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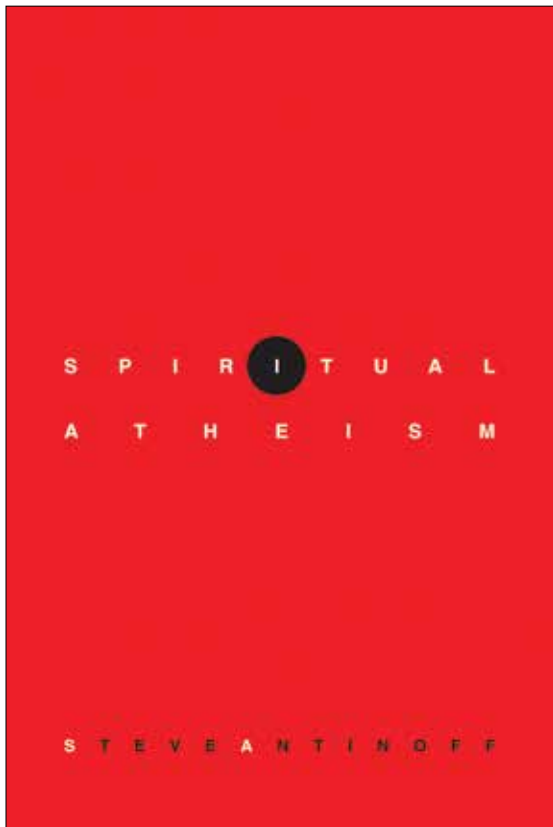
RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

SUBJECT CATALOG

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ATHEISM

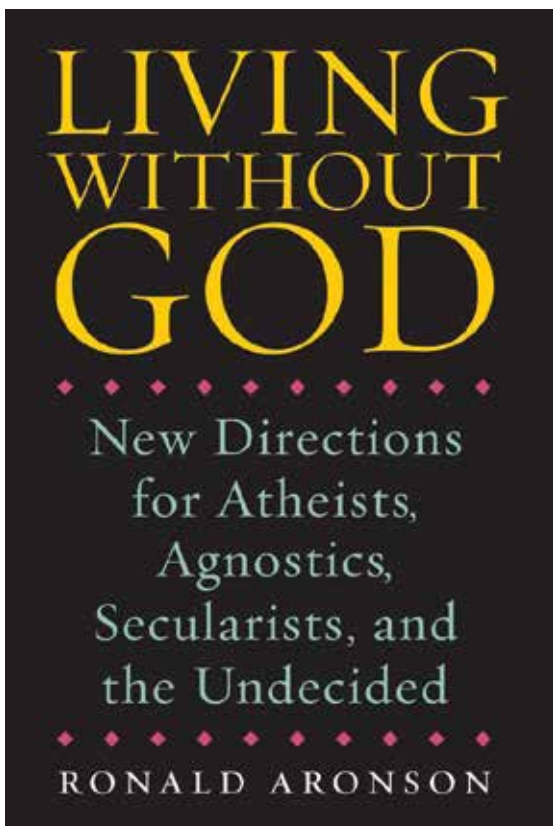


SPIRITUAL ATHEISM

STEVE ANTINOFF

Atheism • Trade Paperback • 9781582435640
\$14.95 • 128 pages • 5" x 7" • Ebook available

There is a great dilemma in Western spiritual consciousness: we have lost faith in the traditional ways we experience our place in the universe. Dostoyevsky in *The Possessed* says it best: "God is necessary, and so must exist . . . Yet I know that he doesn't exist, and can't exist . . . But don't you understand that a man with two such ideas cannot go on living?" In *Spiritual Atheism*, Steve Antinoff argues that atheism begins with three realizations: our experience of ourselves and the world is dissatisfying; our dissatisfaction is intolerable and must be broken; and there is no God. Continuing in the vein of Christopher Hitchens and Sam Harris, Antinoff makes a critical contribution to the understanding of salvation and enlightenment.



LIVING WITHOUT GOD

New Directions for Atheists,
Agnostics, Secularists, and
the Undecided

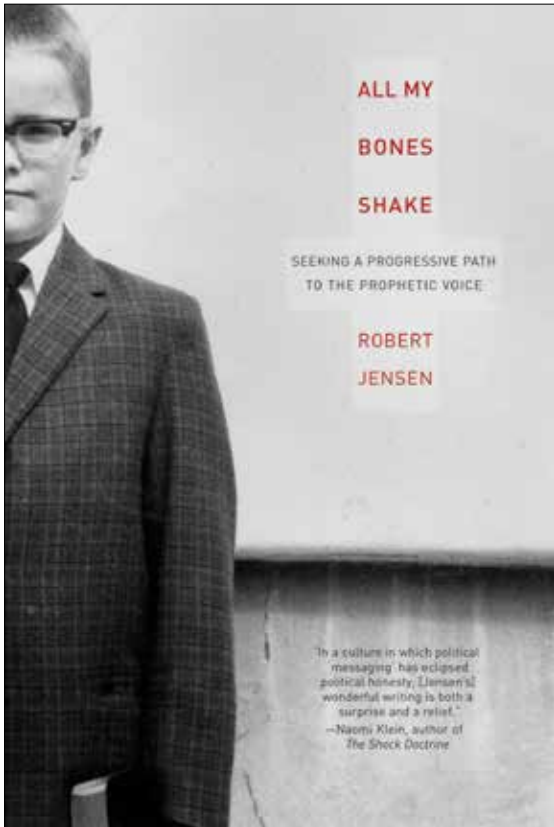
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ALL MY BONES SHAKE

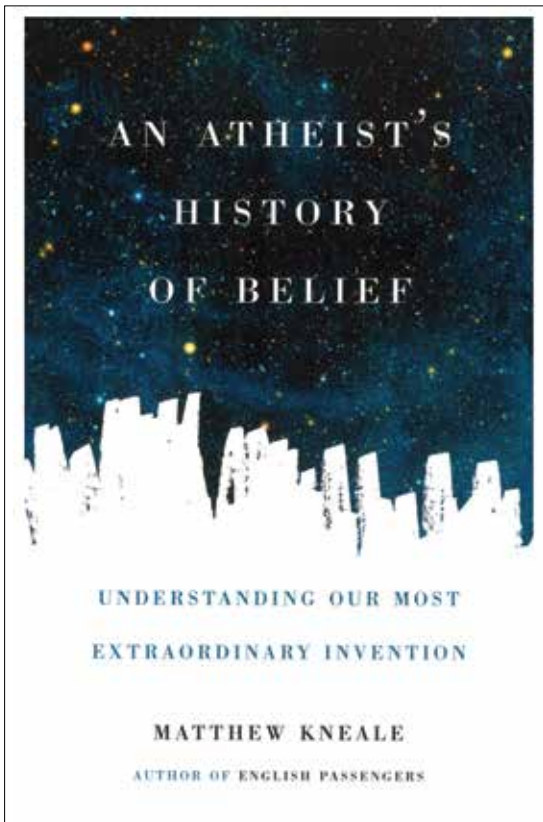
Seeking a Progressive Path to the Prophetic Voice

ROBERT JENSEN

Religious Studies • Trade Paperback • 9781593762346
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In a nation where three-fourths of the population identifies as Christian and religion salts the political discourse, unrest has manifested itself as a debate between atheists and believers. In *All My Bones Shake*, Robert Jensen reveals the multitiered complexity of the conflict and offers a progressive approach. While fundamentalists on both sides have fought to an intellectual standoff and moderates seem content to ignore the battle, Jensen pushes for answers that make sense with our modern scientific world.

More than a study of the religious debate in America, *All My Bones Shake* marks a new communion: a way to use theology to create a sustainable society and meet the uncertainty of our lives with confidence.



AN ATHEIST'S HISTORY OF BELIEF

Understanding Our Most Extraordinary Invention

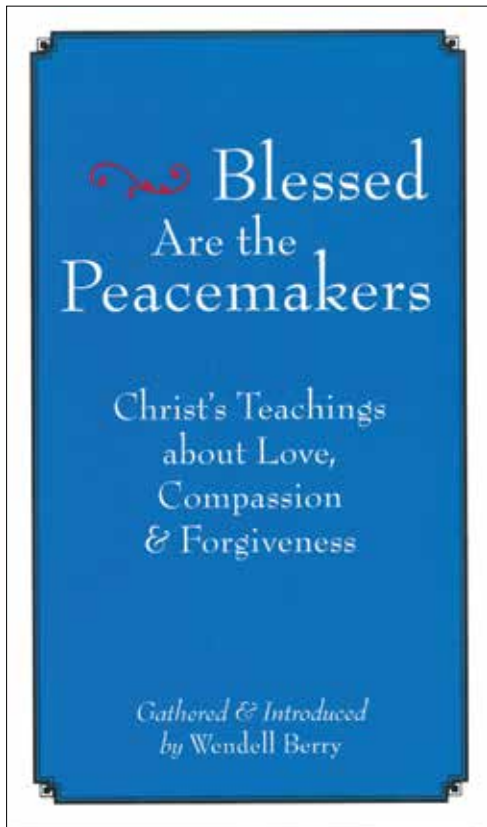
MATTHEW KNEALE

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What first prompted prehistoric man, sheltering in the shadows of deep caves, to call upon the realm of the spirits? And why has belief thrived since, shaping thousands of generations of shamans, pharaohs, Aztec priests and Mayan rulers, Jews, Buddhists, Christians, Nazis, and Scientologists?

About the author: Matthew Kneale studied Modern History at Oxford University. He then spent a year in Japan, where he began writing short stories. He is the author of several novels, including *English Passengers*, which won the Whitbread Award and was short-listed for the Man Booker Prize. He currently lives in Rome.

BIBLICAL
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BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

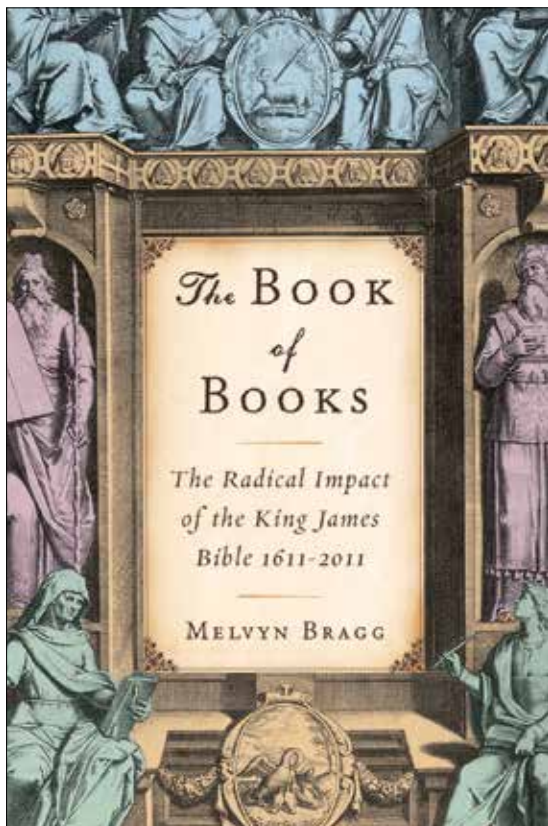
Christ's Teachings About Love, Compassion and Forgiveness

COMPILED WITH AN INTRODUCTION
BY WENDELL BERRY

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Unfortunately, the teachings of Christ have often been either ignored or distorted by the very people calling themselves Christian. Today, we see a vigorous movement in America fueled by a politicized and engaged portion of the electorate involved in just such ignorance and distortion. Whether directed towards social intolerance or attitudes of warlike aggression, these right-wing citizens have claimed a power of influence that far exceeds their numbers.

Blessed Are the Peacemakers collects the sayings of Jesus, as selected by Wendell Berry, who contributes an essay of introduction. This is a book of inspiration and prayerful compassion, and, we may hope, a ringing call to action at a time when our country and the world it once led stand at a dangerous crossroads.



THE BOOK OF BOOKS

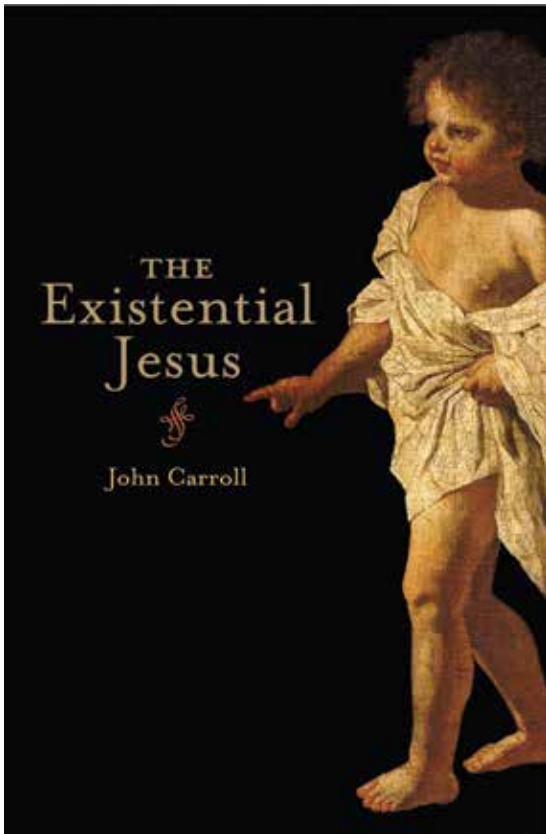
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The King James Bible has often been called “The Book of Books,” both in itself and in what it stands for. Since its publication in 1611, it has been the bestselling book in the world, and, many believe, it has had the greatest impact of anything ever published.

The King James Bible has spread Protestantism and been one of the greatest influences on English language and literature. Its influence is near immeasurable, and it has defined modern attitudes towards science, education, and sex. As Melvyn Bragg explored the history of our language in *The Adventure of English*, so *The Book of Books* reveals the extraordinary and still-felt impact of a work created four hundred years ago.



THE EXISTENTIAL JESUS

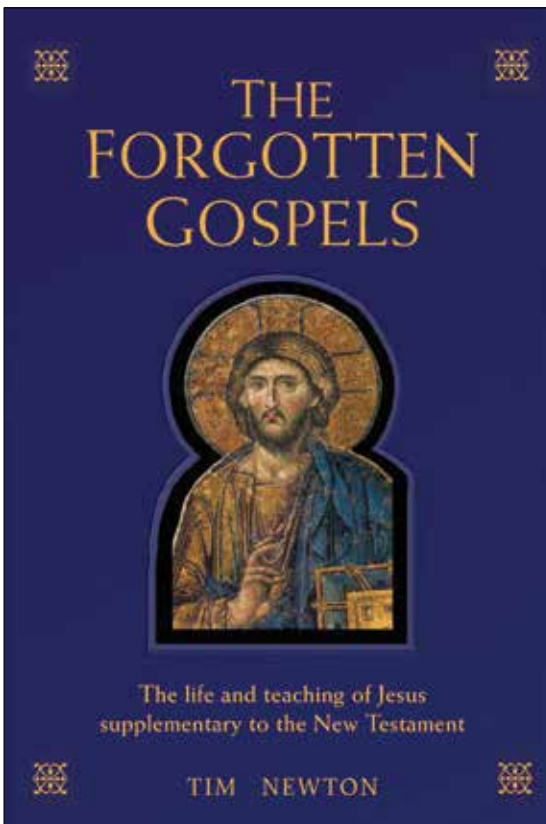
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—**Peter Jensen, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Australia**

"This is the *Gospel of Mark* as you've never read it before, but Carroll's interpretation of Mark's Jesus suddenly makes sense. It's a scholarly but not forbiddingly academic study, for Carroll writes like a novelist, his passionate, almost frantic, style lending conviction to the story."
—**Alison Cotes, journalist and arts critic, Brisbane, Australia**



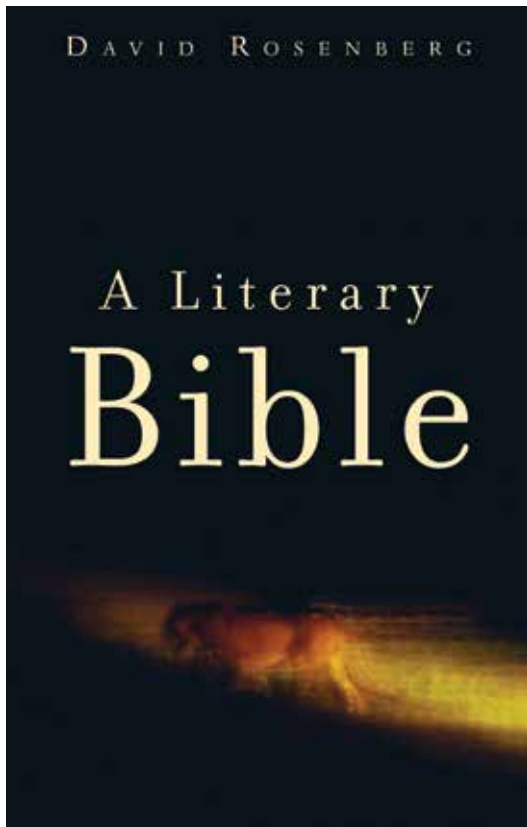
THE FORGOTTEN GOSPELS

The Life and Teaching of
Jesus Supplementary to
the New Testament

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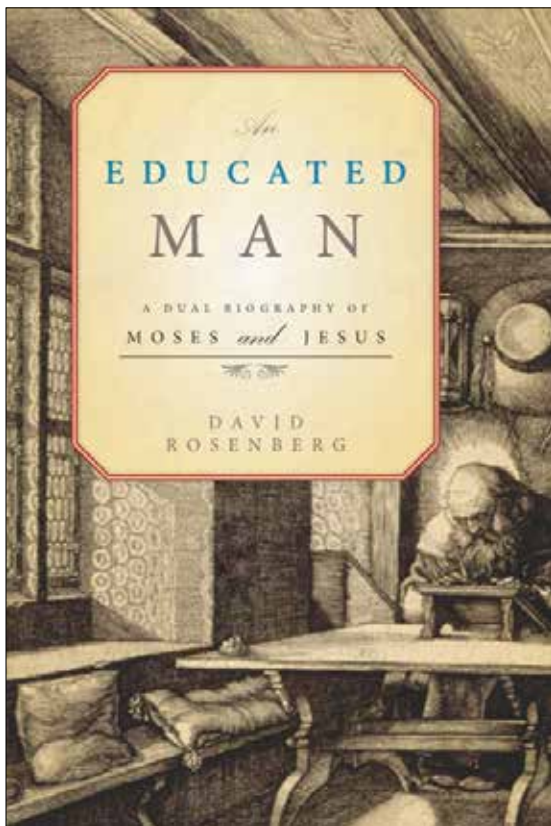
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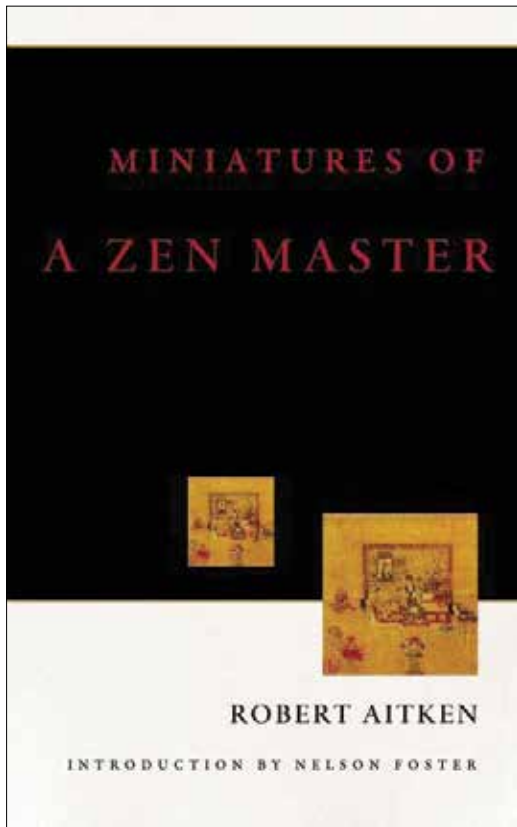
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BUDDHIST &
ZEN STUDIES



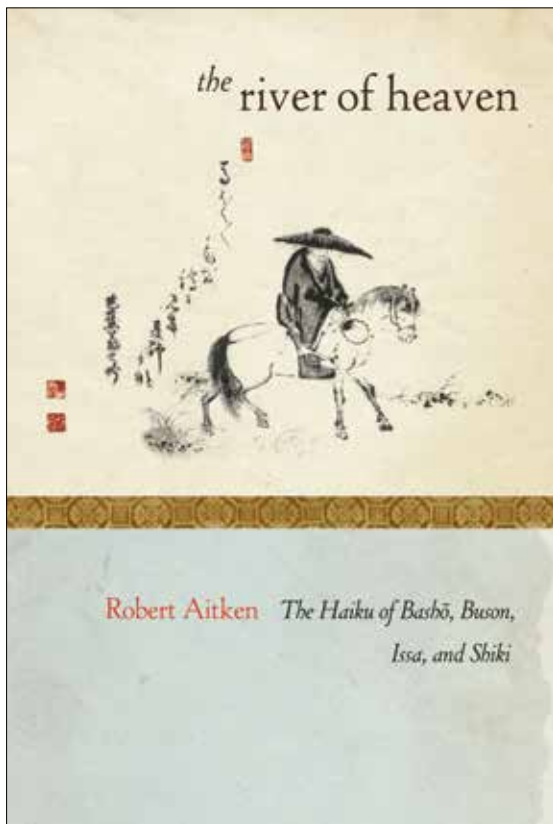
MINIATURES OF A ZEN MASTER

ROBERT AITKEN
WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY NELSON FOSTER

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For more than four decades, Robert Aitken Roshi taught the Buddhist practice of Zen meditation, as well as authored more than a dozen books, including one of the best-loved introductions to Zen Buddhism, *Taking the Path of Zen*. A founder of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, he was a dedicated political activist.

