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Book and New Media Reviews

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For readers who are looking for great books to read this summer, these reviewers offer thoughtful recommendations. I wish to thank Michael J. Benjamin, Jennifer Smith Daniel, Meng-Hsien (Neal) Liu, Angela F. Jacobs, and Erin Schaefer for accompanying me on a “long journey” to see these reviews in print. The documentary filmmaker Albert Maysles, says that a “long journey” implies movement away from one’s initial starting place—to a new location—where better questions can be asked, new perspectives appreciated, and the audience carried further “spiritually, aesthetically, ethically, or whatever” (Maysles and Pryluck 9). In terms of the reviewers whose work is featured here, I’m grateful we’ve taken *ourselves* on a long journey and I’m hopeful *CLJ* readers will enjoy the ride.

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