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essays, reflections, and conversations about his work. For decades, Bergers poetic humanism has inspired and brought together historically, geographically, and socially disparate subjects. His work continues to unite genres and range across types of experience, opening up radical questions about the meaning of belonging and community. In keeping with this spirit, the contributions to *A Jar of Wild Flowers* challenge us to take the brave step outside ourselves to offer extended generosity and compassion. This international and cross-cultural collection includes short pieces by thirty of Bergers friends, artistic collaborators, and others inspired by his work, including Julie Christie, Sally Potter, Ram Rahman, Ali Smith, Nick Thorpe, Hsiao-Hung Pai, and many others. This will be an anthology to be treasured by any fan of Bergers extensive and influential oeuvre.

"Berger's most tangible influences were that tiny band of intellectuals who combined fine-art criticism with a social conscience: John Ruskin; Oscar Wilde; Walter Benjamin. Great writers all, and 82-year-old Berger is their equal."