To culminate a remarkable life, ninety-one-year-old Aitken Roshi offered a collection of 266 short texts in *Miniatures of a Zen Master*. Some are parables; others are quotations, memories, and commentaries. Resembling Benjamin Franklin's *Almanac* or the epigrams of Chamfort as much as it does work from ancient sages, these "miniatures" distill a life devoted to teaching and awareness, of being present, showing up, and making a difference.



THE RIVER OF HEAVEN

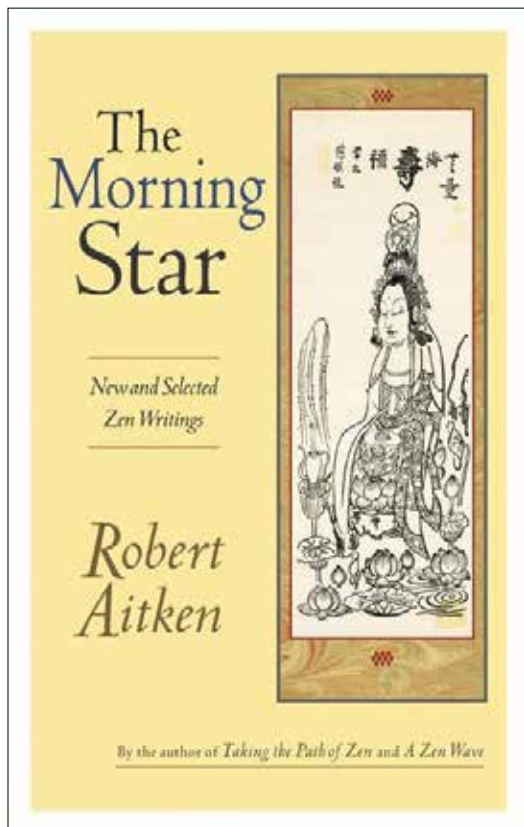
The Haiku of Bashō, Buson,
Issa, and Shiki

ROBERT AITKEN

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Known as the study of quiet stillness and introspection, Zen Buddhism distinguishes itself through brilliant flashes of insight and its terseness of expression. In *The River of Heaven*, these concepts are applied to Haiku, one of the most delicate and interpretive poetic forms.

In this volume, American Zen Roshi Robert Aitken gives new insight into Haiku by poetic masters Bashō, Buson, Issa, and Shiki. In presenting themes from Haiku and from Zen literature, Aitken illuminates the relationship between the two. Readers are certain to find this an invaluable and enjoyable experience for the remarkable revelation it offers: in Haiku as in Buddhism, the silences are as expressive as the words.



THE MORNING STAR

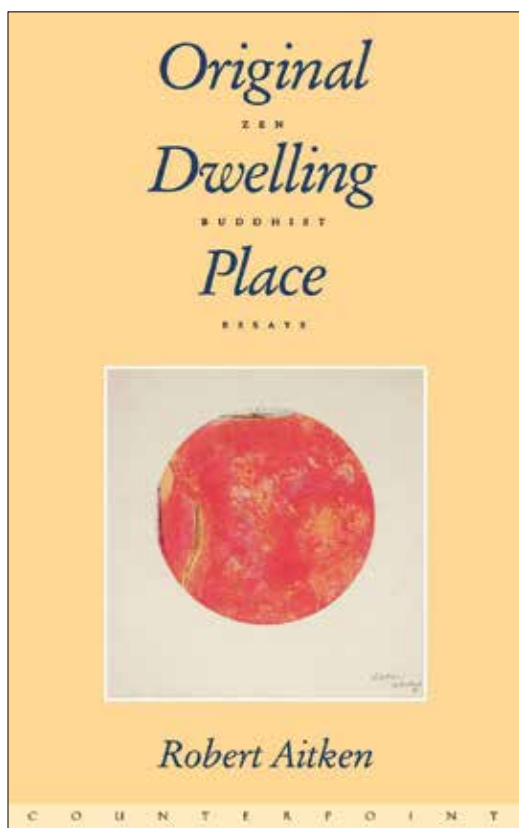
New and Selected Zen Writings

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Having practiced *zazen* for more than half a century, Robert Aitken was one of the senior American Roshis. He converted to Buddhism while a civilian prisoner of the Japanese in World War II, and has since been a leader of establishing Zen Buddhism in the West, including being a founding member of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship.

With material never before collected in book form, *The Morning Star* includes writings from his first book, *A Zen Wave*, and from his collections of essays and poems. The introduction to this volume offers Aitken's latest presentation of Zen practice, addressing the Great Matter from a historical and personal perspective.



ORIGINAL DWELLING PLACE

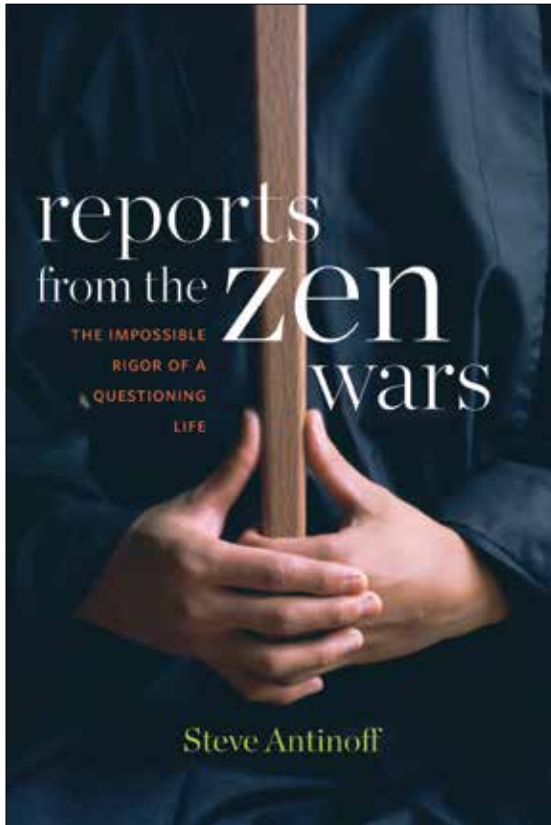
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—*Booklist*



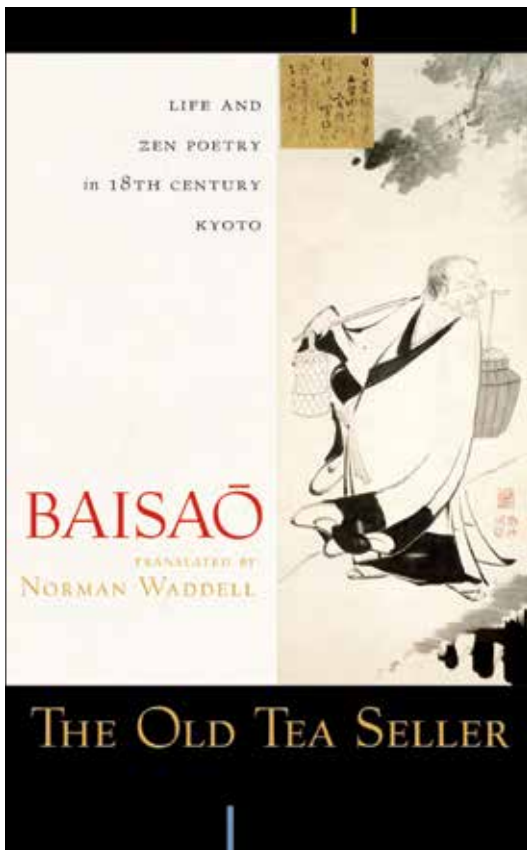
REPORTS FROM THE ZEN WARS

The Impossible Rigor of a Questioning Life

STEVE ANTINOFF

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Four decades ago, Steve Antinoff experienced a “negative satori”: the irrefutable realization of himself as a predicament only enlightenment could resolve. This brought him to Japan, where he lived and studied Zen for fifteen years. There, he encountered various occupants of the Zen world: Toyoshima-san, who astounded and inspired while impaled on a cliff’s edge; Thief, whose yawns and teeth brushing shot sparks of Absolute Meaning; Hisamatsu, who overheard a doctor say he’d be dead in six months, only to awaken ten years later. These are among several portraits in *Reports from the Zen Wars*, Antinoff’s attempt to bear witness to what, for him, has been the price of admission of the lotus position.



THE OLD TEA SELLER

Life and Zen Poetry in 18th-Century Kyoto

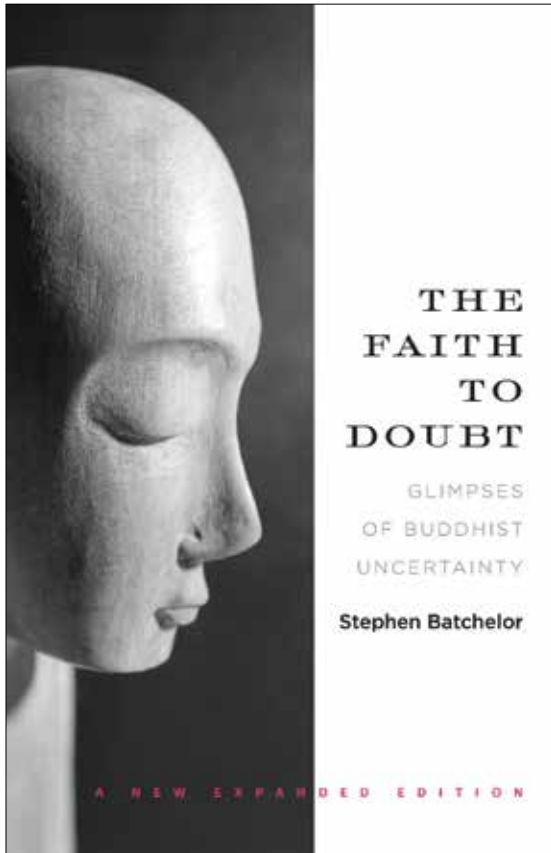
BAISAŌ

TRANSLATED BY NORMAN WADDELL

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Baisaō was an influential and unconventional figure in a culturally rich time in Kyoto. A Buddhist priest, he left temple life behind at the age of forty-nine and traveled to Kyoto, where he began to make his living by selling tea. Yet Baisaō dispensed so much more: though he would never purport to be a Zen master, many influential artists and thinkers considered his shop a religious gathering place.

The Old Tea Seller includes virtually all of Baisaō’s writings, translated for the first time into English, along with the first biography of Baisaō to appear in any language. It establishes Baisaō’s place alongside other Zen-inspired poets such as Bashō and Ryōkan.



THE FAITH TO DOUBT

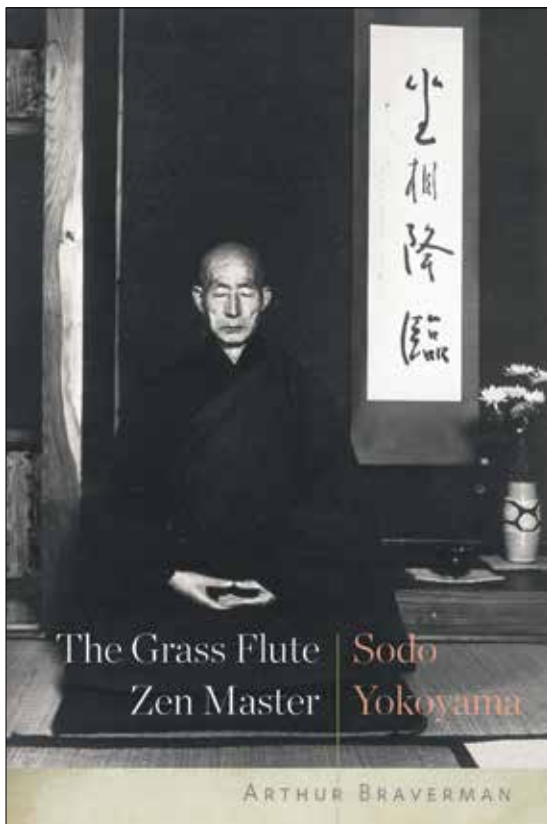
Glimpses of
Buddhist Uncertainty

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In this engaging spiritual memoir, Stephen Batchelor describes his training, first as a Tibetan Buddhist and then as a Zen practitioner, and his spiritual struggles. "It is most uncanny that we are able to ask questions, for to question means to acknowledge that we do not know something . . . It includes a yearning to confront an unknown and illuminate it through understanding. Questioning is a quest."

A contemporary Buddhist teacher and writer, Batchelor is best known for his agnostic approach to Buddhism, arguing that it is a constantly evolving culture rather than an immutable religious system. Through his writings, translations, and teaching, Batchelor engages in a critical exploration of Buddhism's role in the modern world, which has earned him both condemnation as a heretic and praise as a reformer.



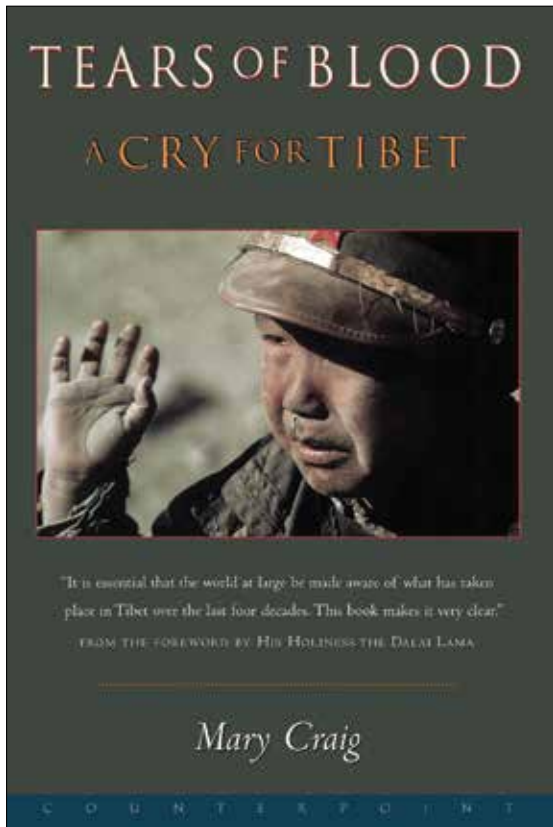
THE GRASS FLUTE ZEN MASTER

Sodo Yokoyama

ARTHUR BRAVERMAN

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Arthur Braverman is an American author and translator, primarily translating from Japanese to English. A Zen Buddhist practitioner, Braverman lived in Japan for seven years and studied at Antai-ji temple in 1969, training under Kōshō Uchiyama. He is the author of several Buddhist biographies, including *Mud and Water: The Teachings of Zen Master Bassui*, *A Quiet Room: Poetry of Zen Master Jakushitsu*, and *Warrior of Zen: The Diamond-Hard Wisdom Mind of Suzuki Shōsan*. He lives in Ojai, California.



TEARS OF BLOOD

A Cry for Tibet

MARY CRAIG

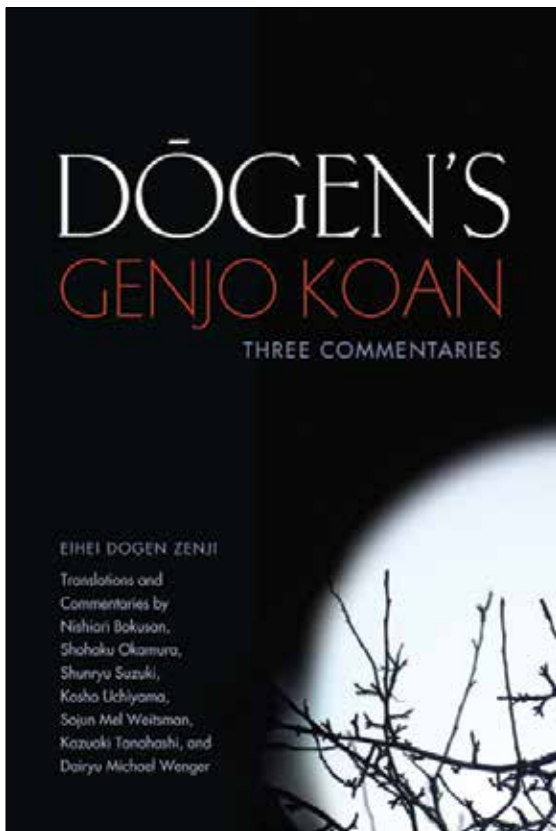
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"It is essential that the world at large be made aware of what has taken place in Tibet over the last four decades. This book makes it very clear."

—from the Foreword by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

"A necessary look at the heartbreaking story of a culture now on the verge of extinction . . . [A] powerful testament to fifty years of suffering."

—*St. Petersburg Times*



DŌGEN'S GENJO KOAN

Three Commentaries

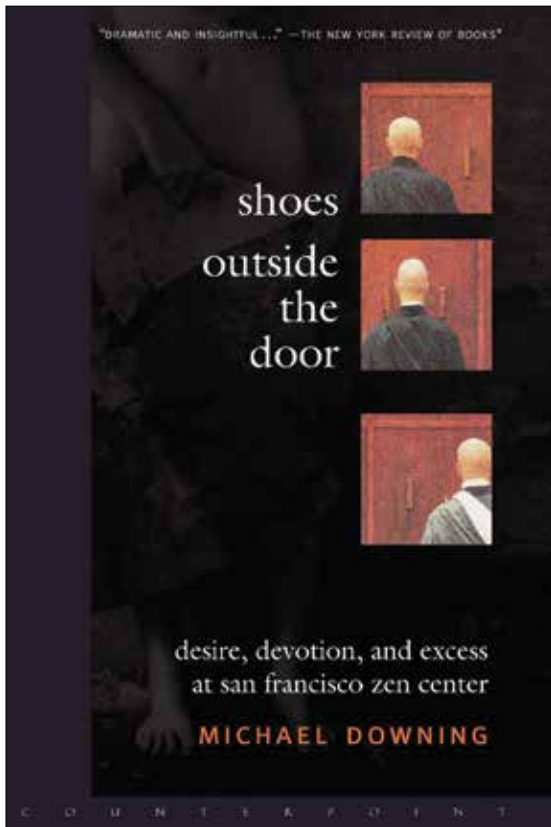
EIHEI DŌGEN

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One of the greatest religious practitioners and philosophers, Eihei Dōgen Zenji is considered the founder of the Sōtō school of Zen. A deep thinker and writer, he produced what is now thought to be one of the highest manifestations of Buddhist philosophy. *Dōgen's Genjo Koan* is the first chapter in that book, and for many followers it is thought of as one of the groundwork texts of Zen Buddhism.

This unique edition of *Dōgen's Genjo Koan* contains three separate translations, as well as several commentaries by a variety of Zen masters. Nishiari Bokusan, Shohaku Okamura, Shunryu Suzuki, Kosho Uchiyama, Sojun Mel Weitsman, Kazuaki Tanahashi, and Dairyu Michael Wenger all have contributed to this remarkable book.



SHOES OUTSIDE THE DOOR

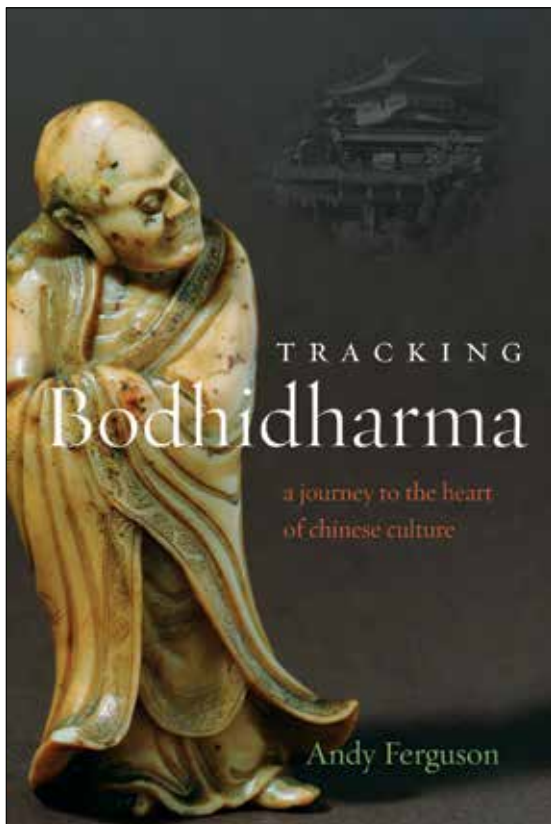
Desire, Devotion, and Excess at San Francisco Zen Center

MICHAEL DOWNING

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“Why did the richest, most influential, highest-flying Zen center in America crash and burn in 1983? Novelist Michael Downing wondered the same thing, and after three years of interviewing members and poring over documents, his *Shoes Outside the Door* tells the story. Womanizing, BMW-driving Richard Baker was the abbot and visionary behind the rapid growth of the San Francisco Zen Center . . . Working with direct quotations from students and workers of the Center and its many enterprises, Downing delivers a page-turning exposé of a community that is as laudable as it is laughable.”

