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Joshua Davis is the co-founder of *Epic Magazine* and has been a contributing editor at *Wired* for a decade. He has written for *The New Yorker*, *GQ*, *Outside*, *Men’s Journal*, *Men’s Health*, *Maxim* and *Food & Wine*.

He was a finalist for the 2014 National Magazine Award in feature writing and his work is anthologized in the 2012 edition of *The Best American Science and Nature Writing*, as well as the 2006, 2007 and 2009 editions of *The Best Technology Writing*.

Published in 2014, Davis’s third book, *Spare Parts*, was named one of the best new books by Amazon and the BBC. The film version was released by Lionsgate in 2015 and stars George Lopez, Carlos Pena, Marisa Tomei, and Jamie Lee Curtis.

Davis completed a documentary film in 2002, titled *The Beast Within*, about his attempt to become the lightweight arm wrestling champion of the world. The film won Best Documentary at the 2003 Telluride Mountain Film Festival.

In April of 2003, Davis went into Iraq to cover the war for *Wired* and later that year became a contributing editor for the magazine.


His second book, *Entrenched*, is an anthology of his work. For more information, visit his website at www.JoshuaDavis.net.

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Livermore Reads Together

Spare Parts
by Joshua Davis

Finalist for the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize

In 2004, four Latino teenagers arrived at the Marine Advanced Technology Education Robotics Competition at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They were born in Mexico but raised in Phoenix, Arizona, where they attended an underfunded public high school. No one had ever suggested to Oscar, Cristian, Luis, or Lorenzo that they might amount to much—but two inspiring science teachers had convinced these impoverished, undocumented kids from the desert who had never even seen the ocean that they should try to build an underwater robot.

And build a robot they did. Their robot wasn’t pretty, especially compared to the rest of the competition. They were going up against some of the best collegiate engineers in the country, including a team from MIT backed by a $10,000 grant from ExxonMobil. The Phoenix teenagers had scraped together less than $1,000 and built their robot out of scavenged parts. This was never a level competition—and yet, against all odds . . . they won!

But this is just the beginning for these four, whose story—which became a key inspiration to the DREAMers movement—will go on to include first-generation college graduations, deportation, bean-picking in Mexico, and service in Afghanistan.

Joshua Davis’s Spare Parts is a story about overcoming insurmountable odds and four young men who proved they were among the most patriotic and talented Americans in this country—even as the country tried to kick them out.
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<td>Saturday, January 26, 1-4 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Student Robotics Fair</strong></td>
<td>Students will showcase their robotics projects. Special presentation by the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute and Marine Advanced Technology Education Center.</td>
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<td>Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>Movie Screening of Spare Parts (2015, PG-13)</strong></td>
<td>Vine Cinema &amp; Alehouse, 1722 First Street.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, February 20, 7 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Meet Author Joshua Davis</strong></td>
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<td>Sunday, February 24, 2 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Los Panaderos Concert</strong></td>
<td>Traditional Mexican folk music and dance collaboration from the San Francisco Bay Area.</td>
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<td>February 1-28</td>
<td><strong>Civic Center Library Art Gallery</strong></td>
<td>Month-long exhibit, in partnership with the Hispanic Heritage Center, featuring works by Daniel Camacho and the Las Positas College Art Club.</td>
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<td>Saturday, February 2, 2 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Exploring the Great Migration with Tina Jones Williams and The Storytellers</strong></td>
<td>The Great Migration was the relocation of more than six million African-Americans from the rural South to the cities of the North, Midwest and West from about 1916 to 1970.</td>
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<td>Saturday, February 10, 2 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Spare Parts Readers’ Theater</strong></td>
<td>Presented by Livermore Shakespeare Festival</td>
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<td>Thursday, February 21, 7 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Poetry Reading by MK Chavez</strong></td>
<td>Latinx writer MK Chavez is a recipient of a 2017 Pen Oakland Josephine Miles Award for poetry. She is co-director of the Berkeley Poetry Festival.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Maker Program: BrushBots!</strong></td>
<td>Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Drive. For kids of all ages!</td>
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<td>Thursday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Books &amp; Brews at Eight Bridges Brewery</strong></td>
<td>Let’s meet and chat about Spare Parts, and raise a glass to another eventful Livermore Reads Together!</td>
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