

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE BOOK ABOUT MICHAEL STEWART, THE YOUNG BLACK ARTIST AND MODEL WHO WAS THE VICTIM OF A FATAL ASSAULT BY POLICE IN 1983, FROM ELON GREEN, THE EDGAR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF LAST CALL.

At twenty-five years old, Michael Stewart was a young Black aspiring artist, deejay, and model in the vibrant downtown art scene of early-1980s New York City. On September 15, 1983, he was beaten by New York City Transit Authority police after allegedly tagging a Fourteenth Street subway station wall.

He arrived at the hospital with no heartbeat and died after thirteen days in a coma. It was, at that point, the most widely noticed act of police brutality in the city's history.

Michael's death became a rallying cry, taken up by artists including Madonna, Keith Haring, Spike Lee, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and tabloid legends such as Jimmy Breslin and Murray Kempton. The Stewart family and the arts community demanded justice for Michael, leading to investigations into the circumstances of his wrongful death.

Elon Green, the Edgar Award-winning author of *Last Call*, presents the first comprehensive narrative account of Michael Stewart's life and killing, the subsequent court proceedings, and the artistic aftermath. In the vein of *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace* and *His Name is George Floyd*, Green brings us the story of a promising life cut short and a vivid snapshot of the world surrounding this loss. A tragedy set in stark contrast against the hope, activism, and creativity of the 1980's New York City art scene, *The Man Nobody Killed* serves as a poignant reminder of recurring horrors in American history and explores how, and for whom, the justice system fails.

ELON GREEN has written for *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic*, and *The New Yorker*, and appears in *Unspeaking Acts*, Sarah Weinman's anthology of true crime. *Last Call: A True Story of Love, Lust, and Murder in Queer New York* was his first book and won the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime. Green was an executive producer on the HBO series adapted from *Last Call*.

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