—Brian Bruya, associate professor, philosophy,
Eastern Michigan University and Center Associate at
the University of Michigan’s Center for Chinese Studies



TRACKING BODHIDHARMA

A Journey to the Heart of Chinese Culture

ANDY FERGUSON

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In *Tracking Bodhidharma*, Andrew Ferguson re-creates the path of Bodhidharma, traveling through China to the places where the founder of Zen Buddhism lived and taught, where he explores the origins of Chan [Zen] Buddhism, Bodhidharma’s cultural aftermath, and the stories of a man who shaped a civilization.

Tracking Bodhidharma offers a previously unheard perspective on the life of Zen’s most important religious leader, while showing how that history is relevant to the rapidly developing superpower of present-day China. By placing Zen Buddhism within the country’s political landscape, Ferguson presents the religion as a catalyst for some of China’s most revolutionary moments, as well as the ancient spiritual core of the country.



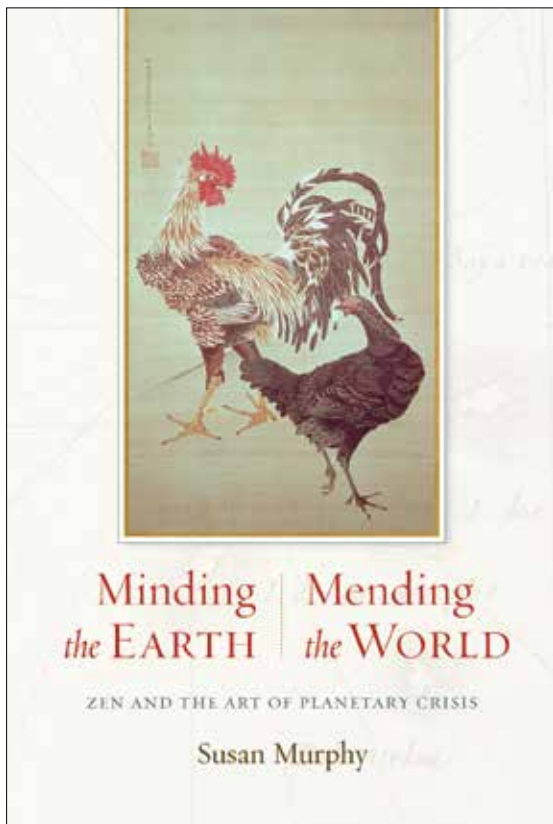
ARE WE THERE YET?

A Zen Journey
Through Space and Time

PETER MATTHIESSEN
AND PETER CUNNINGHAM

Zen • Trade Paperback • 9781582436302
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In 1982, writer Peter Matthiessen, the first dharma successor of Roshi Bernie Glassman, traveled with Glassman to pay respects to the teachers in their lineage, some of the great living Zen masters of twentieth-century Japan. What took place was an important meeting of minds representing the past, present, and future of Zen practice, an intimate connection between ancestors and descendants marking a critical point in the Zen journey from the East to the West. This historic event was captured in the moment by the selective lens of Peter Cunningham. Matthiessen's exquisite poetic accounts of this pilgrimage accompany the photos of *Are We There Yet?*



MINDING THE EARTH, MENDING THE WORLD

Zen and the Art
of Planetary Crisis

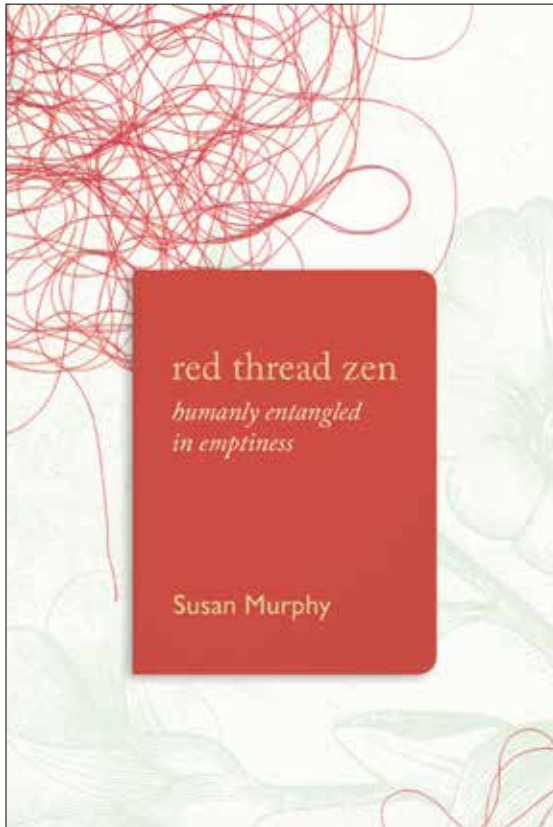
SUSAN MURPHY

Environmental Conservation • Trade Paperback • 9781619023048
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—*The Shambhala Sun*

We know that our earth is in crisis, but is the situation beyond repair? Are we on a path of planetary disaster where the only proper response is to prepare for a melancholic dystopian future? Is there a way out of our suspicious cynicism? In the tradition of Thomas Berry, Susan Murphy offers a profound message that engaged Buddhism provides a possible path to the necessary repair and healing.



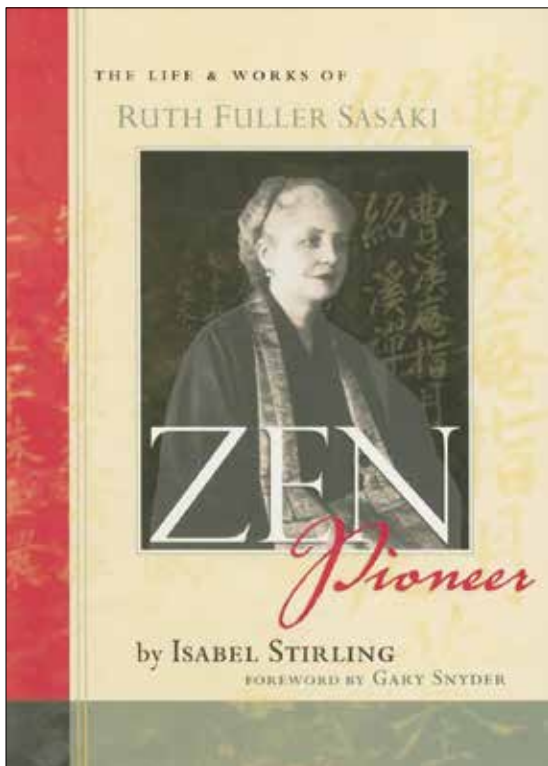
RED THREAD ZEN

Humanly Entangled
in Emptiness

SUSAN MURPHY

Philosophy • Trade Paperback • 9781619027831
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Love, attachment, the passions, gender, carnality, birth, bodily being, mortality, belonging, suffering, hope, despair, personhood, imagination, vitality, the struggle to be fully human—how do these things dwell wholly in emptiness? How do we reconcile their vivid life with “nothingness”? *Red Thread Zen* explores every corner of the magnificent koan of being “still attached to the red thread,” or “line of tears.” Here, Susan Murphy argues against the bloodless and socially disengaged form of “Buddhism” that is generally being gestated in the West, one that shades too readily into the blandest of bland self-help.



ZEN PIONEER

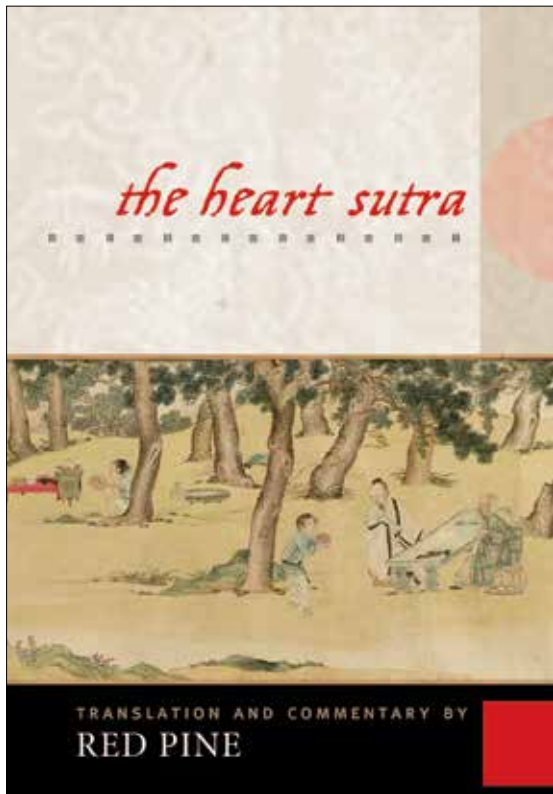
The Life and Works of
Ruth Fuller Sasaki

ISABEL STIRLING

WITH A FOREWORD BY GARY SNYDER

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“[Isabel Stirling] crisply portrays the famously rigorous Sasaki, whose ordination broke every Zen taboo against women and foreigners . . . Accompanied by a vivid foreword by poet Gary Snyder, who worked with Sasaki, and three of Sasaki’s invaluable treatises, this meticulous and fascinating volume celebrates a visionary scholar, translator, and bridge builder.”
—*Booklist* (starred review)



THE HEART SUTRA

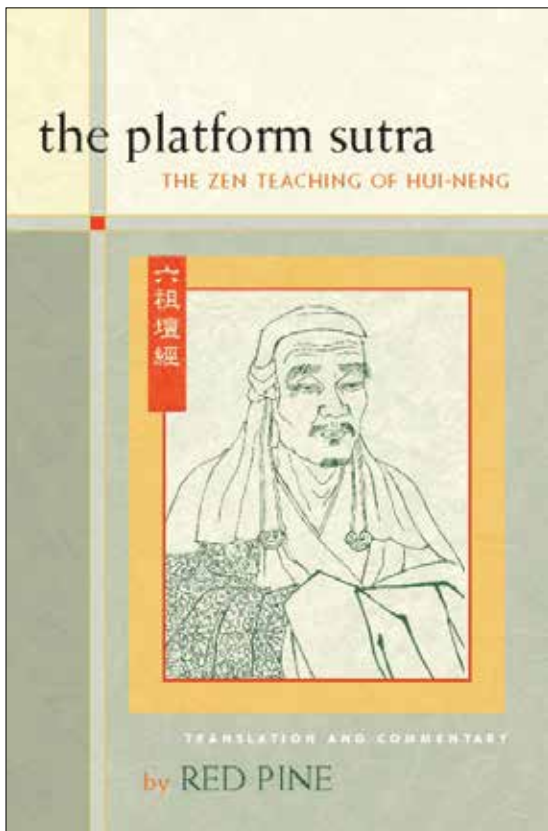
TRANSLATED BY RED PINE

Zen Buddhism • Trade Paperback • 9781593760823
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"A meticulous line-by-line interpretation that has radically deepened readers' understanding of not only the sutra but also Buddhism's underlying structure."

—*Booklist*

For this new English translation, Red Pine (Bill Porter), award-winning translator of Chinese poetry and religious texts, has refined the teachings of dozens of ancient teachers together with his own commentary to offer a profound word-for-word explication. Divided into four parts and broken into thirty-five lines to make it easier to study or chant, and containing a glossary of names, terms, and texts, *The Heart Sutra* is a wise book of deep teaching destined to become the standard edition of this timeless statement of Mahayana truth.



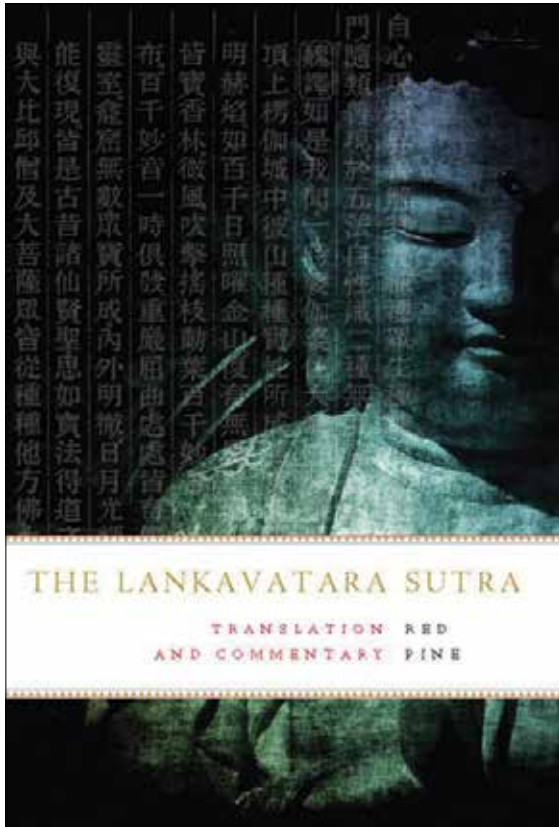
THE PLATFORM SUTRA

The Zen Teaching of Hui-neng

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Zen Buddhism • Trade Paperback • 9781593761776
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The Platform Sutra occupies a central place in Zen (Ch'an) Buddhist instruction for students and spiritual seekers worldwide. However, unlike the other sutras, which transcribe the teachings of the Buddha himself, *The Platform Sutra* presents the life and work of Hui-neng, the controversial sixth patriarch of Zen, and his understanding of the fundamentals of a spiritual and practical life. Red Pine (Bill Porter) offers a sensitive, straightforward, and solid translation of this vital Buddhist text. His remarkable insight and commentary provide a guiding hand for seekers and students alike in their quest for dharma.



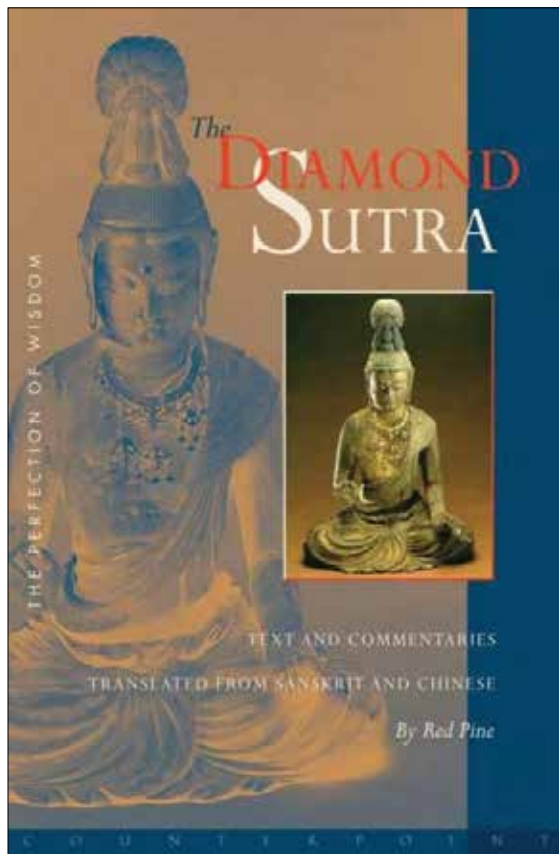
THE LANKAVATARA SUTRA

Translation and Commentary

TRANSLATED BY RED PINE

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About the translator: Red Pine (Bill Porter) was born in Los Angeles in 1943 and attended graduate school at Columbia University. He is an acclaimed translator, and his published works include three major Buddhist texts: *The Platform Sutra*, *The Diamond Sutra*, and *The Heart Sutra*. He is also the author of *Zen Baggage* and *Road to Heaven: Encounters with Chinese Hermits*. Red Pine has lived in Taiwan and Hong Kong, and has traveled extensively in China, visiting Zen temples and seeking out hermits. He lives in Port Townsend, Washington.



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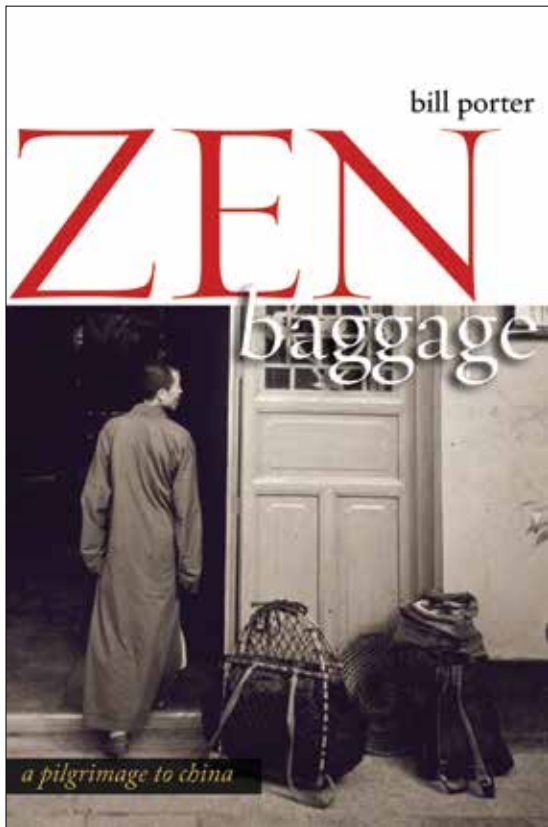
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ZEN BAGGAGE

A Pilgrimage to China

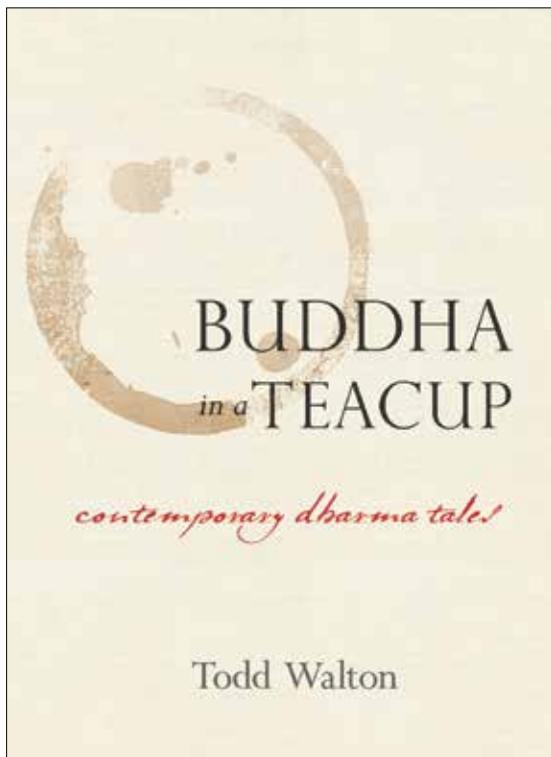
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In 2006, Bill Porter traveled through the heart of China on a pilgrimage to sites associated with the first six patriarchs of Zen. In *Zen Baggage*, Bill Porter takes readers to places few Westerners have ever ventured, weaving together historical background, interviews, and translations of the earliest known records of Zen along with personal vignettes into a fascinating tale of discovery.



