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#### Review

“ALL INVOLVED is a symphonic, pitch-perfect, superlative novel. It is visceral and adrenalin-fuelled, yet tender and even darkly comic. It is audacious, unflinching and subversive. It doesn’t judge. It swallowed me whole.” (David Mitchell, author of *Cloud Atlas*)

“A heartbreakingly powerful portrait of a city tearing itself apart.” (Paula Hawkins, author of *The Girl on the Train*)

“Corrosive, timely, vividly realized scenes of urban warfare and thwarted dreams by a writer who clearly knows his subject: the netherworld of Los Angeles in the early 1990’s.” (Joyce Carol Oates)

“*All Involved* is a monumental achievement. Ryan Gattis takes the reader into the broken, outraged heart of Los Angeles during the ‘92 riots and doesn’t blink once at what he finds there.” (Dennis Lehane)

“It’s a propulsive, sun-baked, blood-soaked read that captures one of the most turbulent times in recent Los Angeles history. It’s all the more remarkable an achievement considering Gattis...was barely in high school, in Colorado, at the time three LAPD officers who assaulted King were acquitted.” (Interview Magazine)

“In the end, this isn’t a story about the events of the L.A. riots...it’s about the city and its ability to rise from the ashes...Like the historical events it’s based on, this page-turner is horrific, heartrending, and-maybe-just a bit hopeful.” (Publishers Weekly)

“An overwhelming and fully immersive performance from Gattis, who finds the humanity and poetry in the most inhumane of circumstances. A solid addition to all fiction collections, though not for the fainthearted.” (Library Journal)

#### From the Back Cover

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#### About the Author

Ryan Gattis is a writer and educator. His latest work, *All Involved*, is grounded in nearly two and a half years of research and background spent with former Latino gang members, firefighters, and other L.A. citizens who lived through the 1992 riots. Gattis lives in Los Angeles, where he is a member of the street art crew UGLARworks.

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