

# January-February 2023 issue highlights



Welcome to the summer issue of *ABR* – the 450th in the second series, which began in 1978. It's a blockbuster of an issue, commencing with a powerful account by author-journalist Zoe Holman about the current agitation in Iran following the murder of Mahsa Amini. Political scientist Timothy J. Lynch (writing from Laramie in Wyoming!) examines the recent US midterms and America's seeming return to the centre. Turning to Australian politics, we have key articles by Mark Kenny, Dennis Altman, Frank Bongiorno, and Kim Rubenstein. Shannon Burns reviews Cormac McCarthy's brace of new novels, and Penny Russell critiques Alex Miller's thirteenth novel. In our arts section, seventeen *ABR* regulars nominate their Arts Highlights of 2022 – to complement our highly popular Books of the Year feature (December issue).

## ♦ **Zoe Holman on the current uprising in Iran**

In this urgent and informative commentary, journalist Zoe Holman reflects on recent protests in Iran, and around the world, following the death of Mahsa Amini after she was allegedly murdered by Iran's notorious morality police in September 2022.

## ♦ **Timothy J. Lynch on US politics**

Is American politics returning to the centre in the aftermath of Donald Trump? Political scientist Timothy J. Lynch considers the state of the nation from Laramie in Wyoming and wonders if the country is moving back towards 'normalcy' or closer to 'civil discord'.

## ♦ **Hessom Razavi on Behrouz Boochani**

Despite Peter Dutton's assertion that Behrouz Boochani would never be permitted to come to Australia, the Kurdish-Iranian journalist recently visited the country to coincide with the launch of his new book, *Freedom, Only Freedom*. Hessom Razavi reviews the collection of Boochani's prison writings and finds that it 'fulfils its duty to history admirably'.

## ♦ **Mark Kenny on Niki Savva's study of Scott Morrison**

Academic Mark Kenny examines Niki Savva's new book *Bulldozed*, which analyses the changing political fortunes of Scott Morrison and Anthony Albanese and observes that the account offers 'superb insight into a government in terminal moral decline'.

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