BUDDHA IN A TEACUP

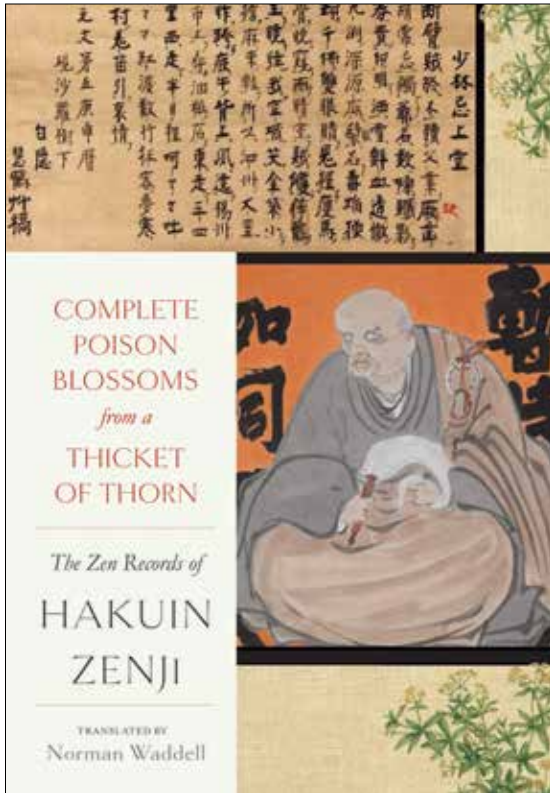
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COMPLETE POISON BLOSSOMS FROM A THICKET OF THORN

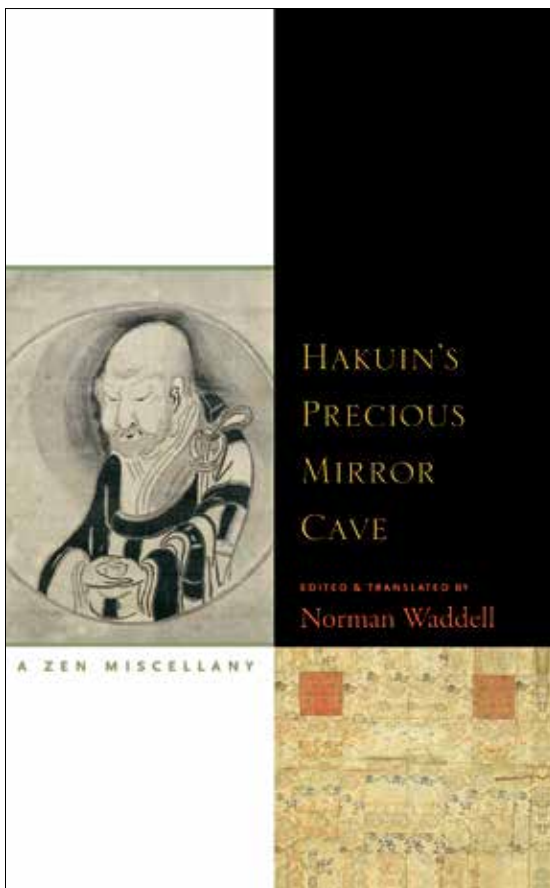
The Zen Records
of Hakuin Zenji

HAKUIN ZENJI

EDITED AND TRANSLATED BY NORMAN WADDELL

Zen • Hardcover • 9781619029316
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After publishing just over half of the original text in 2014, Norman Waddell now presents the complete teaching record of Zen master Hakuin for the first time in English, with extensive explanations, notes, and wry comments that students attending Hakuin's lectures had inscribed in their texts.



HAKUIN'S PRECIOUS MIRROR CAVE

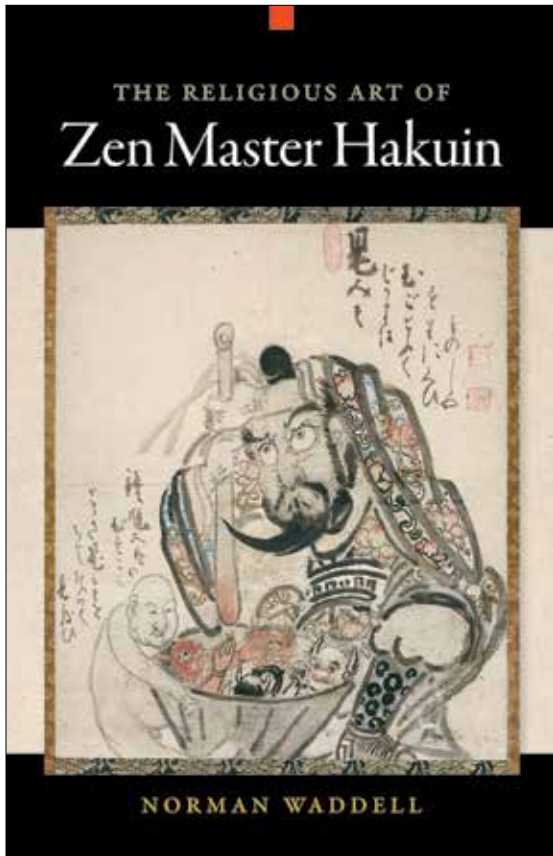
A Zen Miscellany

HAKUIN ZENJI

TRANSLATED BY NORMAN WADDELL

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Norman Waddell has devoted a large part of his life to translating and publishing work by and about Hakuin. This collection of six diverse and independent works contains five pieces never before translated into English, some of which have been—until quite recently—unknown, even in Japan. A rich and various gathering, the offerings here will be important to seasoned practitioners as well as attractive to newcomers to Zen and spiritual seekers of all faiths.



THE RELIGIOUS ART OF ZEN MASTER HAKUIN

HAKUIN ZENJI

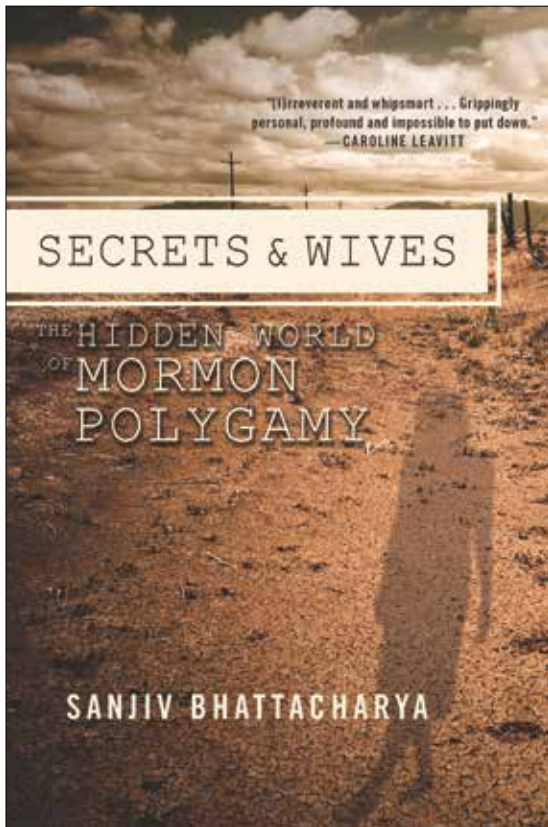
COMMENTARY BY KATSUHIRO YOSHIKAWA,
TRANSLATED BY NORMAN WADDELL

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An extraordinary Zen teacher, Hakuin (1686–1769) is credited with almost single-handedly reforming and revitalizing Japanese Zen. What made Hakuin even more remarkable was that he was not only a religious teacher but also a prolific artist, using calligraphy and painting to create “visual Dharma.”

The Religious Art of Zen Master Hakuin is a stunning volume containing many of Hakuin’s finest calligraphies and paintings, along with commentary by Katsuhiko Yoshizawa, the leading Japanese expert on Hakuin and his work. At times he closely examines each stroke of a portrait—which include depictions of peddlers, panhandlers, and beggars—and provides a richly detailed documentary of the life and lessons of one of Zen’s most respected teachers.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES



SECRETS AND WIVES

The Hidden World of Mormon Polygamy

SANJIV BHATTACHARYA

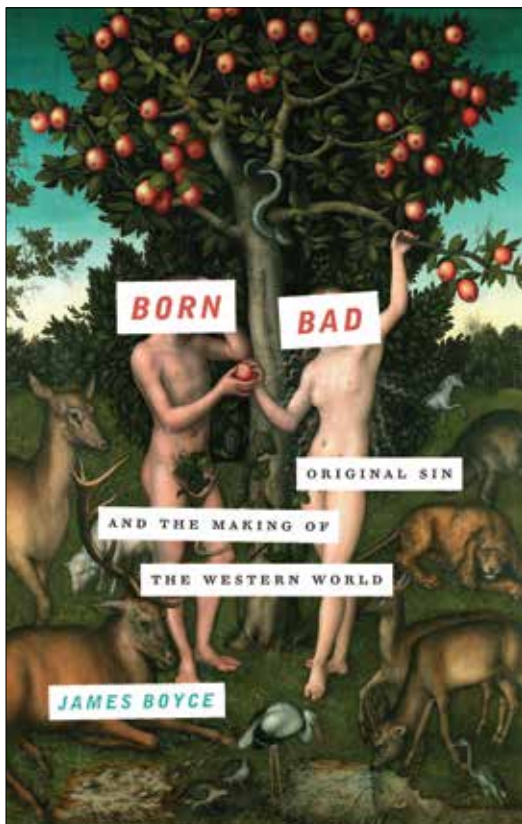
Fundamentalism • Trade Paperback • 9781593764081
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"Many of us recognize the stock images of polygamy: the child brides from isolated compounds, like the Yearning for Zion ranch, and the suburban homemakers on television, yearning for their husbands. In *Secrets and Wives: The Hidden World of Mormon Polygamy*, British journalist Sanjiv Bhattacharya pushes past these caricatures to show what Mormon polygamists are really like."

—*Slate*

"Though fundamentalist Mormon polygamy is portrayed in a benign light on TV (e.g., *Big Love*), the reality is for the most part much grimmer . . . This is a riveting read for both Bhattacharya's wry and heartfelt style and the nature of the material."

—*Library Journal*



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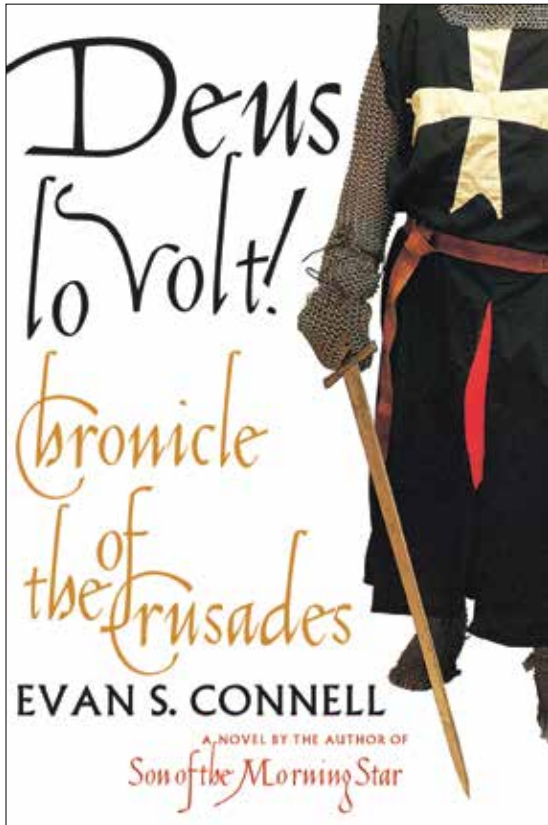
—*Washington Book Review*

"[*Born Bad*] makes a compelling argument . . . An engrossing study . . . This is an exceptional, highly recommended work, innovative and creative in surprising ways."

—*Publishers Weekly (starred review)*

"James Boyce has . . . written a brilliant and exhilarating work of popular scholarship."

—*The Washington Post*



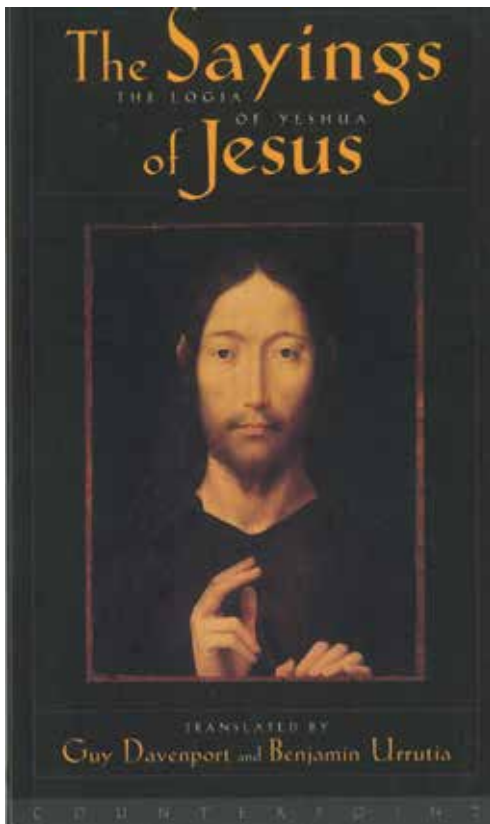
DEUS LO VOLT!

Chronicle of the Crusades

EVAN S. CONNELL

Fiction • Trade Paperback • 9781582431406
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Thanks to the big screen, Evan S. Connell may be best known for *Mr. Bridge* and *Mrs. Bridge*, his-and-hers novels in which he recorded the tribulations of a Midwestern family. But Connell is no mere purveyor of WASPish minimalism. His greatest accomplishment to date is probably *Son of the Morning Star*, an account of Custer's foolish and fatal engagement at Little Big Horn, and *Deus lo Volt!* is cut from a similar historical cloth. This time, however, Connell has chosen a lengthier (and bloodier) conflict for his subject: Christendom's crusade against the Muslims.



THE LOGIA OF YESHUA

The Sayings of Jesus

EDITED BY GUY DAVENPORT,
TRANSLATED BY DAVENPORT AND
BENJAMIN URRUTIA

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—*Booklist*



JESUITS

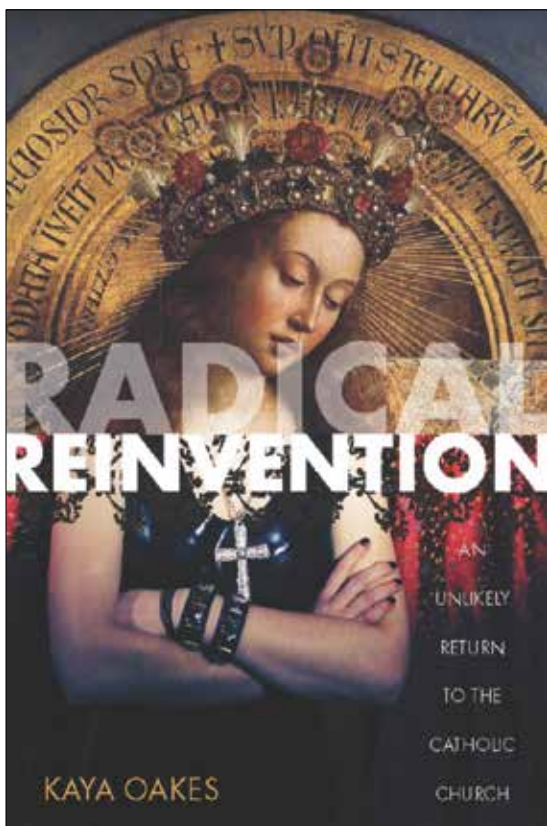
A Multibiography

JEAN LACOUTURE

History / Christianity • Trade Paperback • 9781887178600
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“Quite apart from its obvious appeal as an informative history of the Jesuit order, this ‘multibiography’ (first published in French in 1991) is a collection of entertaining stories that will appeal even to audiences that do not have a special interest in Jesuit history . . . Insofar as particular stories of particular people and places are the best sources of global insight, this is an especially valuable work. It includes a helpful chronology and an excellent basic bibliography.”

—*Booklist*



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An Unlikely Return to the Catholic Church

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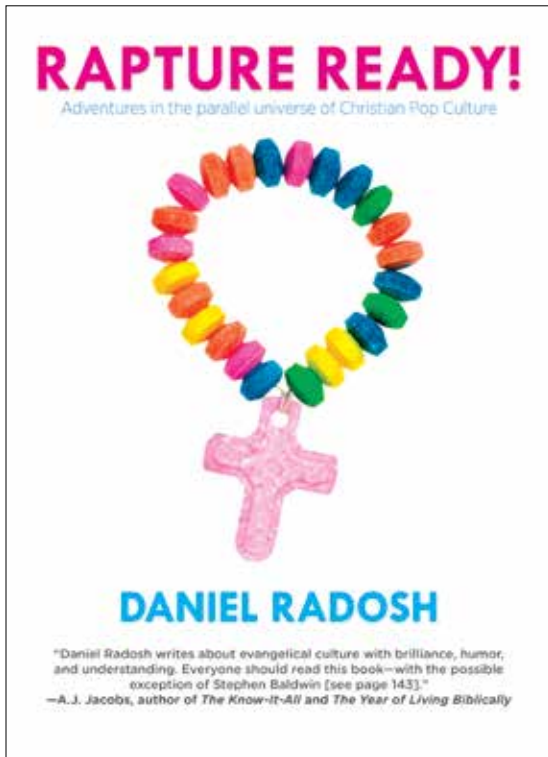
—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“Honestly, humorously, and irreverently recounted . . . A clarion call for an institution’s radical reinvention.”

—*Booklist*

“[An] uneasy entry back into the Catholic church, with plenty of F-bombs thrown in for good effect.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*



RAPTURE READY!

Adventures in the
Parallel Universe of
Christian Pop Culture

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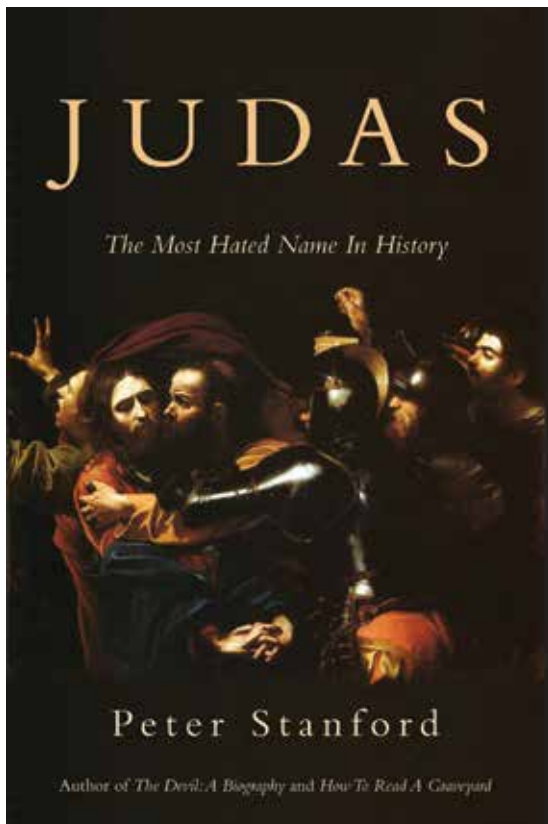
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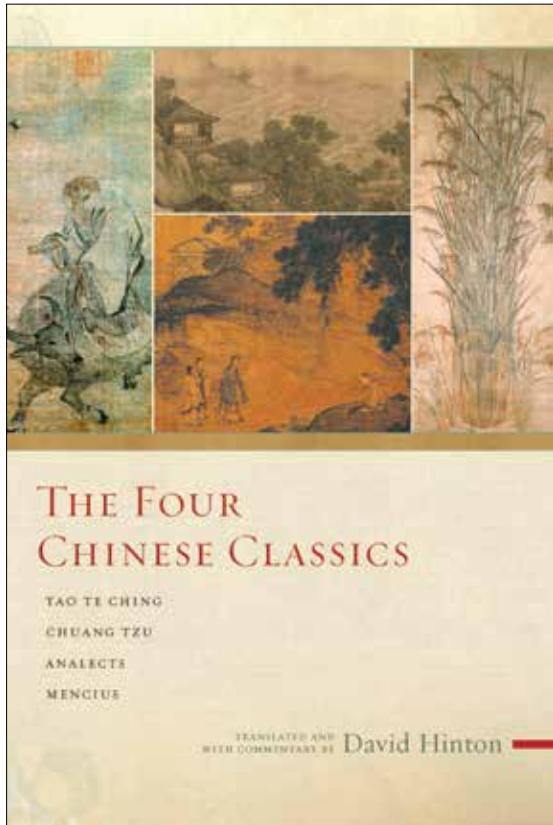
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—*Catholic Herald*

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—*Church of England Newspaper*

EAST ASIAN,
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TRADITIONS



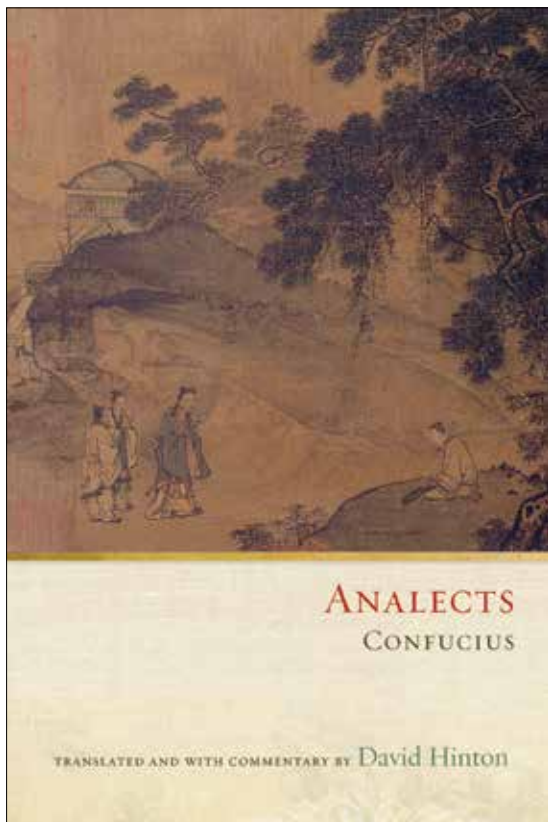
THE FOUR CHINESE CLASSICS

Tao Te Ching, Chuang Tzu, Analects, Mencius

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The books collected in this volume represent the first time since the mid-nineteenth century that the four seminal masterworks of ancient Chinese thought have been translated as a unified series by a single translator. David Hinton's award-winning experience translating a wide range of ancient Chinese poets makes these books sing in English as never before. But these new versions are not only inviting and immensely readable, they also apply much-needed consistency to key philosophical terms in these texts, lending structural links and philosophical rigor heretofore unavailable in English. Breathing new life into these ordinary classics, Hinton's new translations will stand as the definitive texts for our era.



