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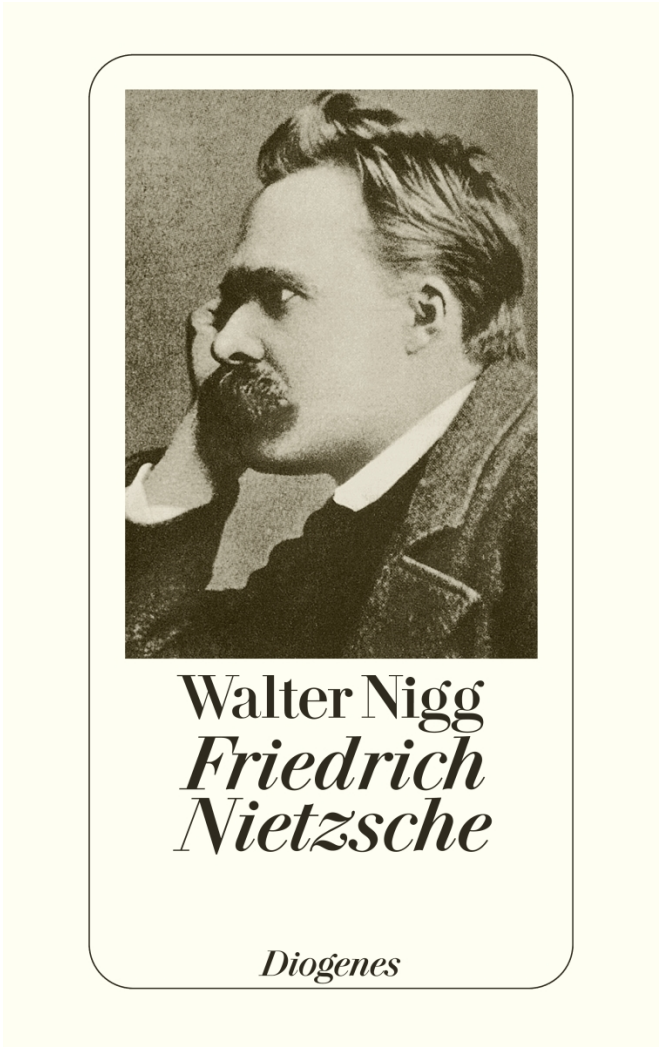

It may at first sound astonishing that, of all people, Friedrich Nietzsche, this lost son of Protestantism, this »aesthete beyond redemption« and author of numerous, seemingly blasphemous writings, was actually a religious person. Nevertheless, a detailed and attentive second look at this philosopher and his works revals the hidden potential for faith that drove him. His outlook was a religious rejection of religiousness, his goal a new, deeper religious comprehension and a complete rearrangement of religious feeling. With great sensitivity, Walter Nigg expounds this hidden side of the prophetic thinker, without allowing the literary quality of his portrait to suffer under the psychological meticulousness of his investigations.

Biographies, Religion
224 pages
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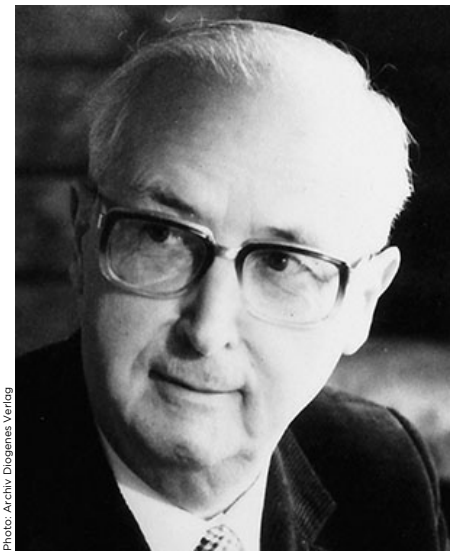
Praise

Friedrich Nietzsche

»The more one penetrates into Nietzsche, the more strongly does the religious interpretation become apparent. This fundamental religious drive controlled Nietzsche's innermost being.« – Walter Nigg



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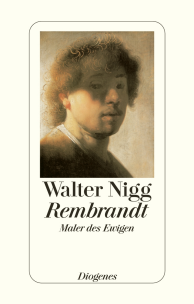
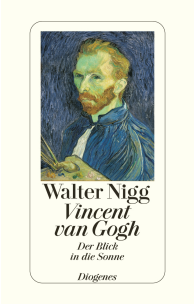
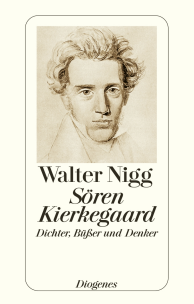
Walter Nigg (1903–1988) born in Lucerne, was appointed professor of ecclesiastical history in Zurich while working as a protestant priest at the same time. Alongside saints, religious founders, prophets and mystics, his books cover artists and poets and not least heretics, whom he understood as ›unsuccessful saints‹.



Rembrandt
176 pages
2006



Vincent van Gogh
192 pages
2003



Soren Kierkegaard
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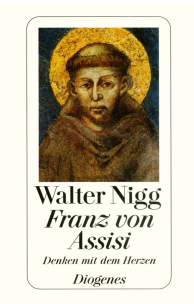
2002



Saint Francis of Assisi
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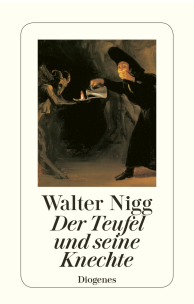
1997



The Devil And His Servants
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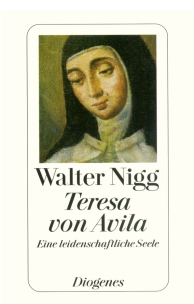

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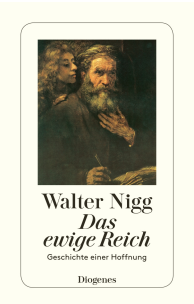

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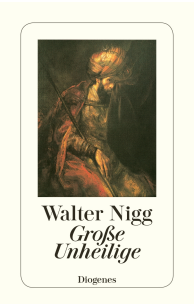

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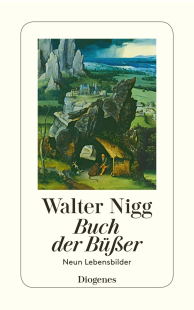

Book of Penitents
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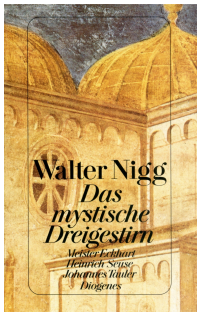

Mystic Triumvirate
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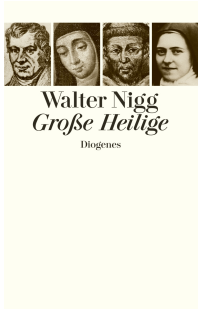
1990



Great Saints
544 pages
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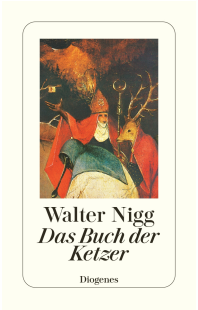

The Book of Heretics
608 pages
1986