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**NEWSLETTER**

# **Newsletter Highlights**

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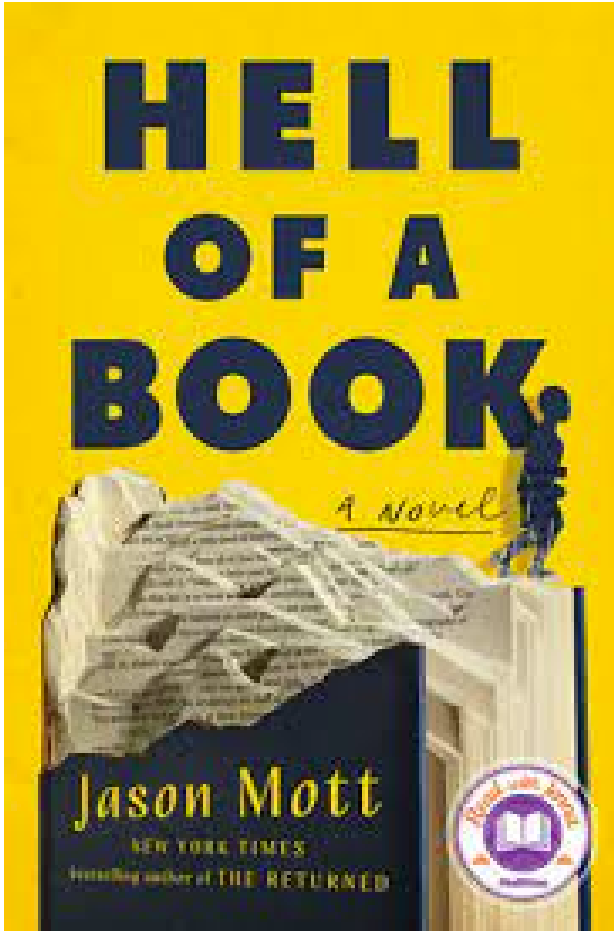
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# #PETESBOOKSHELF



In Jason Mott's *Hell of a Book*, a Black author sets out on a cross-country publicity tour to promote his bestselling novel. That storyline drives *Hell of a Book* and is the scaffolding of something much larger and more urgent: Mott's novel also tells the story of Soot, a young Black boy living in a rural town in the recent past, and The Kid, a possibly imaginary child who appears to the author on his tour.

As these characters' stories build and converge, they astonish. For while this heartbreaking and magical book entertains and is at once about family, love of parents and children, art and money, it's also about the nation's reckoning with a tragic police shooting playing over and over again on the news. And with what it can mean to be Black in America.

Who has been killed? Who is The Kid? Will the author finish his book tour, and what kind of world will he leave behind? Unforgettably told, with characters who burn into your mind and an electrifying plot ideal for book club discussion, *Hell of a Book* is the novel Mott has been writing in his head for the last ten years. And in its final twists, it truly becomes its title.



- THE BOOK IS ANNOUNCED ON INSTAGRAM @SAA\_OKSTATE ON THE 1ST OF THE MONTH
- COME BY THE OFFICE OF ARTS, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT, SU 250, TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE\*
- MAKE SURE YOU CAN ATTEND THE BOOK CHAT BEFORE YOU REGISTER
- TAKE YOUR BOOK AND START READING
- ATTEND THE BOOK CHAT AND ENJOY A FREE DINNER ON US!

**\*IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE BOOK DISCUSSION, YOU WILL BE CHARGED \$10 TO YOUR BURSAR ACCOUNT FOR THE BOOK AND DINNER THAT WERE ORDERED FOR YOU.**

# Upcoming Events



**2/10| Vals and Pals | 7PM | Starlight Terrace**

**2/17| Glow Bingo | 7PM | SU Theatre**

**2/21| Black History Month Block Party | 7PM | Starlight Terrace**

**2/24| Music Therapy | 11AM-1PM | Ballroom**

**2/28| Mardi Gras | 7PM | North Dining**



**STUDENT ARTS ALLIANCE**

**2/14| Tiny Tunes ft. Carter Sampson | 12PM | Student Union Amphitheater**

**02/16| Drive-In Movie "10 Things I Hate About You" | 7PM | Western Fields**

**2/18| Found Footage Film Festival | 7PM | SU Theatre**

**02/23| DIY Wednesday: Journaling | 11AM-2PM | SU Plaza**

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Biography:** My name is Jasmine Taplin. I am studying to gain my bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a minor in physics and mathematics. I am currently the Culture and Social Issues Director for the Student Union Activities Board and will also participate in the Miss Black OSU pageant this year. I am also in the National Society of Black Engineers and CEAT Student Council as well. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I am from Edmond, Oklahoma and transferred to OSU from Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Oklahoma. This is my 4th year in college, but more than anything I just want to enjoy every year of school to the fullest.

## Q&A

**1) YOU ARE COMPETING IN THE MR. & MISS BLACK OSU PAGEANT THIS YEAR. HOW HAS THE PAGEANT HELPED YOU STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE?**

-THE MR. & MISS BLACK OSU PAGEANT HAS HELPED ME STEP OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE BY HAVING ME DIG DEEPER INTO MY PASSIONS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN CLEARLY AND IN DETAIL WHY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IN CERTAIN AREAS AS WELL. THE PAGEANT IS ALLOWING ME TO PRESENT MY PASSION VOCALLY AND CREATIVELY, WHICH HAS BEEN CHALLENGING YET DEVELOPING FOR ME AS A PERSON IN AREAS THAT I WAS NOT AS STRONG IN.

**2) HOW HAS HAVING A LEADERSHIP POSITION FOR THE STUDENT UNION ACTIVITIES BOARD HELPED YOU GROW?**

- BEING IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION FOR STUDENT UNION ACTIVITIES BOARD HAS ALLOWED ME TO GROW IN LEADING IN OTHER WAYS THAN JUST BY EXAMPLE. MY TYPICAL LEADERSHIP STYLE IS BY EXAMPLE, BUT IT HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO EXPAND AND BE ABLE TO LEAD AUTHORITATIVELY AND DEMOCRATICALLY AS WELL. MY LEADERSHIP POSITION IN SUAB HAS ALSO ALLOWED ME TO EXPAND IN MY CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WHETHER THAT IS IN REGARD TO INCLUSIVITY, LOGICALLY, AND/OR CREATIVELY ABOUT DIFFERENT SUBJECTS.

**3) WHAT IS ONE GOAL YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH BY THE END OF THE SEMESTER?**

-BY THE END OF THIS SEMESTER, I WOULD LIKE TO FEEL SATISFIED WITH THE EVENTS I HAD COORDINATED AS WELL AS THE EVENTS I PARTICIPATED IN AND KNOW THAT I HAVE GROWN AS A PERSON BECAUSE OF THEM!

# Giveaway!

*Nothing better then repping the Cowboys!*



**\*ENTRY: ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION  
- FAVORITE ROM-COM MOVIE?**

**\*PLEASE COMMENT YOUR ANSWER ON THE STUDENT ARTS ALLIANCE  
NEWSLETTER INSTAGRAM POST**

**\*THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FEB. 25TH  
SAA INSTAGRAM: @SAA\_OKSTATE**



**STUDENT ARTS ALLIANCE**