ANALECTS

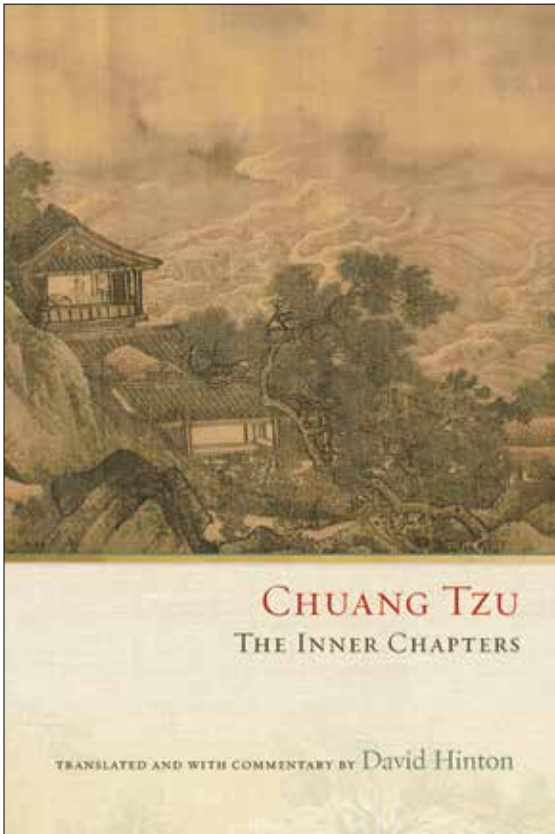
CONFUCIUS

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"Hinton has established himself as the premier Chinese translator of our generation . . . He is a national treasure."
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About the translator: David Hinton has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, numerous fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and both of the major awards given for poetry translation in the United States: the Landon Translation Award and the PEN Translation Award.



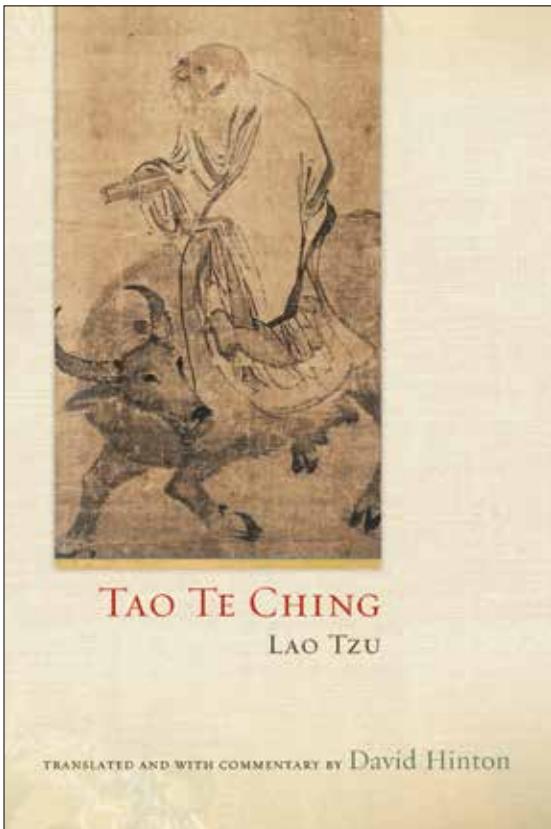
CHUANG TZU

The Inner Chapters

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Revered for millennia in the Chinese spiritual tradition, *Chuang Tzu* stands alongside the *Tao Te Ching* as a founding classic of Taoism. But this is an ancient text that yields a surprisingly modern effect. In bold and startling prose, David Hinton's translation captures the "zany texture and philosophical abandon" of the original. On their deepest level, the Inner Chapters are a meditation on the mysteries of knowledge itself. "Chuang Tzu's propositions," the translator's introduction reminds us, "seem to be in constant transformation, for he deploys words and concepts only to free us of words and concepts." Hinton's vital new translation makes this ancient text from the golden age of Chinese philosophy come alive for contemporary readers.



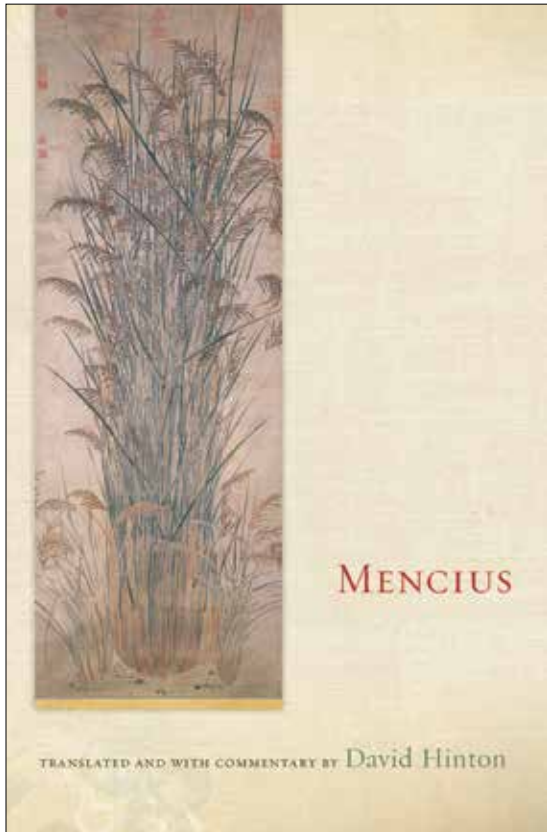
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LAO TZU

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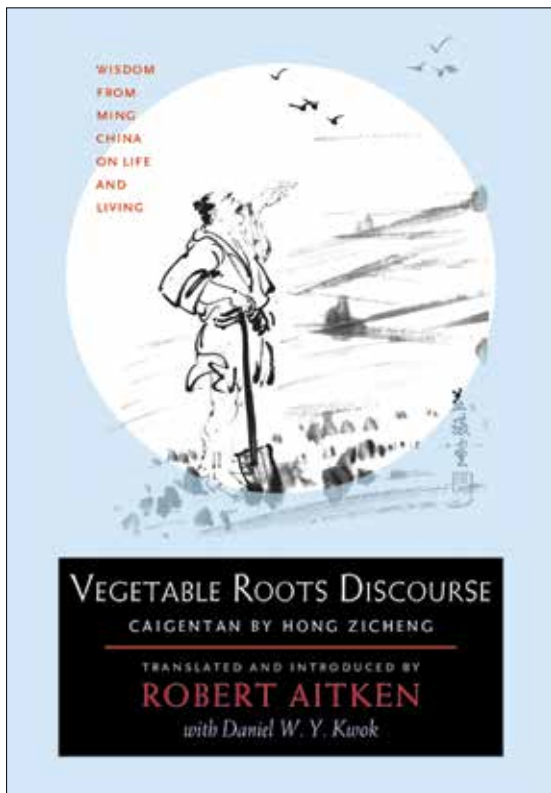


MENCIUS

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LEGENDS OF THE FIRE SPIRITS

Jinn and Genies from
Arabia to Zanzibar

ROBERT LEBLING
WITH A FOREWORD BY TAHIR SHAH

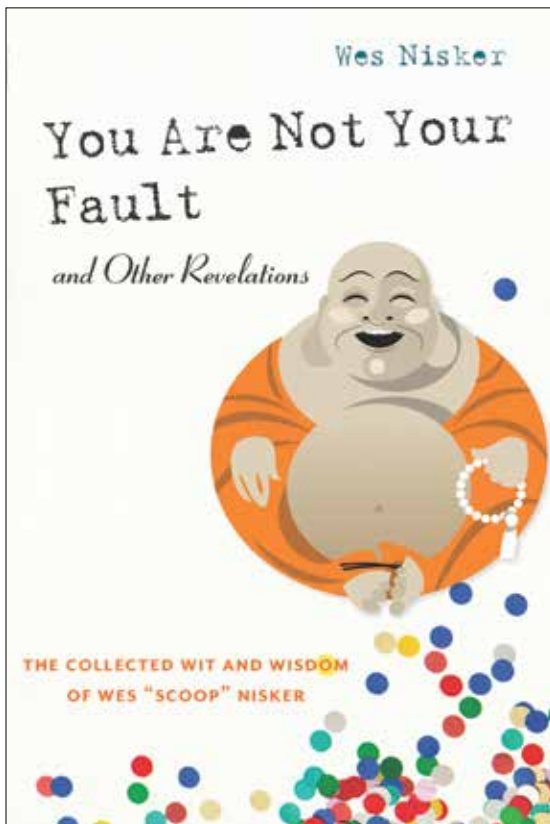
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YOU ARE NOT YOUR FAULT AND OTHER REVELATIONS

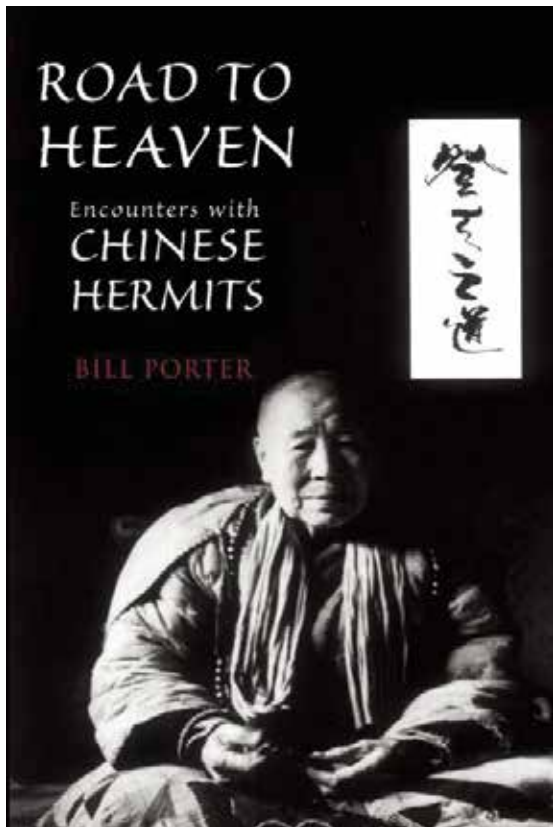
The Collected Wit and
Wisdom of Wes "Scoop" Nisker

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About the author: Wes "Scoop" Nisker is the author of the enduring classic *Crazy Wisdom* and the widely acclaimed *Buddha's Nature*. He is the editor of the Buddhist journal *Inquiring Mind*. A San Francisco celebrity, having been on Bay Area radio for more than twenty-five years, Nisker is a teacher of Buddhist meditation and philosophy. He lives in Berkeley.



ROAD TO HEAVEN

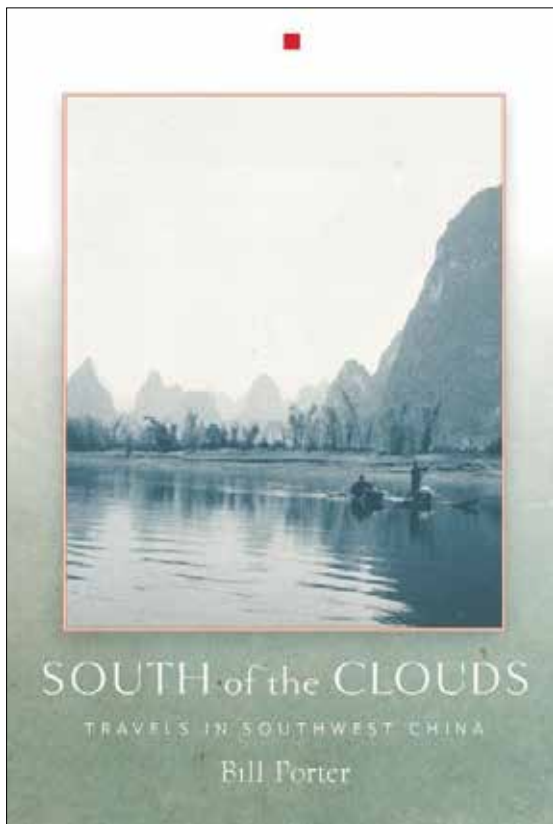
Encounters with Chinese Hermits

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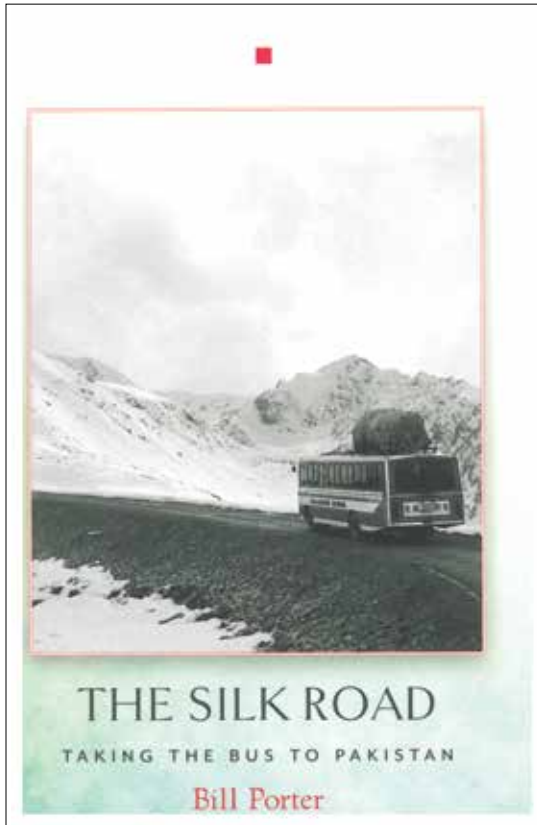
—*Library Journal*

"Porter uses his personal charm and fluency of the language to uncover hidden gems . . . His journal-like entries will spark curiosity about this varied region, filled with warm and very human inhabitants."

—*Booklist*

"The journey is absorbing . . . As satisfying as any trip by Paul Theroux."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



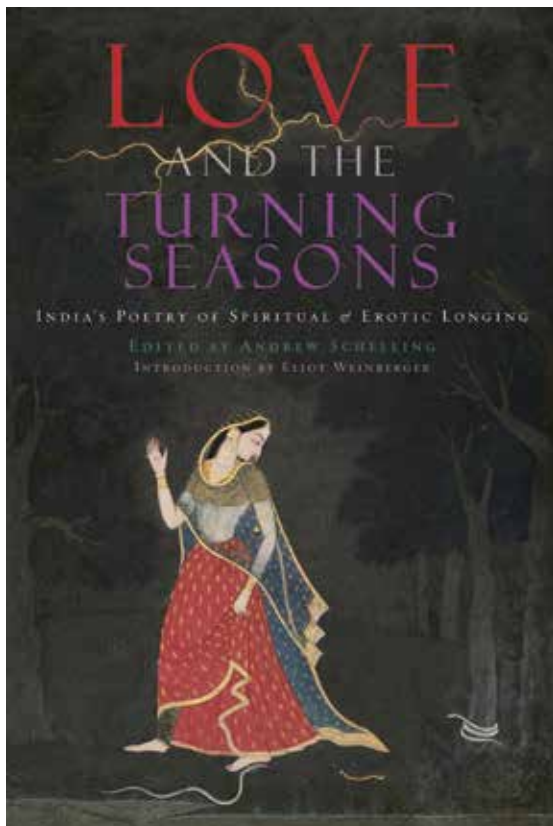
THE SILK ROAD

Taking the Bus to Pakistan

BILL PORTER

Eastern Studies • Trade Paperback • 9781619027107
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The Silk Road is the second of a three-book memoir series about Bill Porter's travels in and around China. With an eye for cultural idiosyncrasies and a vast knowledge of history, Porter continues to make his mark as an expert and travel writer.



LOVE AND THE TURNING SEASONS

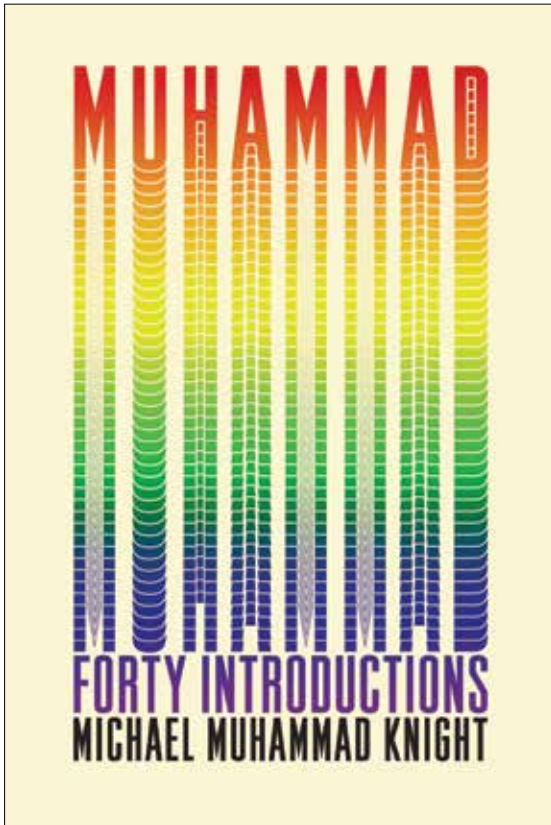
India's Poetry of Spiritual &
Erotic Longing

EDITED BY ANDREW SCHELLING
WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY ELIOT WEINBERGER

Poetry / Indian • Trade Paperback • 9781619024717
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Love and the Turning Seasons spans 2,500 years and includes work originally sung or recited by India's well-known bards: Kabir, Mirabai, Lal ded, Vidyapati, and Tagore. There are also poems from the *Upanishads*, ancient sanskrit poetry, and punjabi folk lyrics. Andrew Schelling has drawn on the work of twenty-four other translators, including Ezra Pound, Robert Bly, W. S. Merwin, Jane Hirschfield, and Denise Levertov, to build the finest anthology of India's erotic and spiritual poetry ever assembled for the general reader.

ISLAMIC STUDIES



MUHAMMAD

Forty Introductions

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

History / Islam • Trade Paperback • 9781593761479
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Available July 2018

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BLUE-EYED DEVIL

A Road Odyssey Through
Islamic America

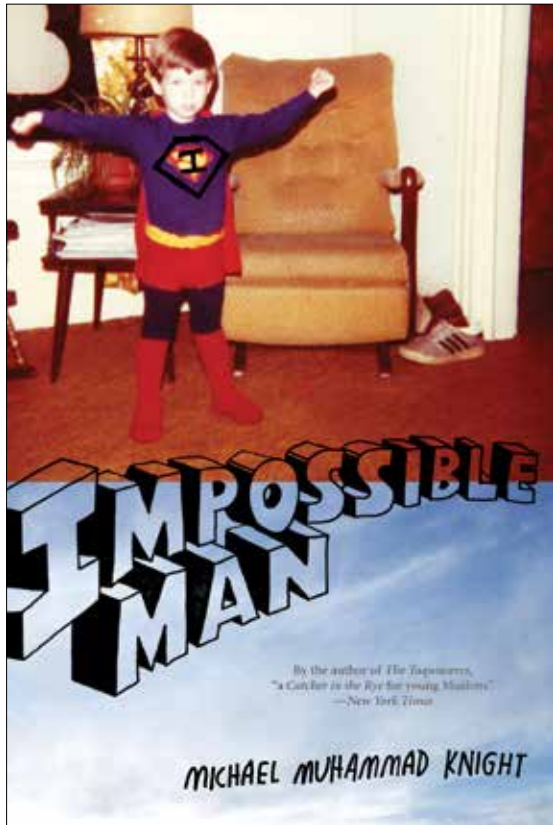
MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

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"In the end you realize Knight has grown dramatically during his odyssey, and this is what makes this tale so fascinating. Rarely does a reader get to share an author's actual personal transformation page by page—it is an intimate experience."

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In *Blue-Eyed Devil*, Michael Muhammad Knight embarks on a quest for an indigenous American Islam. Traveling 20,000 miles by Greyhound bus in sixty days, he squats in run-down mosques, pursues Muslim romance, is detained at the U.S.–Canadian border with a trunkload of Shia literature, crashes Islamic Society of North America conventions, stink-palms Cat Stevens, and limps across Chicago to find the grave of Noble Drew Ali, filling dozens of notebooks along the way.



