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for **FINN**, the newest Noble Boy... and for **DANIELLE**, who puts the color in my world.

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**I BET YOU'VE SEEN HIS NAME BEFORE,
I KNOW YOU'VE SEEN HIS WORK,
BUT NAMES YOU'VE SEEN AND THINGS YOU'VE KNOWN
OFT SWIRL IN A MURK.**

**DESIGN, YOU SEE, WAS WHAT HE DID,
HELPED SHAPE AND STORY LIVE,
AND EACH NEW MARK OR DROP OF PAINT
WAS SOMETHING NEW TO GIVE.**



**RAISED BY PARENTS NOT HIS OWN
OUT DOWN NEAR SANTA FE,
MAURICE MADE MATES WITH ALL THE RUNTS,
NINOS WITH WHOM HE'D PLAY.**

**MY FRIEND MAURICE ONCE WATCHED THE STARS
FROM CAPTIAN COOK'S HORSE STABLE;
ABROAD WAS WHERE HE LIKED TO BE
ATOP LIFE'S PAINTING TABLE.**

**WHEN NOT AT WORK MAURICE WORKED HARD
AT WORKING HARD AT PLAY.
HE'D HOP A PLANE TO EUROPE
OR TO TURKEY ANY DAY.**

**IT'S THINGS LIKE THIS HE'D TELL US
WHEN WE'D GONE TO ASK ADVICE.
WE'D COME AWAY WITH MORE TO SAY
'BOUT THINGS WHICH BEAR NO PRICE.**



**SEE, AT THE HEART OF GOOD DESIGN
LIES SOMETHING HARD TO NAME...
BUT LEARN WE DID,
THOUGH ROUND-ABOUT...**

...THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIS GAME.

