



Can you guess the original title
of this Mark di Suvero sculpture?



CAN YOU GUESS THE ORIGINAL
TITLE OF THIS WORK?

- ☐ A Jawbreaker
- ☐ B The Spine
- ☐ C Erk Thru Table Last
- ☐ D Revolution



Answer:
Erk Thru Able Last

Mark di Suvero, (b. 1933), is an American artist who welds scrap metal into monumental outdoor sculpture. He worked part-time in construction and began to incorporate wood and metal from demolition sites into his work. His primary tools are the crane, the cherry picker, and cutting and welding torches.

di Suvero's *For Veronica* (1987) was originally titled *Erk Thru Able Last* and was in the collection of Socrates Sculpture Park in Queens, New York, before it was acquired for the di Rosa Collection.

The painted steel sculpture, which sits at the top of a hill overlooking the Sculpture Meadow, was created in 1987. Since then, it had never been fully repainted. In 2018 di Rosa made it a priority to restore the surface of sculpture to its original condition and worked closely with the artist's studio on the selection of the color.



Scaffolding being installed around
Mark di Suvero's *For Veronica* (1987)
by Extreme Scaffolding



Mark di Suvero
Mark di Suvero/Spacetime C.C.

In March 1960, di Suvero almost lost his life in a construction site accident. After sustaining several serious injuries, doctors believed he wouldn't be able to walk again. While in rehabilitation, he learned to work with an arc welder which became critical for his later pieces.

"The crane is a very delicate instrument that's a question of life and death... They may talk about painters risking their life with a painting but it's very different when you're working with 10 tons of steel and there are people working with you. The question of life and death is right there."

-Mark di Suvero

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