Publications by and about Thomas Merton

We continue with this SEASONAL to list recent publications by and about Merton which have been acquisitioned by the Thomas Merton Studies Center. Farrar, Straus and Giroux have re-issued THE LIVING BREAD in their Noonday Paperback series. The dust jacket, a cubic fantasy in browns, violets, and turquoise, states: "In this remarkable book he explores the mystery of the Eucharist, and it is the joyous nature of the sacrament that Father Merton stresses, comparing it to a feast or sacred banquet. THE LIVING BREAD is infused with the unmistakable radiant, contagious joy which readers have found in Merton's writing. It is a book which offers inspiration, insight, and illumination for our time."

Two translations of Merton's NO MAN IS AN ISLAND have been issued, a new edition of the German KEINER IST EINE INSEL and the first Serbo-Croatian translation, NITKO NIJE OTOK. The dust jacket of the German edition, shown on the opposite page, gives one more artist's impression of Thomas Merton.

Ross Labrie's THE ART OF THOMAS MERTON, a production in part of a year's sabbatical spent at the Merton Center, has been published by Texas Christian University Press. The following comment from Reader's Report received by the Press praises this eminently readable study: "I have not read a literary study, in book or manuscript form, in a long while that I deem more enlightening or better written, nor one based on sounder scholarship. The text sets out to illuminate all corners of Merton's complex and sometimes obscure art, and it succeds thoroughly . . . The prose is lean and analytical, crammed with the muscle of information and apt example hung on the strong skeleton of insight. I would not delete a line. I believe that Labrie's study of Merton will be the one by which all others are evaluated." Deba Patnaik, who is himself currently finishing the compilation of a book of Merton photographs to be published by Pilgrim Press under the title THE GEOGRAPHY OF HOLINESS, stated in his review in the Louisville Courier-Journal: "Ross Labrie's study, THE ART OF THOMAS MERTON, is an intelligent and comprehensive approach to Merton as a writer -- -- the essays as the vehicle for his public voice, the journals his most personal voice, and his poetry as the principle arena for experimenting with language."

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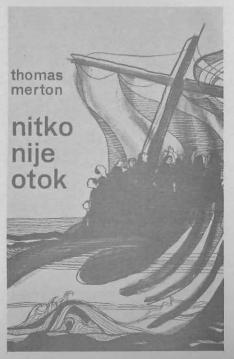
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For our readers who may be interested in the current price of Merton items, a letter from Thomas Merton to Richard Tobin, editor of SATURDAY REVIEW, dated November 10, 1966, was recently listed by "Walter R. Benjamin Autographs" in Hunter, New York, at \$200. The rather short letter concerned the essay "Can we survive nihilism?", published in SATURDAY REVIEW April 15, 1967. The Thomas Merton Studies Center holds Merton's carbon copy in its collection.

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