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MacArthur Fellow and Harvard sociologist Matthew Desmond has forever changed the way we look at poverty in America. Desmond “set a new standard for reporting on poverty” (The New York Times) with his massively influential book “Evicted,” which gives pathos to the idea that eviction is a cause, rather than merely a symptom, of poverty. “Evicted” won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize and was named one of the Top Books of 2016 by The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal. Desmond co-founded Just Shelter, a database of community organizations working to preserve affordable housing, prevent eviction and reduce family homelessness.

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