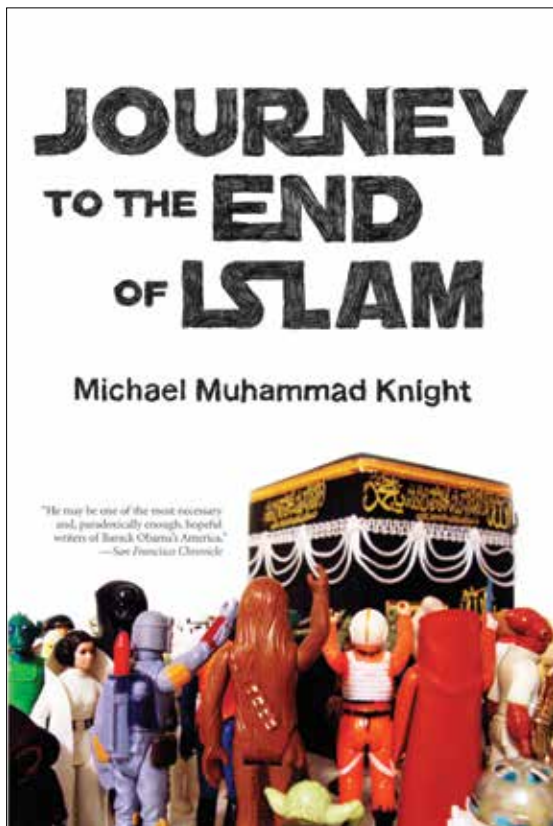
IMPOSSIBLE MAN

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

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"Knight's unconventional coming-of-age memoir combines the familial pathos of Augusten Burroughs with a religious awakening narrative borrowed from Malcolm X. The result is a coherent and entertaining work . . . Knight offers an engaging story of Islamic conversion and questioning, which focuses on the universal vulnerability of being an intelligent and confused child and teenager with a dysfunctional family . . . While most readers probably wouldn't want to experience much of what Knight puts himself through (a subplot involving his love of wrestling leads to some brutal descriptions of thumbtack-related injuries), the book's welcoming spirit and brash sense of transgression make the pain well worth it."

—*Publishers Weekly*

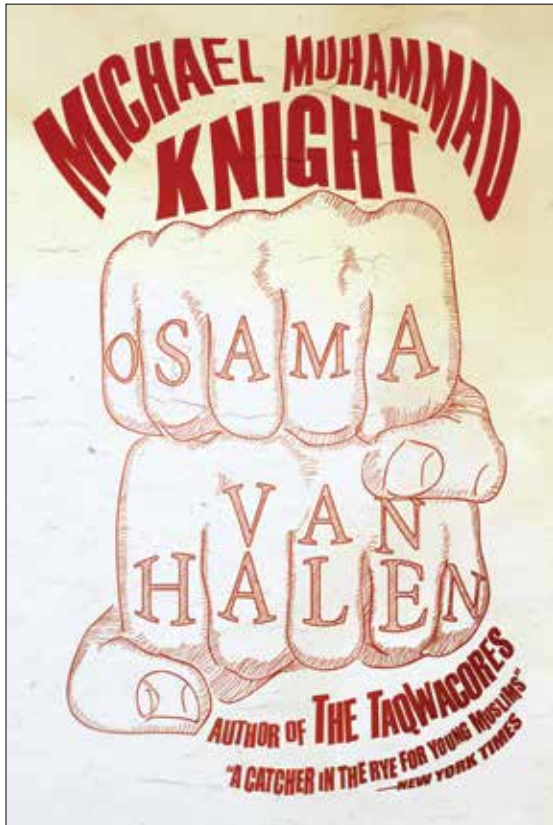


JOURNEY TO THE END OF ISLAM

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

Current Events / Islam • Trade Paperback • 9781593762469
\$16.95 • 360 pages • 5.6" x 8.2" • Ebook available

In *Journey to the End of Islam*, Michael Muhammad Knight—whose work has led to his being hailed as both the Jack Kerouac and Hunter S. Thompson of American Islam—wanders through Muslim countries, navigating conflicting visions of his religion. Visiting holy sites in Pakistan, Syria, Egypt, and Ethiopia, Knight engages both the puritanical Islam promoted by Saudi globalization and the heretical strands of popular folk Islam. The conflict of "global" and "local" Islam speaks to Knight's own experience approaching the Islamic world as a uniquely American Muslim. What results is a struggle to separate the spiritual from the political, Knight searching for a personal relationship to Islam in the context of how it's defined by the external world.



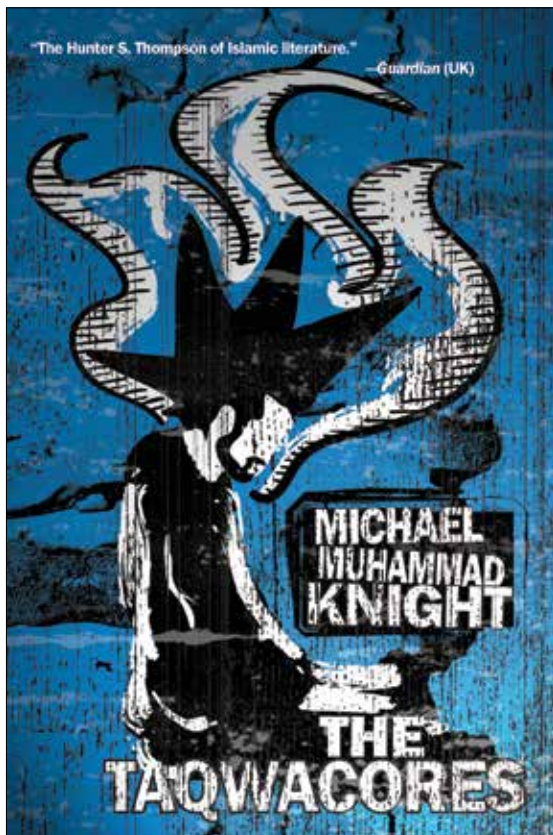
OSAMA VAN HALEN

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

Fiction • Trade Paperback • 9781593762421
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In *Osama Van Halen*, Amazing Ayyub, an Iranian Shi'ite skinhead, and Rabeya, a burqa-wearing punk, have kidnapped Matt Damon and are holding him hostage. They demand that Hollywood depict Muslims in a positive light—"just one movie where we're not these two-dimensional al Qaeda stereotypes."

Meanwhile, Ayyub embarks on a mission to rid the taqwacore scene of a Muslim pop-punk band called Shah 79. Along the way, he makes himself invisible, escapes punk-eating zombies in a mosque off the desert highway, and runs into some psychobilly jinns. Things turn existential when Ayyub finds himself face-to-face with his creator—no, not Allah, but the author.



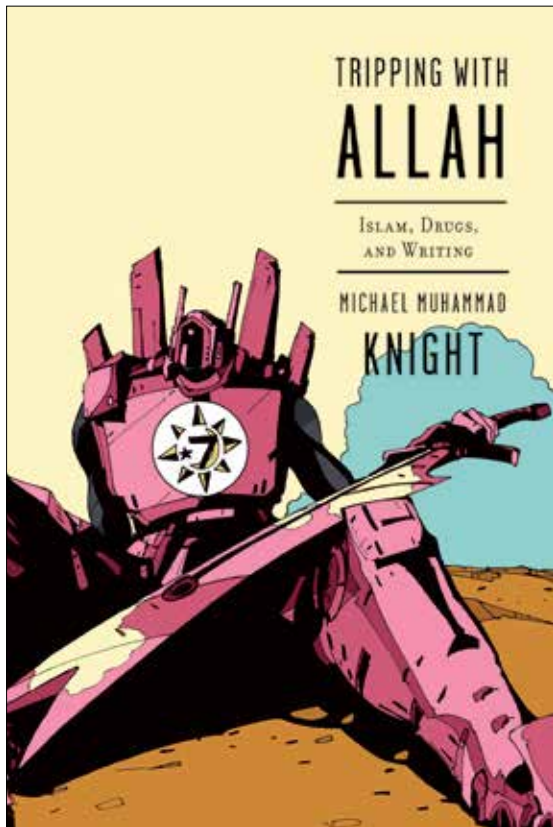
THE TAQWACORES

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

Fiction • Trade Paperback • 9781593762292
\$13.95 • 256 pages • 4.5" x 7" • Ebook available

"Compels the reader instantly. . . This is [. . .] a true brother to *Howl* and *On the Road* with Jehangir Tabari as Dean Moriarty and Yusef Ali as Sal Paradise. . . Knight has given us something wonderful: Introductory Islam (a dictionary and Islam reference are essential companions for readers unfamiliar with Islamic terminology), a head-on clash of punk and the Quran."
—*Bookslut*

"Not many people can say they created a music movement out of thin air, but one of the few who can is Michael Muhammad Knight, a writer whose 2004 novel, *The Taqwacores*, introduced the world to Muslim punk before Muslim punk was a thing that actually existed."
—*The Austin Chronicle*



TRIPPING WITH ALLAH

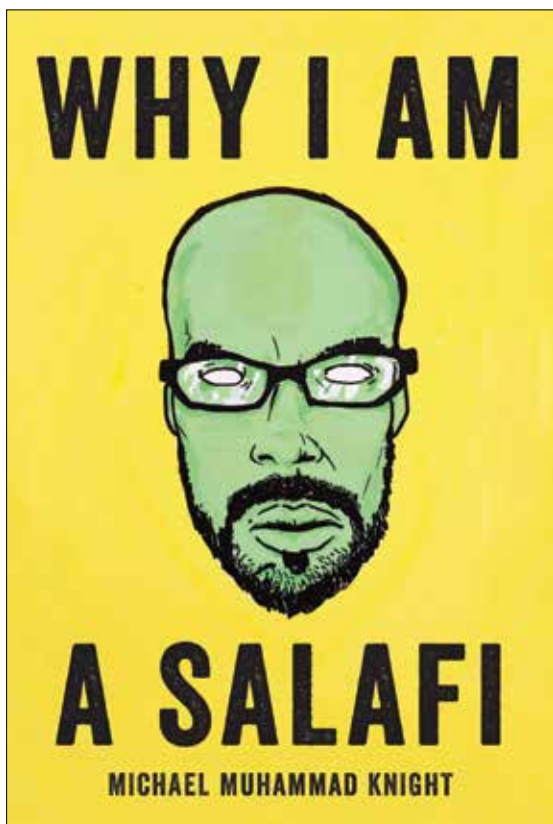
Islam, Drugs, and Writing

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

Contemporary Islam • Trade Paperback • 9781593764432
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Amazonian shamanism meets Christianity meets West African religion meets Islam in this work of reflection and inward adventure. Michael Muhammad Knight, the “Hunter S. Thompson of Islamic literature,” seeks reconciliation between his Muslim identity and his drinking of *ayahuasca*, a psychedelic tea that has been used in the Amazon for centuries. His experience becomes an opportunity to investigate complex issues of drugs, religion, and modernity.

Tripping with Allah provides a look into the construction of religion, the often artificial borders dividing these constructions, and the ways in which religion might change in an increasingly globalized world.



WHY I AM A SALAFI

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

Contemporary Islam • Trade Paperback • 9781593766061
\$15.95 • 320 pages • 5.5" x 8.3" • Ebook available

“[Knight] invites readers into ‘the desert of the real Islam,’ offering a deconstructionist take on Islamic texts, tradition, transmission, and theology . . . Knight’s ambitious scope and captivating voice make *Why I Am a Salafi* a must-read for those interested in an alternative side of Islam.”

—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“Erudite, introspective, and relentlessly provocative, [Knight] interrogates the traditions of Islamic historiography, Quranic exegesis, and hadith verification . . . The author’s humor and generosity of spirit shine through . . . A vigorous treatment of how the sacred, in all its multifarious forms, continues to exercise power.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

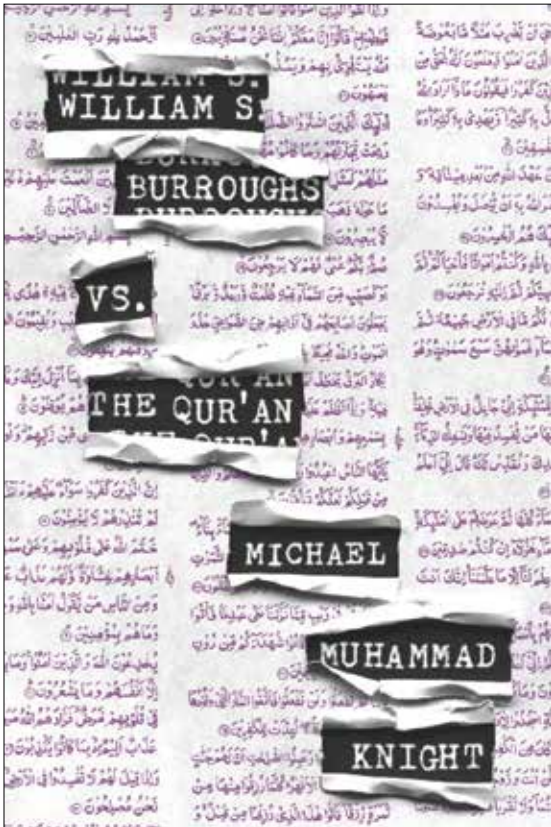
WILLIAM S. BURROUGHS VS. THE QUR'AN

MICHAEL MUHAMMAD KNIGHT

History / Islam • Trade Paperback • 9781593764159
\$15.95 • 256 pages • 5.5" x 8.3" • Ebook available

When Michael Muhammad Knight sets out to write the definitive biography of his “Anarcho-Sufi” hero and mentor, writer Peter Lamborn Wilson (a.k.a. Hakim Bey), he makes a startling discovery that changes everything. In an attempt to forge his own path, Knight pledges himself to an Iranian Sufi order that Wilson had almost joined, attempts to write the Great American Queer Islamo-Futurist Novel, and even creates his own mosque in the wilderness of West Virginia. He also employs the “cut-up” writing method of Bey’s friend, William S. Burroughs, to the Qur’an, subjecting Islam’s holiest scripture to literary experimentation.

William S. Burroughs vs. the Qur'an is the struggle of a hero-worshiper, the quest of a writer as spiritual seeker.



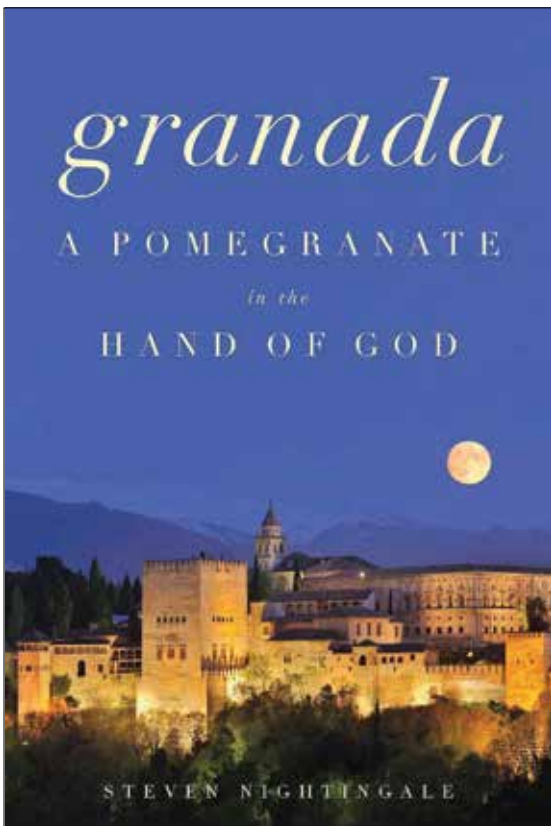
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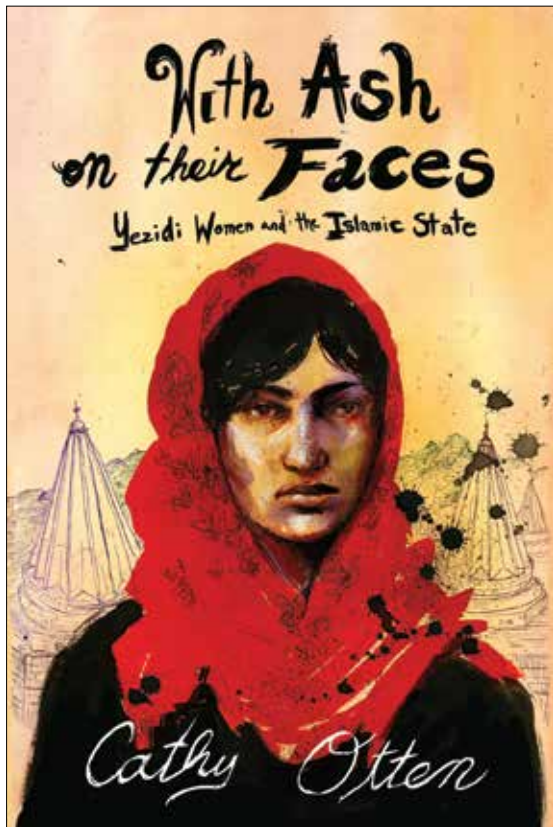
A Pomegranate in
the Hand of God

STEVEN NIGHTINGALE

History / Abrahamic Traditions • Trade Paperback • 9781619027015
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Granada resident Steven Nightingale excavates the rich past of his adopted city and of Al-Andalus, finding a story of utopian ecstasy, political intrigue, religious exaltation, and scorching anguish. In the story of *Granada*, Nightingale finds our story, all its violence and possibility and beauty, its spiritual longing and artful dreams. It is a story that shows how we can work together, and what we can create together. And how our best work can be destroyed.





WITH ASH ON THEIR FACES

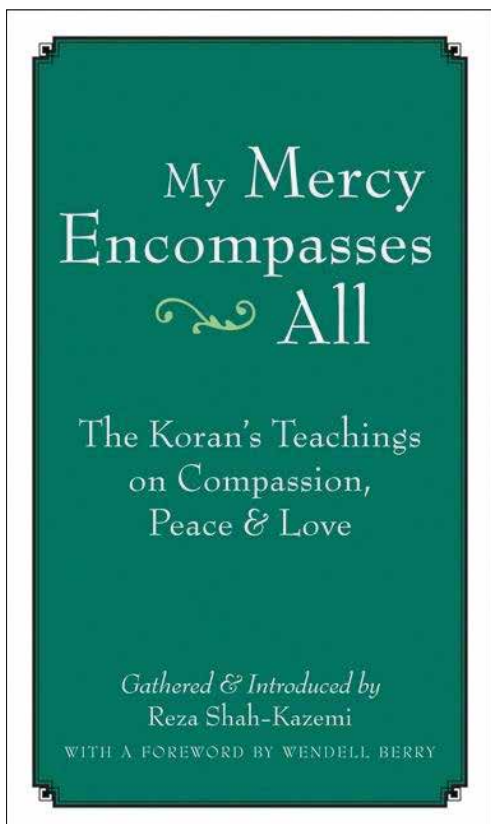
Yezidi Women and the Islamic State

CATHY OTTEN

Current Events • Hardcover • 9781944869458
\$25.00 • 256 pages • 5" x 7.5" • Ebook available

With extraordinarily vivid firsthand reporting from on the ground in northern Iraq, a young journalist chronicles the persecution and resistance of Yezidi women caught up in the war with the Islamic State. The mass abduction of Yezidi women and children is here conveyed with extraordinary intensity in the firsthand reporting of Cathy Otten, who has been based in Iraqi Kurdistan for the past four years covering ISIS.

Today, over 3,000 Yezidi women and girls are bought and sold, though many have escaped or been released. Otten bases her book on interviews with these survivors, as well as with those who smuggled them to safety, painstakingly piecing together their accounts of enslavement. Their deeply moving personal narratives bring alive a human tragedy.



MY MERCY ENCOMPASSES ALL

The Koran's Teachings on Compassion, Peace and Love

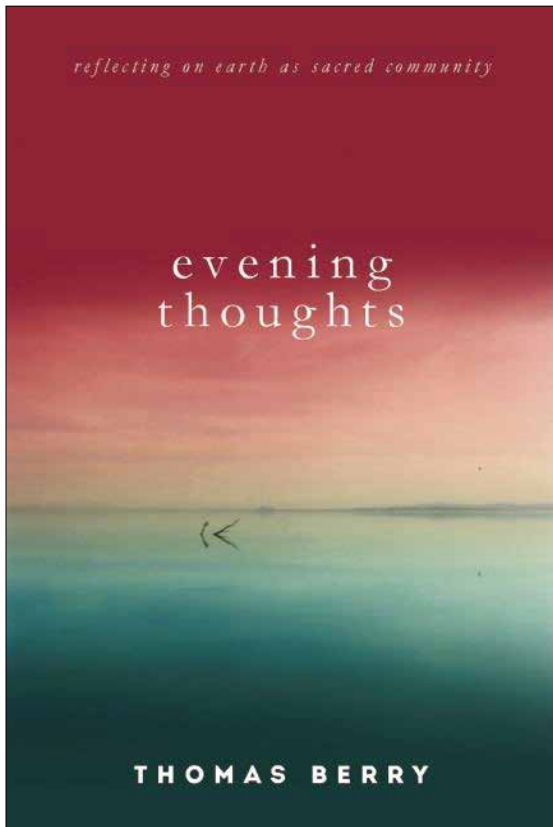
GATHERED AND WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY REZA SHAH-KAZEMI

WITH A FOREWORD BY WENDELL BERRY

Islamic Studies • Trade Paperback • 9781593761448
\$12.95 • 80 pages • 4.3" x 6.8"

Drawn from his own translations of the text, scholar and author Reza Shah-Kazemi has selected key verses from the Koran which manifest the various facets of this mercy, a mercy which bestows profound peace and infinite love. In the spirit of *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*, Wendell Berry's collection of quotations from the Bible, here is a book to help us illuminate an immensely influential text.

