Let Love Have the Last Word
By Common

“My mother turned and said ‘Rashid, you can do better. It’s your responsibility to speak your best to the world when the world is listening to you, and looking to you for guidance.’”

There are some rappers who just rap, and there are plenty of actors who stick to their scripts and enjoy their A-list life in the limelight. But in his second book, Let Love Have The Last Word, the follow-up to 2011’s One Day It’ll All Make Sense, Common, the celebrated Chicago renaissance man, finds himself at a crossroads between past, present and future, where he confronts family, career and romance knowing he has made his fair share of mistakes along the way.

“These types of conversations are the most difficult to have, which means they’re important, the ones we need to have. They require vulnerability and intimacy, two areas that are problematic for me, personally, because I don’t want to give anything up.”

Let Love Have the Last Word is told in four segments, each a stream of consciousness kayaking through thoughts crafted from moments of calm within the storm. After a complicated late-night phone call with his daughter, Common comes face to face with the times that he wasn’t there for her in youth, having spent most of his life on the road. He finds himself revisiting his last moments with his dying father, sharing a podium with the late Dr. Maya Angelou and getting relationship advice from former first lady, Michelle Obama.

“I wish to make space in my life for love. I don’t want to make that long climb back up the ladder to myself, my own light, to get reacquainted, alone, ashamed, rejected. What if I hurt her? What if I can’t be true, and honest, and if that’s the case, why would that be, if I love her?”

Whether we’re riding with him in the LA sunshine from home to studio, or see the world through his eyes on top of a stage overlooking tens of thousands, Let Love Have the Last Word is not the story of Common’s life, this is the map of a mind of genius in constant
evolution, a man who has answered many of his own questions, but is still in search of true love.

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**ABOUT COMMON**
Common is an Oscar, Golden Globe, Emmy and Grammy award winning music artist. He is an actor and producer and has appeared in numerous critically acclaimed films as well as hit TV series. Common is the author of One Day It'll All Make Sense, which was a New York Times bestseller. He was raised in Chicago, and currently resides in Los Angeles and Brooklyn.