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Book and New Media Reviews

From the Book and New Media Review Editor's Desk

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For those making winter reading lists, the reviews featured here offer some thoughtful suggestions. I am grateful to Geoffrey Clegg, Kristen A. Ruccio, and Jagadish Paudel for their perceptive reviews. Albert Maysles, a filmmaker, in an interview with film studies scholar Frank Verano, said that his philosophy as a cinematographer is to “love thy neighbor” (158). I share Maysles’ philosophy both as a section editor for *CLJ* and as a writing teacher. Love for one’s neighbor requires respect and understanding, but it mostly requires an effort to “get it right” (Maysles 158). The writers whose reviews are featured in this issue, got it right in terms of their attention to detail and effort to capture and transmit their reading experiences. I hope their voices come through loud and clear and their reviews grab attention and spur curiosity.

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