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## DISSERTATIONS

### Utah Jazz, A Novel

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**Abstract**

This novel concerns a young Mormon who has fallen away from his family and juxtaposes his struggles with his faith, belief and his identity as a drifter deliberately distancing himself from a much darker past. The novel is interested in place and landscape as powerful originations of identity. The paradise and perdition we may hang onto.

The episodic setting of the novel, in conjunction with the narrative, traces the National Basketball Association's Utah Jazz's 1996 playoffs. The novel uses this setting to examine the ways in which the basketball player's identity is in some ways reflective of the both the narrator's and the player's as they search for their respective identities. It further examines how the profane and the sacred, are often tenuously linked with identity.

To accomplish this the novel employs footnotes, pertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the state of Utah, to better illuminate the cultural and religious struggles of the first footnotes ultimately help generate a dialogue between the free fact-spouting footnotes, and the direct address of the narrator. the on-going dialogue between The Book of Mormon and The most significantly, it is through this dialogue that the novel is a confessional tone of the narrator and yet still bridge that to the Reproduced with permission of the copyright owner. Further without permission. person to comment on the protagonist's to facts either inappropriate for the narrator's voice and/or cl

The novel, in large part due to its use of traditional footnotes to world of Utah history, ultimately embodies elements of the pi historical, and regional novel all at once.

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