SPIRITUALITY & ETHICS



EVENING THOUGHTS

Reflecting on Earth as
Sacred Community

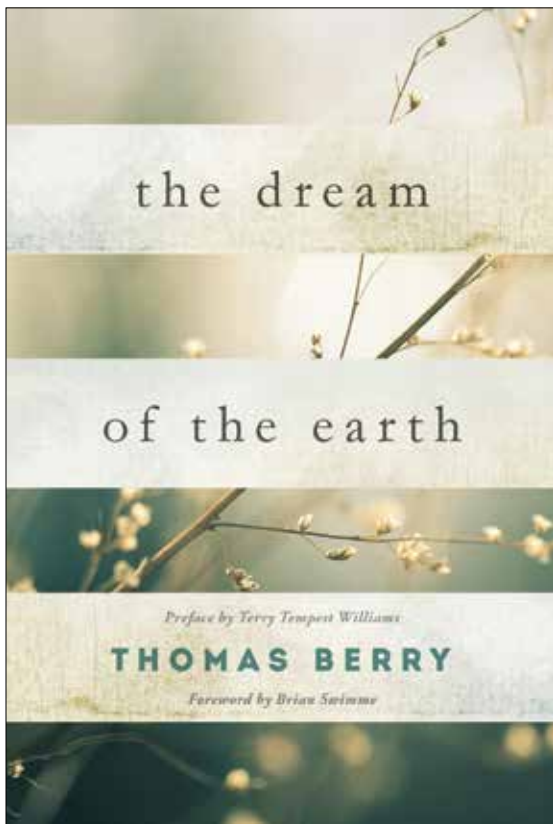
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"Thomas Berry manages to be simultaneously calm, sweeping, insistent, particular. It's a voice we badly need to keep hearing."
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"Berry is our conscience, our prophet, our guide. He speaks to what is best within us, in a voice that is inclusive, ecumenical, generous, and wise."
—**Orion**

"The most provocative figure among the new breed of eco-theologians."
—**Newsweek**



THE DREAM OF THE EARTH

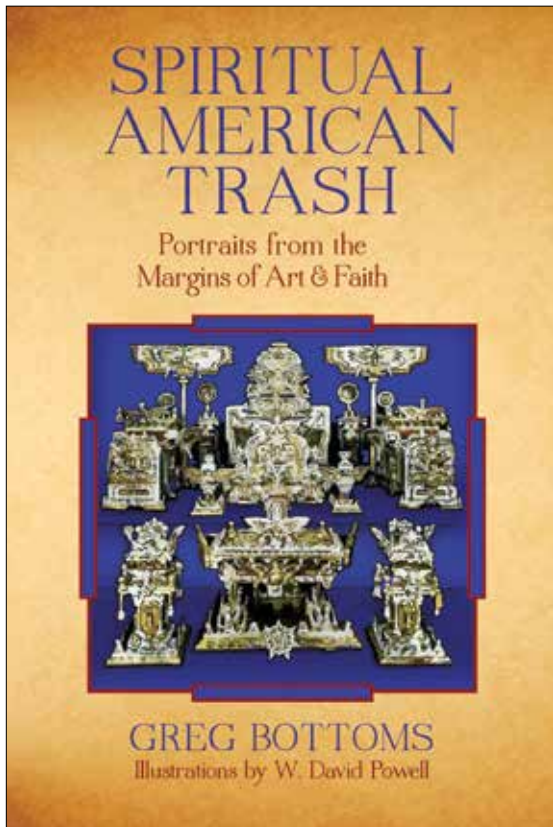
THOMAS BERRY

WITH A PREFACE BY TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS
AND A FOREWORD BY BRIAN SWIMME

Nature / Essays • Trade Paperback • 9781619025325
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"With this classic book, Thomas Berry broke crucial new ground in the human relationship with the planet. Its ripples will spread for generations to come."
—**Bill McKibben**, author of *Hope, Human and Wild*

This landmark work, first published by Sierra Club Books in 1988, has established itself as a foundational volume in the ecological canon. In it, noted cultural historian Thomas Berry provides nothing less than a new intellectual-ethical framework for the human community by positing planetary well-being as the measure of all human activity.



SPIRITUAL AMERICAN TRASH

Portraits from the
Margins of Art and Faith

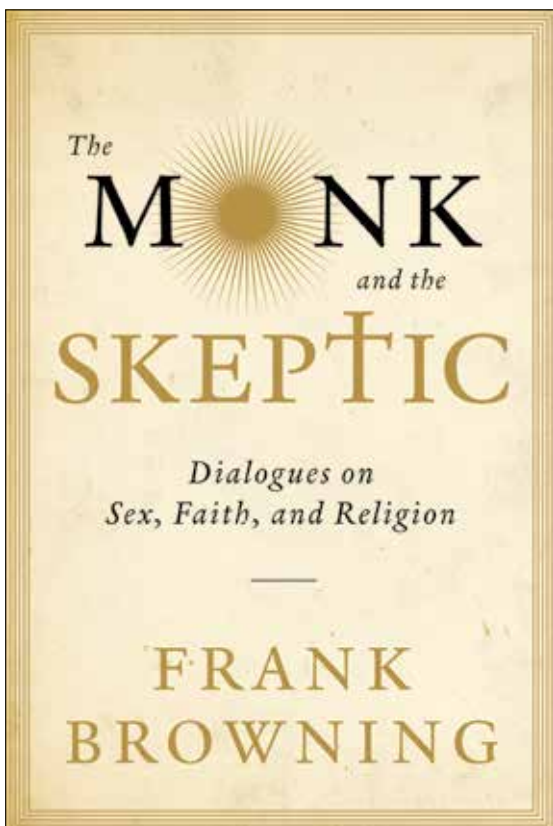
GREG BOTTOMS

Religion / Folk Art • Trade Paperback • 9781619020597
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"Bottoms makes a sincere attempt to infuse his accounts . . .
with empathy and understanding."

—*Library Journal*

In *Spiritual American Trash*, Greg Bottoms inhabits the spirit of eight artists' works through engaging vignettes. From the janitor who created a holy throne room out of scraps in a garage, to the wartime mother who filled her home with driftwood replicas of Bible scenes, Bottoms illustrates the peculiar grace in madness. Raised in the working-class South as a devout Christian with a troubled brother, Bottoms understands how these eight outsiders "made art for a higher power and for themselves."



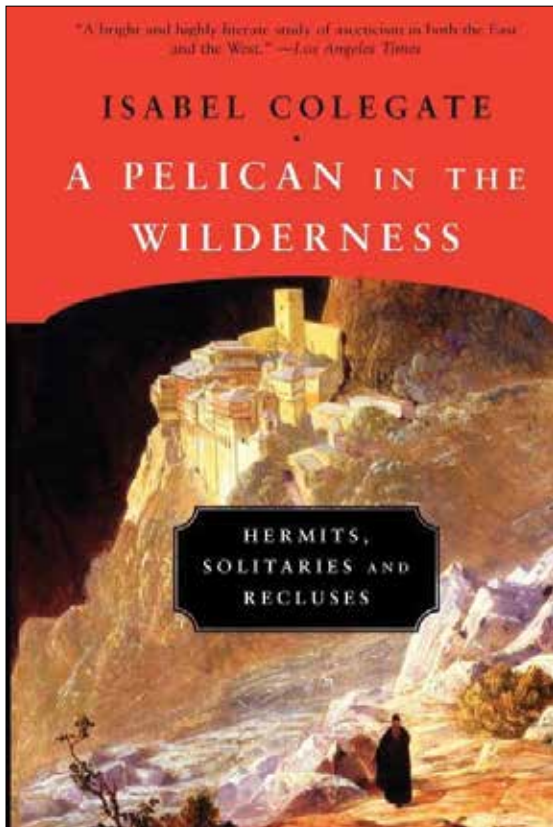
THE MONK AND THE SKEPTIC

Dialogues on Sex,
Faith, and Religion

FRANK BROWNING

Sexuality & Gender Studies • Trade Paperback • 9781619021839
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In *The Monk and the Skeptic*, Browning examines the intersection of sexuality and religion through the framework of conversations between the author and a gay priest. They discuss the nature of secular and spiritual friendship; religious thought on same-sex marriage; the relation of the body to God; and the history of how the church has viewed the body and desire. Browning manages to bring in a host of influences to his discussion: Descartes, Locke, Greek myth, Christian myth, Buddhist myth, Harry Potter, St. Thomas Aquinas, as well as modern writers such as Jeanette Winterson, John Boswell, and Daniel Mendelsohn.



A PELICAN IN THE WILDERNESS

Hermits, Solitaries
and Recluses

ISABEL COLEGATE

Spirituality / History • Trade Paperback • 9781582435916
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"Few books contain a cast of characters as fascinating as those who populate *A Pelican in the Wilderness*, Isabel Colegate's charming meander through the history of hermits and solitaries. Elegantly written . . . A small gem of a book."

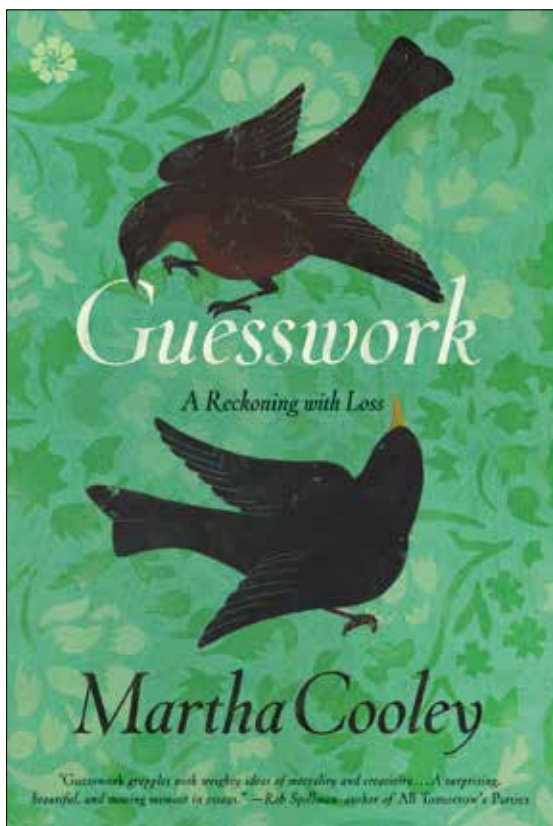
—*The Wall Street Journal*

"A bright and highly literate study of asceticism in both the East and the West."

—*Los Angeles Times*

"Witty and sagacious, entertaining and persuasive."

—*The Washington Times*



GUESSWORK

A Reckoning with Loss

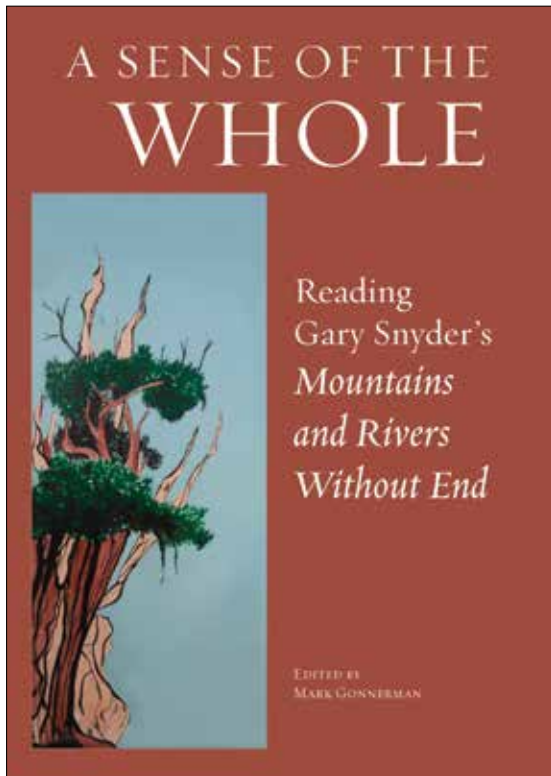
MARTHA COOLEY

Memoir • Trade Paperback • 9781936787463
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Having lost eight friends in ten years, Martha Cooley retreats to a tiny medieval village in Italy with her husband. There, in a rural paradise where bumblebees nest in the ancient cemetery and stray cats curl up on her bed, she examines a question both easily evaded and unavoidable: mortality. How do we grieve? How do we go on drinking our morning coffee, loving our life partners, stumbling through a world of such confusing, exquisite beauty? Linking the essays is Cooley's escalating understanding of another loss on the way, that of her ailing mother back in the States. Blind since Cooley's childhood, her mother relies on dry wit to ward off grief and pity. Part memoir, part loving goodbye to an unconventional parent, *Guesswork* transforms a year in a pastoral hill town into a fierce examination of life, love, death, and, ultimately, release.

"[A] splendid and subtle memoir in essays."

—*The New York Times Book Review*



A SENSE OF THE WHOLE

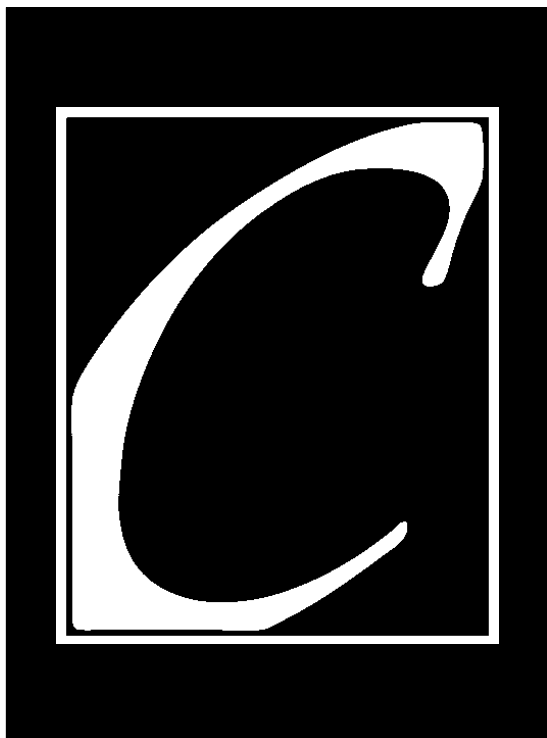
Reading Gary Snyder's *Mountains and Rivers Without End*

EDITED BY MARK GONNERMAN

Poetry / Environmentalism • Hardcover • 9781619024564
\$28.00 • 352 pages • 6" x 9" • Ebook available

In 1997, Mark Gonnerman organized a yearlong research workshop on Gary Snyder's *Mountains and Rivers Without End* at the Stanford Humanities Center. *A Sense of the Whole* captures the excitement of these gatherings and invites readers to enter the poem through essays and talks by David Abram, Wendell Berry, Carl Bielefeldt, Tim Dean, Jim Dodge, Robert Hass, Stephanie Kaza, Julia Martin, Michael McClure, Nanao Sakaki, and Katsunori Yamazato. It includes an interview with Gary Snyder, appendices, and other resources for further study.

Snyder once introduced a reading saying most of his work is like a Class III whitewater rapids run where you will do just fine on your own, but *Mountains and Rivers* is more like a Class V: if you're going to make it, you'll need a guide. As such, *A Sense of the Whole* is your most expert guide for Snyder's masterpiece.



FLUNK. START.

Reclaiming My Decade Lost in Scientology

SANDS HALL

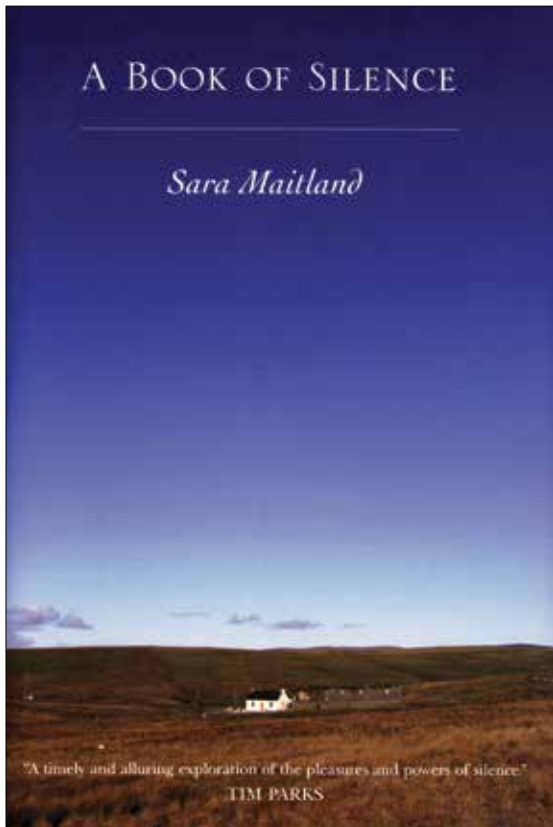
Memoir • Hardcover • 9781619021785
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Available March 2018

The compelling story of what drew the author, actress, and musician Sands Hall to Scientology, why she stayed for so long, and how she came to embrace a decade that she long thought of as lost.

"Sands Hall's transcendent memoir, *Flunk. Start.*, describes, with precise and utterly absorbing detail, her experience in the world of Scientology. But this is also a story that explores so many issues—how language is used to both illuminate and obscure, how we long for connection and meaning . . . I could not put down this book—it is a triumph, a work of great honesty and insight."

—Karen E. Bender, author of *Refund*

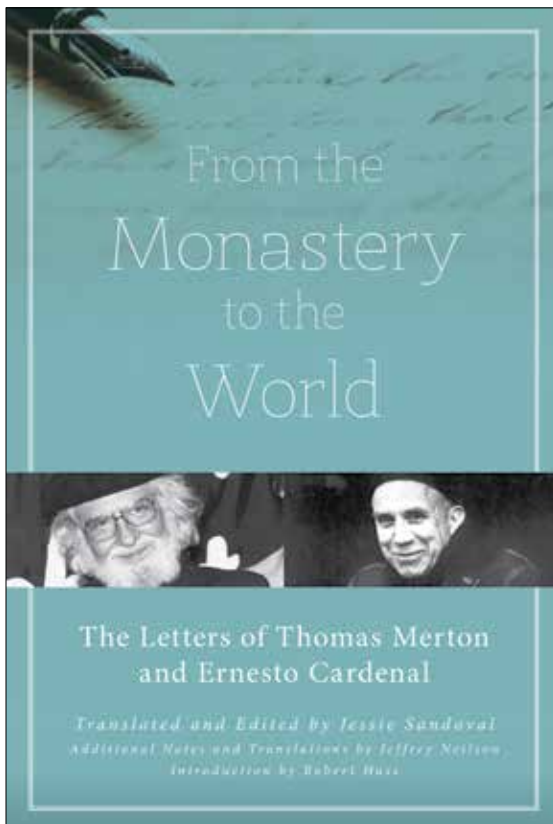


A BOOK OF SILENCE

SARA MAITLAND

Spirituality • Trade Paperback • 9781582436135
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In her late forties, Sara Maitland found herself living alone in the country and, to her surprise, falling in love with silence. In this fascinating, intelligent, and beautifully written book, Maitland describes how she set out to explore this new love, spending periods of silence in the Sinai desert, the Scottish hills, and a remote cottage on the Isle of Skye. Maitland delves deep into the rich cultural history of silence, exploring its significance in fairy tale and myth, its importance to the Western and Eastern religious traditions, and its use in psychoanalysis and artistic expression.



FROM THE MONASTERY TO THE WORLD

The Letters of Thomas Merton and Ernesto Cardenal

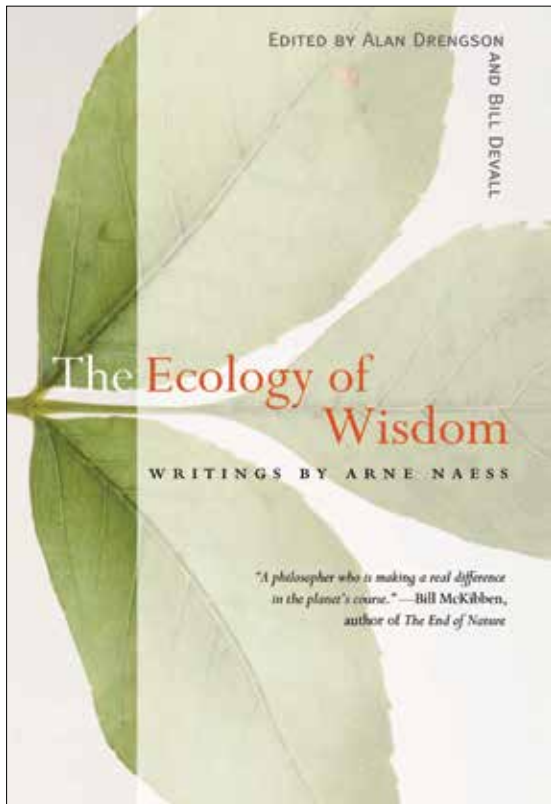
THOMAS MERTON AND ERNESTO CARDENAL

TRANSLATED AND EDITED BY JESSIE SANDOVAL,
WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY ROBERT HASS

Christianity / Letters • Hardcover • 9781619029019
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From the Monastery to the World is an intimate look at two of the most renowned and controversial poet-priests of the twentieth century, collecting the complete correspondence between these spiritual men and dedicated activists and translated into English for the first time.

