite

individuals? It requires a commitment to seven key principles: Courage, Trust, Respect, Growth, Excellence, Resiliency, and Alignment. All of these are present in an elite team which commits to them deeply in order to forge the character worthy of uncommon success. Retired Navy SEAL Commander, entrepreneur and New York Times bestselling author Mark Divine (founder of SEALFIT, NavySeal.com, and Unbeatable Mind) reveals what makes the culture of an elite team, and how to get your own team to commit to serve at an elite level. Using principles he learned on the battlefield, training SEALs, and in his own entrepreneurial and growth company ventures, Mark knows what it is to lead elite teams, and how easily the team can fail by breaching these commitments. Elite teams challenge themselves to step up everyday to do the uncommon. Developing the principles yourself and aligning your team around these commitments will allow you to thrive in VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, ambiguity) environments, no matter your background or leadership experience. Drawing from his twenty years leading SEALs, and twenty five years of success and failure in entrepreneurship and ten years coaching corporate clients, Mark Divine shares a very unique perspective that will allow you to unlock the tremendous power of your team. “Mark Divine has a gift for creating highly effective dynamic teams. Mark interleaves key aspects of leadership, mental toughness, resiliency and cultivating higher plains of existence into a foundational concept of being an authentic ‘Leader of leaders.’ This book is indispensable for anyone looking to lead, build and foster an elite culture.” –Mike Magaraci, retired Force Master Chief of Naval Special Warfare “From his time as a Commander in the SEAL Teams to building several successful multimillion dollar businesses, Mark Divine is an authority on building elite teams and leaders capable of tapping their fullest potential.” –David Goggins, Retired Navy SEAL, author of New York Times Bestseller Can’t Hurt Me “To grow to your fullest capacity in your life and as a leader, we need to challenge ourselves. There’s no one I know who’s challenged himself more than Mark Divine. He’s the perfect visionary to help get you out of your comfort zone and shattering the status quo.” –Joe De Sena, Founder and CEO of Spartan

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In Never Enough, Mike Hayes—former Commander of SEAL Team TWO—helps readers apply high-stakes lessons about excellence, agility, and meaning across their personal

and professional lives. Mike Hayes has lived a lifetime of once-in-a-lifetime experiences. He has been held at gunpoint and threatened with execution. He's jumped out of a building rigged to explode, helped amputate a teammate's leg, and made countless split-second life-and-death decisions. He's written countless emails to his family, telling them how much he loves them, just in case those were the last words of his they'd ever read. Outside of the SEALs, he's run meetings in the White House Situation Room, negotiated international arms treaties, and developed high-impact corporate strategies. Over his many years of leadership, he has always strived to be better, to contribute more, and to put others first. That's what makes him an effective leader, and it's the quality that he's identified in all of the great leaders he's encountered. That continual striving to lift those around him has filled Mike's life with meaning and purpose, has made him secure in the knowledge that he brings his best to everything he does, and has made him someone others can rely on. In *Never Enough*, Mike Hayes recounts dramatic stories and offers battle- and boardroom-tested advice that will motivate readers to do work of value, live lives of purpose, and stretch themselves to reach their highest potential.

Stories of lost love, lost ways . . . and lost minds! Gris Grimly's mysterious, morbid, and macabre illustrations capture four Poe classics with an unmatched ghoulish charm. This second installment of illustrated Poe tales, a companion to Edgar Allan Poe's *Tales of Mystery and Madness*, includes the perennial favorite *The Tell Tale Heart*, as well as *The System of Dr. Tarr and Professor Fether*, *The Oblong Box*, and *The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar*. With little trimming and lots of gory visuals, these stories have never looked better or more frightening!

A darkly satirical novel of love, revenge, and 1950s haute couture—now a major motion picture starring Kate Winslet, Judy Davis, Liam Hemsworth, and Hugo Weaving—*After Twenty Years* returns to the small Australian town she was banished from as a child. She plans only to check on her ailing mother and leave. But Tilly decides to stay, and though she is still an outcast, her lush, exquisite dresses prove irresistible to the prim women of Dungatar. Through her fashion business, her friendship with Sergeant Farrat—the town's only policeman, who harbors an unusual passion for fabrics—and a budding romance with Teddy, the local football star whose family is almost as reviled as hers, she finds a measure of grudging acceptance. But as her dresses begin to arouse competition and envy in town, causing old resentments to surface, it becomes clear that Tilly's mind is set on a darker design: exacting revenge on those who wronged her, in the most spectacular fashion.

