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ABR March issue highlights



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Highlights of the March issue include:

A new poem by **Behrouz Boochani**, winner of the 2019 Victorian Prize for Literature and the Prize for Non-Fiction for his book *No Friend but the Mountains: Writings from Manus Prison* (reviewed for *ABR* by Felicity Plunkett - read her review here).

We publish the five poems shortlisted for the Peter Porter Poetry Prize. The shortlisted poets are: John Foulcher (ACT), Ross Gillett (Victoria), Andy Kissane (NSW), Belle Ling (Queensland/Hong Kong), and Mark Tredinnick (NSW). The Porter Prize ceremony will be held at fortyfivedownstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, on Monday, March 18 (6 pm). This is a free event and all are welcome but bookings are essential: rsvp@australianbookreview.com.au

Dominic Kelly on recent turbulent times at **Melbourne University Publishing** and the resilience of non-fiction publishing. Read it here.

Review of the Month - Ian Tyrrell reviews historian Marilyn Lake's new book *Progressive New World*, which examines Australasia's role as a legislative laboratory for the United States.

Ceridwen Spark reviews **Russell Blackford's** *The Tyranny of Opinion*, which examines issues around free speech and conformity. Read it here.

Amy Baillieu reviews *You Know You Want This*, the début collection by **Kristen** Roupenian (author of the viral short story 'Cat Person'). Read it here.

Also in the issue:

- ◆ James Ley on Carrie Tiffany
- ◆ Francesca Sasnaitis on John Kinsella's new novel (read it here)
- ◆ Michael McGirr on a new history of the Irish in Australia
- ◆ Prudence Flowers on torture in the United States (<u>read it here</u>)
- ◆ Daniel Juckes on Rebecca Solnit's new essay collection (read it here)
- ◆ Chris Murray on Kate Richards's new novel (<u>read it here</u>)

- ◆ Tom Bamforth on Peter Mares's new book on Australia's housing crisis (read it here)
- ◆ Kerryn Goldsworthy on the final instalment in Steven Carroll's Glenroy series
- ◆ Susan Sheridan on Jacqueline Kent's memoir of her marriage to author Kenneth Cook
- ◆ Interview with Debra Adelaide
- ◆ Jennifer Strauss on Judith Rodriguez