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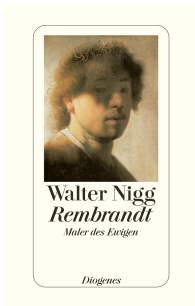
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Walter Nigg

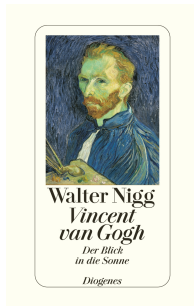
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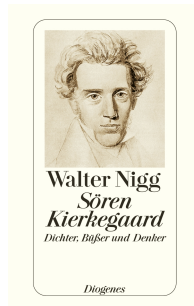
Walter Nigg (1903–1988) born in Lucerne, was appointed professor of ecclesiastical history in Zurich while working as a protestant priest at the same time. Alongside saints, religious founders, prophets and mystics, his books cover artists and poets and not least heretics, whom he understood as ›unsuccessful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



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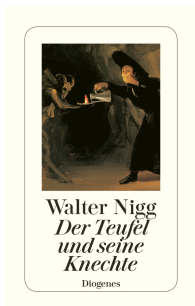
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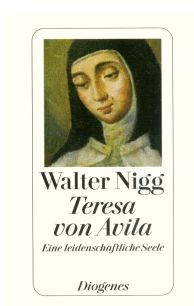
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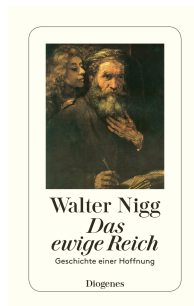
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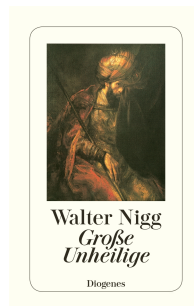
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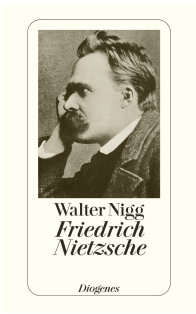
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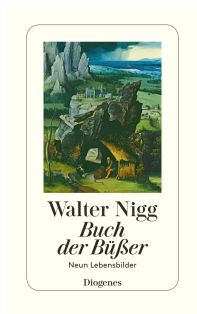
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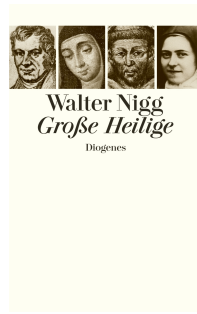
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