‘Spring flowers are in blossom all over. The whole world’s a choir and singing!’

Song of Solomon 2:12-13

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By Behrouz Boochani

Translated by Omid Tofighian

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In 2013 Kurdish journalist and poet Behrouz Boochani was illegally detained on Manus Island where he painstakingly typed this book on a mobile phone. He intimately detailed his anguish and the devastatingly cruel effects of imprisonment. He remains there today. Boochani’s profound insights into unsightly human behaviour will leave us horrified and questioning the inhumane decisions that continue to be made in the name of all Australians. As Richard Flanagan implores in the forward, “What has become of us when it is we who have committed such crimes?”

Aging starts in your mind: you’re only as old as you feel (2017)

By Notker Wolf

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Wolf takes a light-hearted and refreshing approach to life. His stories will resonate with those of us who have struggled against the outward signs of aging. Wolf teaches that we wouldn’t resist aging at all if we focused on nurturing joy and a zest for life in our soul – in fact, we’d experience fulfillment.
Chasing asylum: a filmmaker’s story (2016)
By Eva Orner
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Angered by Australia’s asylum seeker and refugee policies, filmmaker Eva Orner embarked on an eighteen month journey through Indonesia, Cambodia, Lebanon, Afghanistan and Iran. She interviewed and filmed asylum seekers, a people smuggler, traumatised families, whistle-blowers, politicians, activists and commentators. In this account of her filmmaking journey Orner challenges the reader to look at an issue which should outrage all Australians.

Chasing asylum(DVD-2016)
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This confronting film documents the dreadful reality for vulnerable people seeking asylum in Australia. Filmmaker, Eva Orner, gains unprecedented access to detainees and workers on Manus Island, and in doing so, exposes the inhumane consequences of Australia’s compassionless refugee policies. We witness agonising stories of persecution and the horror of their daily lives all sanctioned by our government and actively hidden from the Australian people. The brutal truth of this film is shocking.

Abelard & Heloise: the letters and other writings (2007)
(translated, with introduction and notes)
By William Levitan
189.4 LEV
The Letters of Abelard and Heloise is one of the world’s most dramatic and well-known love stories. Their shared passion for knowledge, religious faith, and one another sealed their destiny. Abelard was a respected, 12th-century Parisian philosopher and teacher, and Heloise was his gifted young student. When their hidden marriage could no longer withstand social pressures, each sought refuge in the Catholic Church. These letters powerfully articulate a wide range of human emotions and offer a fascinating insight into religious life in the Middle Ages.

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By Daniel O’Leary
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Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, this book offers exciting revelations about God, Creation, Incarnation, and the Wonder of You. Be prepared to read this book as you would a love-letter from God!

Jesus, the mantra of God: an exploration of mantra meditation (2005)
By John Dupuche
Foreword by Laurence Freeman OSB
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Jesus, Mantra of God, explores the practice of mantra in prayer—focussing upon a word or phrase of spiritual significance. It’s developed from the style of meditative prayer initiated by John Main. Part One explains how to practice the mantra based on faith, and looks at the related aspects of hearing, breathing and the body. Part Two examines the relationship between mantra-meditation and the cycle of the liturgical year. It is hoped that this practise will assist us to connect more deeply with Christ, the Divine Mantra, and experience the silence of God.

Jesus risen in our midst: essays on the resurrection of Jesus in the fourth Gospel (2013)
By Sandra M. Schneiders
232.5 SCH
In this series of essays Scripture scholar Sandra Schneider examines the Resurrection Narrative of John’s gospel as a resource for understanding and developing Christian spirituality. Each of these essays can be read independently of one another.

What did Jesus look like? (2018)
By Joan E. Taylor.
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What did Jesus really look like? Is our popular image of Jesus overly westernized and a false representation of historical reality? Leading Christian scholar, Joan E. Taylor, surveys the historical evidence and the prevalent image of Jesus in art and culture to suggest an entirely different vision of Him.

The goddess within: a guide to the eternal myths that shape women’s lives (1989)
By Jennifer Barker Woolger and Roger J. Woolger.
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For those interested in mythology, psychologists Jennifer and Roger Woolger have written a fascinating guide to the goddess qualities that live within us all. Learn how to navigate the turning points in life by understanding which goddess type is coming to the fore. The goddess within helps restore the feminine to its rightful place in the modern consciousness and offers every woman the unique opportunity to learn more about her own power to transform herself.