In Robert Ward's *The Crucible: Creating an American Musical Nationalism*, Robert Paul Kolt explores the life of the American composer Robert Ward through an examination of his most popular and enduring work, *The Crucible*. Focusing on the musical-linguistic relationships within the opera, Kolt demonstrates Ward's unique synthesis of text and music, one that lends itself to the perception of American musical nationalism. This book contains the most thorough and in-depth biography of Ward yet in print. Based on interviews with the composer, Kolt presents new information about Ward's life and career, focusing on his opera and examining the formation and construction of *The Crucible*'s libretto and score, in turn offering new insights into the process of composing an opera. Kolt observes how the libretto's linguistic aspects helped Ward formulate the

opera's melodic and rhythmic musical material. A detailed and unique analysis of the opera, particularly the musical and linguistic techniques Ward employed, demonstrates how these techniques lend themselves to the opera's reception as a work of American musical nationalism. The book also provides yet unpublished information on Arthur Miller's play, examining how it came to be written and soon after became the basis for Ward's work. Several appendixes provide a fuller picture, including a deleted scene from Miller's play and Ward's version of the scene, a chronological overview of the Salem Witchcraft Trials, and illustrations and photo reproductions from Ward's manuscript.

"If you want to understand the massive antiracist protests of 2020, put down the navel-gazing books about racial healing and read *America on Fire*." —Robin D. G. Kelley, author of *Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination* From one of our top historians, a groundbreaking story of policing and "riots" that shatters our understanding of the post-civil rights era. What began in spring 2020 as local protests in response to the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police quickly exploded into a massive nationwide movement. Millions of mostly young people defiantly flooded into the nation's streets, demanding an end to police brutality and to the broader, systemic repression of Black people and other people of color. To many observers, the protests appeared to be without precedent in their scale and persistence. Yet, as the acclaimed historian Elizabeth Hinton demonstrates in *America on Fire*, the events of 2020 had clear precursors—and any attempt to understand our current crisis requires a reckoning with the recent past. Even in the aftermath of Donald Trump, many Americans consider the decades since the civil rights movement in the mid-1960s as a story of progress toward greater inclusiveness and equality. Hinton's sweeping narrative uncovers an altogether different history, taking us on a troubling journey from Detroit in 1967 and Miami in 1980 to Los Angeles in 1992 and beyond to chart the persistence of structural racism and one of its primary consequences, the so-called urban riot. Hinton offers a critical corrective: the word riot was nothing less than a racist trope applied to events that can only be properly understood as rebellions—explosions of collective resistance to an unequal and violent order. As she suggests, if rebellion and the conditions that precipitated it never disappeared, the optimistic story of a post-Jim Crow United States no longer holds. *Black rebellion, America on Fire* powerfully illustrates, was born in response to poverty and exclusion, but most immediately in reaction to police violence. In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson launched the "War on Crime," sending militarized police forces into impoverished Black neighborhoods. Facing increasing surveillance and brutality, residents threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at officers, plundered local businesses, and vandalized exploitative institutions. Hinton draws on exclusive sources to uncover a previously hidden geography of violence in smaller American cities, from York, Pennsylvania, to Cairo, Illinois, to Stockton, California. The central lesson from these eruptions—that police violence invariably leads to community violence—continues to escape policymakers, who respond by further criminalizing entire groups instead of addressing underlying socioeconomic causes. The results are the hugely expanded policing and prison regimes that shape the lives of so many Americans today. Presenting a new framework for understanding our nation's enduring strife, *America on Fire* is also a warning: rebellions will surely continue unless police are no longer called on to manage the consequences of dismal conditions beyond their control, and until an

oppressive system is finally remade on the principles of justice and equality.

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