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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Jaime Clarke to your MFA program. I first started working with Jaime at the intermediate level in our creative writing program. Impressed by his quick wit and first rate mind, I found Jaime to be a vital presence in the workshop. Jaime already possesses a highly developed editorial sense that indicates a real working sense of craft, something ~~is~~ too often lacking in even entry level graduate students. I was impressed and delighted that at our intermediate level he had already finished an entire novel. While the novel still needed some work in terms of form, Jaime is certainly capable of writing a solid story. More importantly, he has a singular will to finish what it is that he starts. His vision of his own generation and his ability to create scene are compelling and astute.

I think for a college student, Jaime has a curiously sophisticated sense of aesthetic. I only imagine that he will continue to hone and develop his vision, and I think that the rigor that a graduate program offers will serve him well. He is certainly ready to move onto the graduate level since he possess that certain ability to work hard and long on his own. His own natural sense of curiosity and determination will make him an excellent candidacy for a non resident program. I recommend him highly, and if I can be of any further assistance in his candidacy, please feel free to call on me.

Most Sincerely,


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