

# MARTIN LUTHER KING, MALCOLM X, AND THE AGE OF 22



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**E**ver since nearly being killed in a car accident, historian Patrick Parr has been obsessed with the age of 22. It haunts him, and for years Parr entered libraries, reading biographies of famous people and what they went through at that volatile age. The result was therapeutic—nearly all of them suffered greatly despite feeling what could be deemed “the invincible vulnerability of youth”. In December 2012, Parr decided to turn his obsession into a book and attempted to write portraits for 40 well-known historical figures at the age of twenty-two. But when he came upon two men—Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.—he discovered that there wasn’t enough information available to complete even a short portrait. In this lecture, Parr will describe the lives of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X in their early twenties, along with a few other historical figures.

Patrick Parr is the author of *The Seminarian: Martin Luther King Jr. Comes of Age*. His work has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The Boston Globe*, *Politico*, and *The Japan Times*, among others. His second book, titled *One Week in America*, will be released in November 2020. He teaches at Lakeland University of Japan.

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