

**A short excerpt from the book *P.O.V.* by Anthony Zoubek:**

Flash-forward to the end of “Moore the Midwesterner” and the birth of “Moore the Celebrity.” Despite what he says, Moore no longer lives amongst Flint’s masses. In fact, there’s some question as to whether Moore resided in Flint at all. I spoke to one of Moore’s high school classmates, who asked to remain nameless. Moore went to school in Davison, Michigan—25 miles east of Flint. “Growing up in Davison and telling the world you are from Flint is like growing up in Bloomfield Hills and saying you are from Detroit,” Moore’s classmate said. “It just doesn’t cut it.”

Whether he grew up in Flint or Davison, Moore no longer lives there. Yet he claims to have his blue-collar roots planted firmly in Michigan soil. And he’s kept his middle-class look. “Moore puts on his trademark baseball cap,” writes Stuart Klawns, film critic for *The Nation* magazine. “It’s a sign, meant to establish a rapport with his audience that, despite the fact his main residency is in a \$1.5 million condo in New York’s Central Park West, he is still ‘The Everyday Man.’ He’s still ‘one of us’” . . .