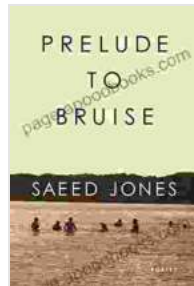


Prelude to Bruise: A Haunting and Intimate Exploration of Black Masculinity and Intimacy



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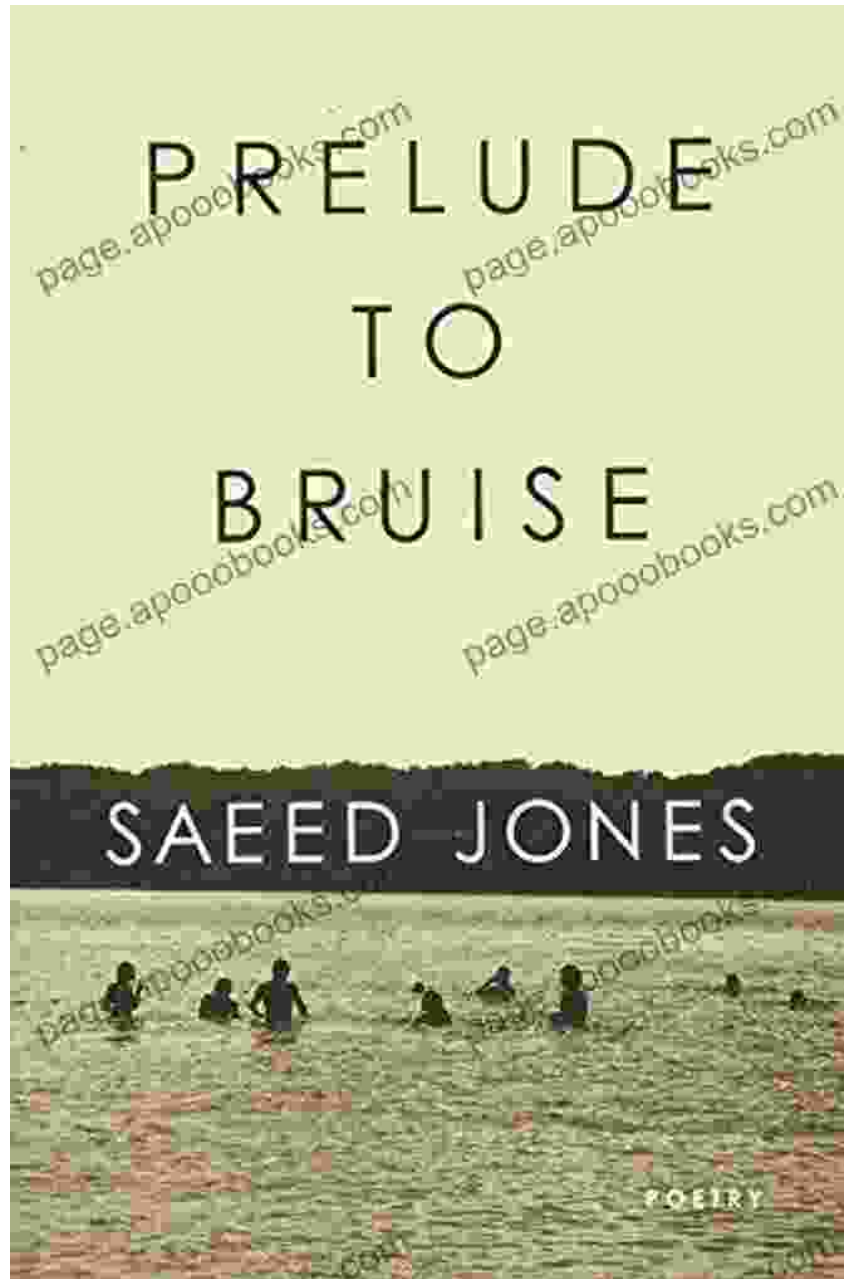
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A raw and unflinching memoir by award-winning poet Saeed Jones

In his debut memoir, *Prelude to Bruise*, award-winning poet Saeed Jones explores the complexities of Black masculinity, sexuality, and intimacy with raw honesty and unflinching vulnerability.

Jones's writing is both lyrical and deeply personal, as he delves into his own experiences of love, loss, and self-discovery. He writes about the challenges of growing up Black and queer in the American South, and the ways in which these experiences have shaped his understanding of himself and his place in the world.

Prelude to Bruise is a powerful and moving memoir that will resonate with anyone who has ever struggled with issues of identity, sexuality, or intimacy. Jones's writing is both beautiful and heartbreaking, and his story is sure to stay with you long after you finish reading it.

Here is a brief excerpt from the book:



“I am a black boy. I am a black man. I am a black man who loves other black men. I am a black man who has been loved by other black men. I am a black man who has been hurt by other black men. I am a black man who is still learning how to love himself.

I am a black man who is worthy of love.”

If you are interested in reading more about Saeed Jones and his work, I encourage you to check out his website or follow him on social media.

Critical acclaim for *Prelude to Bruise*

Prelude to Bruise has received widespread critical acclaim, with many reviewers praising Jones's raw honesty and unflinching vulnerability.

Here are a few excerpts from reviews of the book:



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"Jones's writing is both beautiful and heartbreaking, and his story is sure to stay with you long after you finish reading it." - Entertainment Weekly

"Prelude to Bruise is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the complexities of Black masculinity and sexuality." - Vogue”

Awards and recognition

Prelude to Bruise has won numerous awards and accolades, including:

- The 2015 Whiting Award for Nonfiction
- The 2015 Stonewall Book Award for Nonfiction
- The 2015 Lambda Literary Award for Gay Memoir/Biography

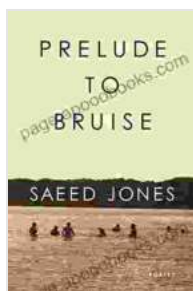
Jones has also been featured on The Daily Show with Trevor Noah, NPR's Fresh Air, and The New York Times Magazine.

About the author

Saeed Jones is a poet, essayist, and memoirist. He is the author of two books of poetry, *Prelude to Bruise* and *Don't Call Us Dead*, and a memoir, *How We Fight for Our Lives*.

Jones has received numerous awards for his writing, including the Whiting Award, the Stonewall Book Award, and the Lambda Literary Award. He has also been featured on The Daily Show with Trevor Noah, NPR's Fresh Air, and The New York Times Magazine.

Jones is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and currently teaches at New York University.



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