

Book Review: *After Spruce: Poems in the Manner of Tom Jenks' "Spruce" During the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic* by Clay Thistleton

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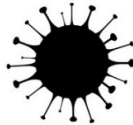
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“[Freud’s] descriptions fit the picture of Hitler no less than the idealizations into which the American demagogues try to style themselves. In order to allow narcissistic identification the leader has to appear himself as absolutely narcissistic.”

– Theodore Adorno, *Freudian Theory and the Pattern of Fascist Propaganda*. (1951).

Into the apparently peaceful Bega Shire comes Clay Thistleton’s *After Spruce: Poems in the Manner of Tom Jenks' "Spruce" During the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic*.