The letters in this book, written between Thomas Merton and Ernesto Cardenal from 1959–1968, give us fascinating insights into the early spiritual and political awakenings of eventual Sandinista and exponent of liberation theology Ernesto Cardenal. In *From the Monastery to the World*, Cardenal is still a hungry pupil, years away from becoming the internationally renowned poet-statesman and Nicaraguan minister of culture. Here we see the poet and monk Thomas Merton as a wise, patient, and sometimes humbled mentor.



THE ECOLOGY OF WISDOM

Writings

ARNE NÆSS

EDITED BY ALAN DREGSON AND BILL DEVALT

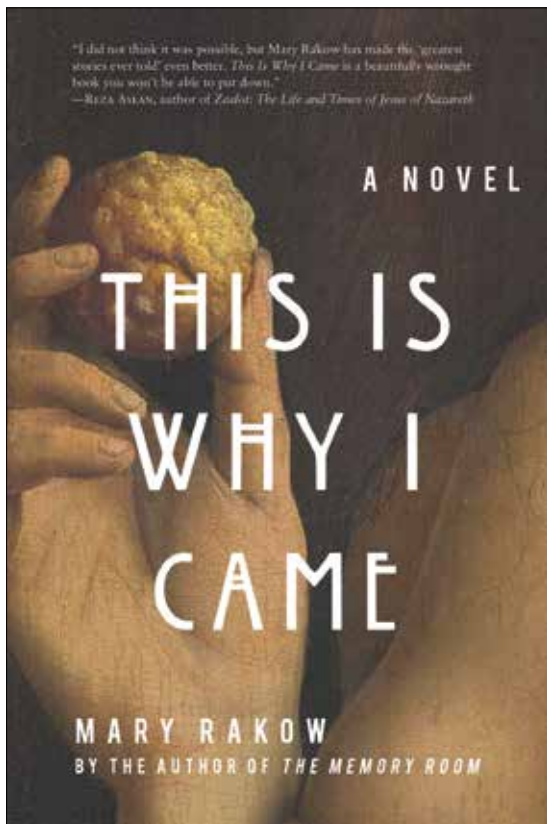
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"The Ecology of Wisdom only hints at the breadth and power of [Naess's] thought . . . At a time when the environment hangs in the balance and it's tempting to give in to despair, these sturdy, hopeful writings from an ecological philosopher and peace activist are more necessary than ever."

—Orion

"[A] well-written, thought-provoking set of works from a man who is a national hero of sorts in Norway, but has yet to really make his mark here in the United States. With luck, this collection will help to change that."

—Elephant Journal



THIS IS WHY I CAME

A Novel

MARY RAKOW

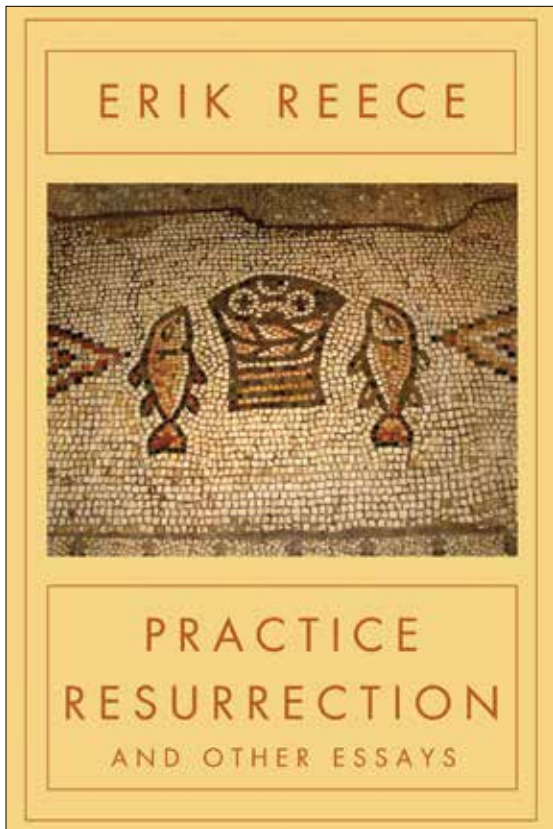
Christianity / Fiction • Trade Paperback • 9781619028289
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"Mary Rakow's quite extraordinary book is billed as a novel, but 'agnostic gospels' would be more accurate . . . Rakow's feat in these fragments is to blend the gnomic and the prosaic, skepticism and wonder . . . Mere mortals can use imaginative jolts like the one she delivers."

—The Atlantic

"Rakow's latest novel brims with wildly imagined Bible stories, into which she infused new layers of mystery and mysticism, ambiguity and wonder. In her hands, tales we've heard all our lives achieve the miracle of surprise."

—O, The Oprah Magazine



PRACTICE RESURRECTION

And Other Essays

ERIK REECE

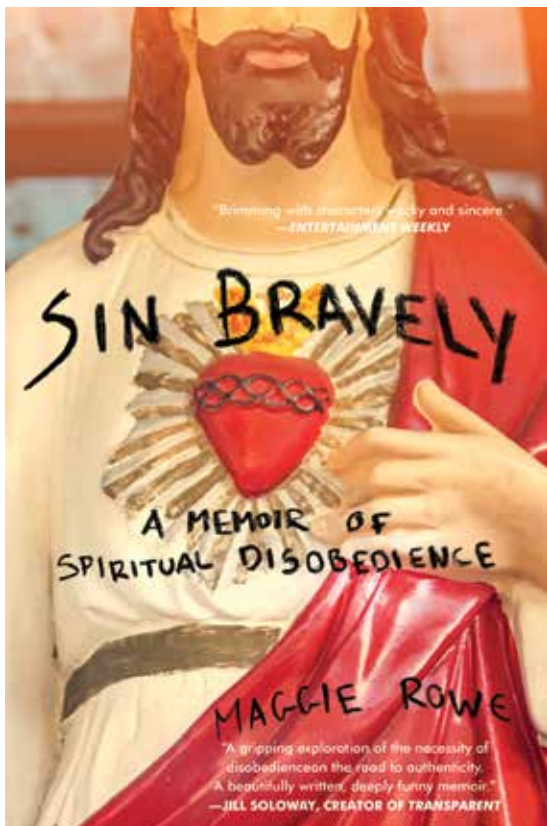
Nature / Essays • Hardcover • 9781619026087
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"With his singular wit and pith, environmental writer Reece explores issues such as God, Christianity, the environment (of course), and his father's suicide in essays rife with sentient turns of phrase and exceptionally insightful passages . . . Few are better than [Reece] is at discussing a personal crisis of faith—although he prefers to say his religion 'vanished like a mist off the creek'—in such authentic language. For Reece, universal truth is personal."

—*Booklist* (starred review)

"Delightful and illuminating. Reece's insightful, witty, and reflective essays offer up new ways of thinking about spirituality, culture, and the environment."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



SIN BRAVELY

A Memoir of
Spiritual Disobedience

MAGGIE ROWE

Memoir • Trade Paperback • 9781593766597
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"Rowe's fantastic book is a born-again version of *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* . . . Not for the faint of heart, this is a cutting examination of Rowe's spiritual evolution that plunges into the big questions with the fearlessness found in the most brilliant of comics."

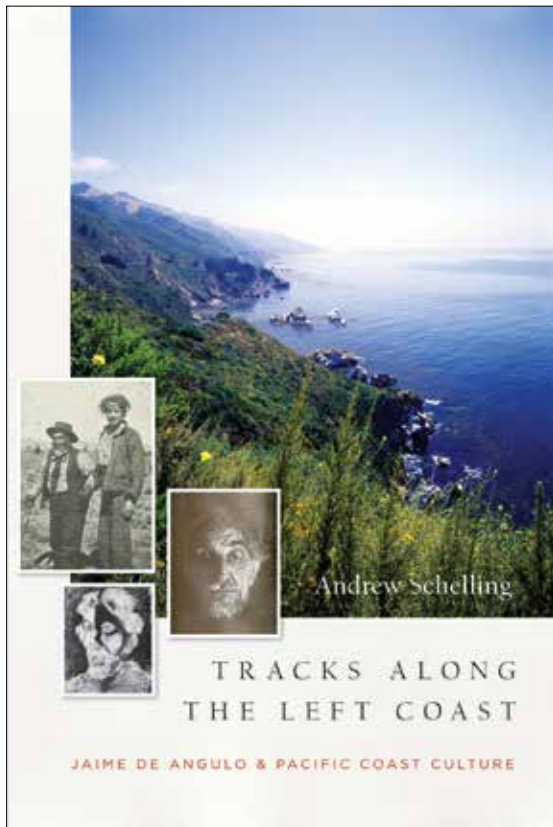
—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"This engaging and adventurous book is an excellent companion for fellow seekers."

—*Booklist*

"Rowe deftly juxtaposes dark humor with raw emotion without ever yanking the reader out of the story."

—*The Guardian*



TRACKS ALONG THE LEFT COAST

Jaime de Angulo & Pacific Coast Culture

ANDREW SCHELLING

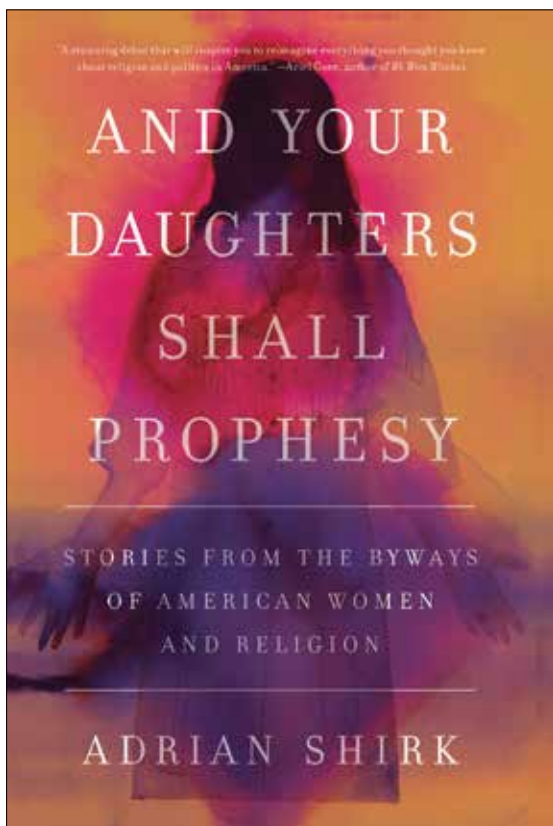
Biography • Trade Paperback • 9781640090415
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"[A] fascinating, full-bodied portrait of a man and an era, as well as delving deep into California's Native history. De Angulo's isn't a household name, but in Schelling's work the man called by Ezra Pound the 'American Ovid' comes blazing to life in all his singular brilliance."

—Stephen Sparks, *LitHub*

"Andrew Schelling has been able, in this magnificent, long-awaited biography, to reshape the myth into a human being . . . As his personal evanescence flickered and burned through the decades, de Angulo shot direction into the skies; we see why generations of Western poets, musicians, and artists were drawn to him, beyond that brilliant intellect."

—Kevin Killian, author of *Poet Be Like God*



AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY

Stories from the Byways of American Women and Religion

ADRIAN SHIRK

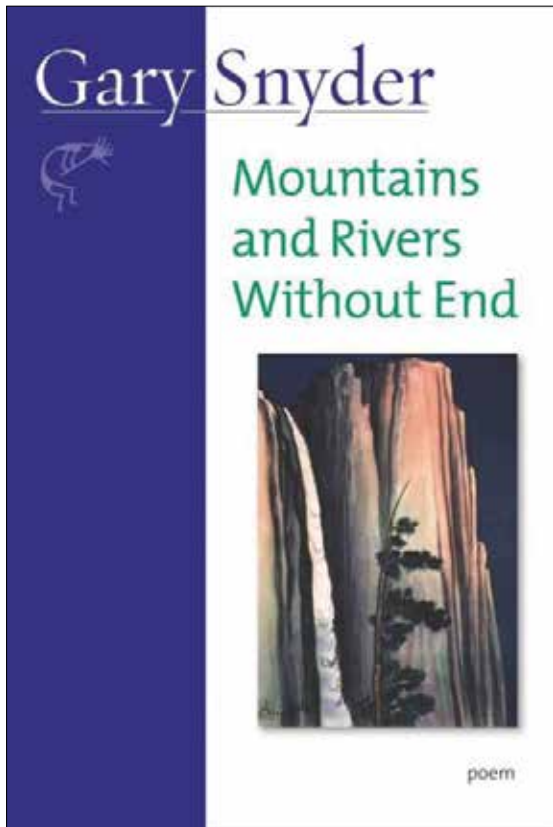
Women & Gender Studies • Hardcover • 9781619029538
\$26.00 • 272 pages • 6" x 9" • Ebook available

"The book doubles as a catalogue of America's 'divergent prophetesses' such as Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, the astrologer Linda Goodman, and the silver-tongued evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, who faked her own kidnapping to spend five weeks with her lover. These accounts are brief, vivid portraits of women in the 'spiritual avant-garde' . . . and [Shirk's] wide-ranging curiosity delights."

—*The New Yorker*

"In these stirring vignettes, [Shirk] mixes historical accounts, interpretations, and fictionalized encounters to provide insight into her personal journey tracing the steps of American women who have sought out an alternative spirituality."

—*Publishers Weekly*



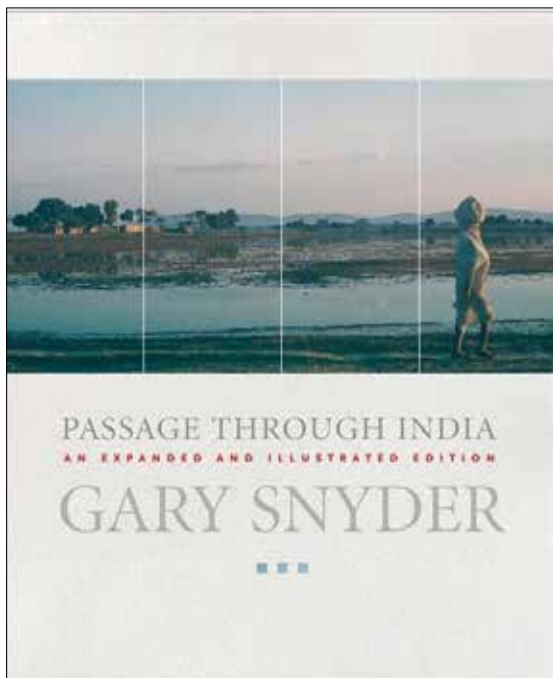
MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS WITHOUT END

Poem

GARY SNYDER

Poetry • Trade Paperback • 9781582434070
\$14.95 • 192 pages • 5.5" x 8.3"

In simple, striking verse, legendary poet Gary Snyder weaves an epic discourse on the topics of geology, prehistory, and mythology. First published in 1996, this landmark work encompasses Asian artistic traditions, as well as Native American storytelling and Zen Buddhist philosophy, and celebrates the disparate elements of the Earth—sky, rock, water—while exploring the human connection to nature with stunning wisdom. Winner of the Bollingen Prize for Poetry, the Robert Kirsch Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Orion Society's John Hay Award, among other honors, Snyder finds his quiet brilliance celebrated in this new edition of one of his most treasured works.



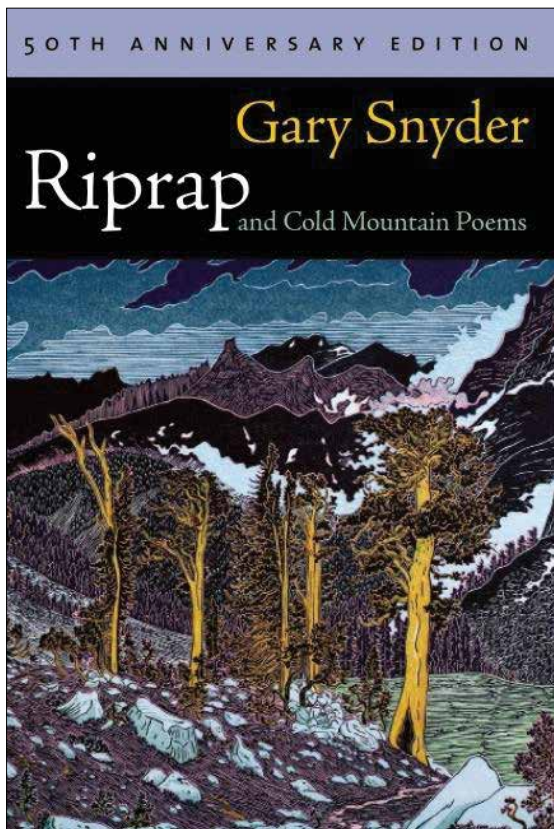
PASSAGE THROUGH INDIA

An Expanded and
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GARY SNYDER

Poetry / Travel • Trade Paperback • 9781593761783
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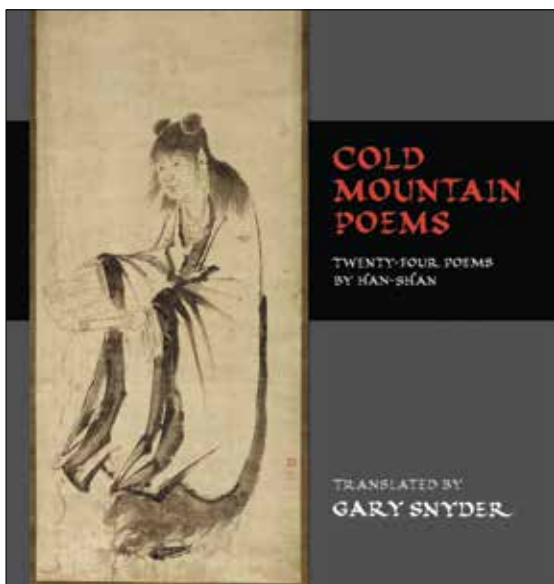
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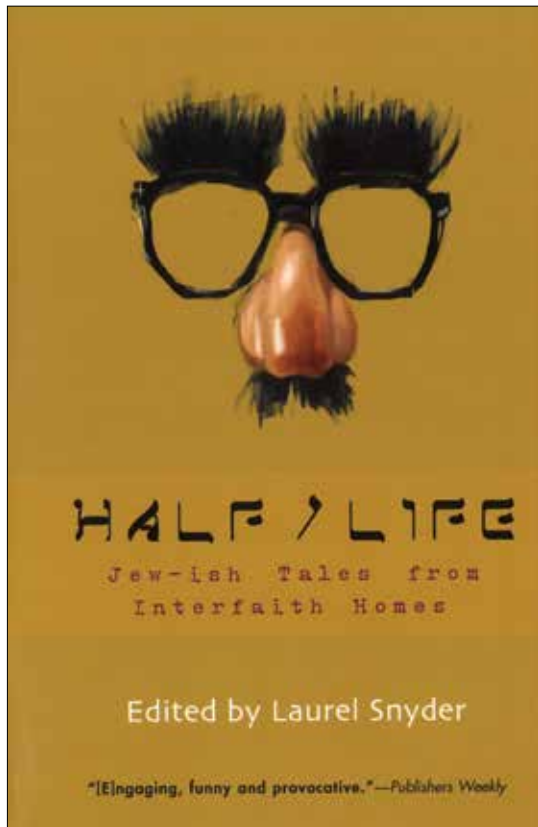
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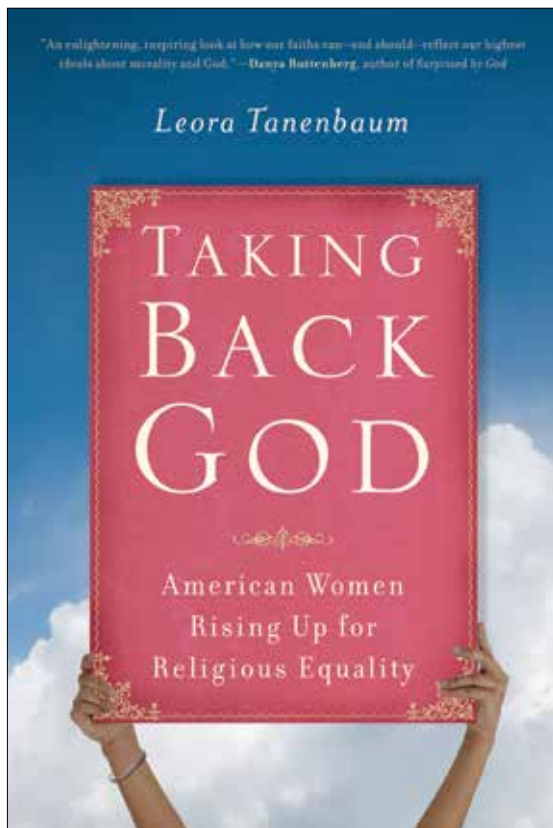
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