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PK: I am extremely restless. At Grundtvigskolen high school in a working-class area of Copenhagen, Per, who was dyslexic, gravitated to art. The painting below is entitled New Shadows.

Per Kirkeby, Pioneering Neo

While continuing his geological work — in 1965 he went to Greenland again, on a meteorite expedition to Melville Bay — he published three collections of poetry, a novel and a book of essays notwithstanding his dyslexia , participated in various happenings and, in 1967, travelled to New York with the Korean-American artist , a figure credited as the founder of video art. Each monotype is a unique print, technically executed in a way similar to his paintings, they allowed Kirkeby a freedom and spontaneity in their production.

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After the studio visit, Kirkeby was skeptical of the dealer but eventually agreed to a one-man show.

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His painting at the time was similarly influenced by pop art, if prosaically so, using household emulsion and collaged fragments of magazines on hardboard. One of the great European abstract painters. Per was born in Copenhagen to Alfred Kirkeby Christensen, an engineer and admirer of Tito, and Lucy Bertelsen, an avowed communist.

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