

# Hollywood Park

THE DEBUT MEMOIR by MIKEL JOLLETT  
THE STUDIO ALBUM by THE AIRBORNE TOXIC EVENT

"I've been a big fan of Mikel Jollett's band, The Airborne Toxic Event, for many, many years, and I never knew the realities that lay behind his music. Jollett's shocking, beautifully written story is a momentous triumph. He overcame life in a cult, poverty, difficult relationships with his family, drugs and alcohol, and so much more. But more important, he achieves, excels, and perseveres—through grit, passion, and the creation of fantastic music—to envision and create a truly wonderful life for himself and those who surround him. I am in awe of Mikel and all the challenges he has overcome and resolved. Mikel, the best is yet to come!"

- STEVE WOZNIAK | CO-FOUNDER OF APPLE



## STARRED REVIEWS FOR MIKEL JOLLETT'S MEMOIR *HOLLYWOOD PARK* (5/5)

"A painstaking emotional accounting of a tortured youth ultimately redeemed through music, therapy, and love."

KIRKUS, *STARRED REVIEW* (5/5)

"Jollett engagingly narrates his story...result[ing] in a shocking but contemplative memoir"

PUBLISHERS  
WEEKLY

THE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF SPRING 2020 *STARRED REVIEW* (5/5)

"The frontman of rock band Airborne Toxic Event chronicles, in gorgeous and exacting lyricism, his harrowing coming-of-age within (and eventual escape from) the Church of Synanon, a violent religious cult."

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MAGAZINE

THE 30 MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF 2020 (SO FAR)

"... a story of fierce love and family loyalty. This moving and profound memoir is for anyone who loves a good redemption story."

GOOD  
MORNING  
AMERICA

20 BOOKS WE'RE EXCITED FOR IN 2020

"Sobbing through the final pages of *Hollywood Park* by @Mikel\_Jollett 🥹 a gorgeous, raw and compassionate book everyone should read." - ALEX GOODSON | PRODUCER, GMA

"Jollett was raised from childhood in a cult, brought up under the leaders of Synanon. With stunning clarity, he tells of his mother's escape and the subsequent trials his family endured."

Newsweek

40 MUST-READ FICTION AND NONFICTION BOOKS TO SAVOR THIS SPRING

# MUSIC QUOTES



"'Come On Out' is a sturdy, unimpeachable song about suburban ennui, a runaway kid and domestic violence that feels designated for arena-sized singalongs... Like Bob Seger, Mikel Jollett is drawn to beautiful losers" - **Los Angeles Times**

"I can't listen to 'Graveyard Near The House' by Airborne Toxic Event without a BIG 'OL lump in my throat"- **FINNEAS**

"a magical thing going on..." - **IHUFFPOST**

"The rock and roll equivalent of a tear-soaked novella" - **SPIN**

"a crushing classic" - **BBC**

"Poetry you can dance to... nothing short of amazing" - **Los Angeles Times**

"Obviously brilliant" - **EveningStandard.**

"Monstrous" - **NME**

"With their bracing rock attack, they certainly belong in the big time" - **People**

"indie rock at its most unapologetically epic" - **AP**  
ALTERNATIVE PRESS

"LA rockers spin bad luck into alt-rock anthems" - **RollingStone**

# WRITER QUOTES

"*Hollywood Park* is full of moving portraits of Jollett's brother, his father, and his band of contemporaries. To read these pages is to love them right along with him." - **SEAN WILSEY** | AUTHOR OF *ON THE GLORY OF IT ALL*

"This is a memoir, but it's also a song—a lyrical labyrinth that weaves and mesmerizes, all the while proving there's nothing more dangerous or powerful than a parent's love. *Hollywood Park* is a magical debut. Loved it." - **BRAD MELTZER** | #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE ESCAPE ARTIST*

".. Jollett's story serves as a potent reminder that while we cannot change the hand we're dealt, our freedom lies in what we choose to do with those cards. *Hollywood Park* is an illuminating and redemptive account of one man's search for meaning, family, and love."  
- **ADRIENNE BRODEAUR** | AUTHOR OF *WILD GAME*

"Violent and tender and incandescent, *Hollywood Park* is as touching as it is shocking. Jollett deftly dissects his struggle to unburden himself of the damage he inherited from his broken family, with insights that are brutally honest and psychologically astute. It tore me apart."  
- **JANELLE BROWN** | #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *WATCH ME DISAPPEAR* AND *PRETTY THINGS*

"*Hollywood Park* is the often heartbreaking, always honest story of a confused boy struggling to make sense of a crazy world. It's filled with pain, poverty, and violence but also with fierce love, rock and roll, and unexpected triumphs." - **DARIN STRAUSS** | NBCC-WINNING AUTHOR OF *HALF A LIFE*