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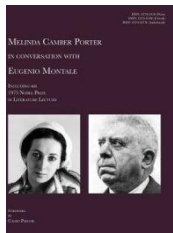
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## Volume I: Journalism Books:

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### *Melinda Camber Porter In Conversation With Eugenio Montale*



At his home in Milan, Italy 1976

Drawings and text by Melinda Camber Porter and Eugenio Montale

Includes Montale's 1975 **Nobel Prize Lecture** in English and Italian

Foreword: Canio Pavone, Professor Italian Literature

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-15-8) \$3.99R, p84, color illus., index, bibl., 2016.

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-44-8) \$49.99, 8½x11, 84p, color illus., index, bibl., 2016.

With this publication, *Melinda Camber Porter In Conversation With Eugenio Montale*, we have an opportunity to listen to the strong voice of Eugenio Montale discussing literature and its role in society. Eugenio Montale describes his observations of the driving forces of human nature that he explored through his journalism, painting and poetry. During the prime of his life, he watched the rise and fall of Fascism in Italy, and his experiences remain relevant today as he discusses the importance of the individual's conscience, the poet's role in society, and the dangers of ideologies, the mass media, and consumerism.

“Nowadays, it is becoming harder to distinguish between artistic and commercial life. The role of the artist has been reduced to his success or failure in commercial terms... these mass-produced voices are not those which will tell us whether we are heading for disaster and, if so, how to prevent it.” This statement expressed by Eugenio Montale, when speaking to Melinda Camber Porter at his home in Milan, Italy in 1976, after receiving the 1975 Nobel Prize in Literature.

The Foreword by Canio Pavone, Professor of Italian Studies, who knew Melinda Camber Porter, introduces us to Eugenio Montale and their conversation. In addition, the book includes both the English and Italian Nobel Prize Lecture by Eugenio Montale.

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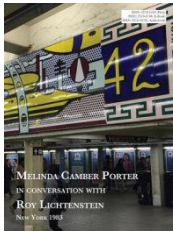
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### *Melinda Camber Porter In Conversation With Roy Lichtenstein*



During the Green Street Mural, Soho, New York Exhibit 1983  
At his studio in New York City

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-48-6) \$3.99, 68p, color illus., index, 2016.

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-47-9), \$49.99, 8½x11, 68p, color illus., index, 2016.

**Audiobook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-17-2), \$19.99, digital recording, 2018.

The conversation between Roy Lichtenstein (1923-1997) and Melinda Camber Porter (1953-2008) took place on December 18, 1983, when Roy Lichtenstein's *Greene Street Mural* drew crowds to Leo Castelli's landmark SoHo Greene Street Gallery in downtown New York. Roy Lichtenstein describes to Melinda Camber Porter the many influences on his art from the Renaissance painters to Japanese art in terms of his brush strokes, perspective, and styles.

**Melinda Camber Porter** asks, "What kind of emotions were you expressing in the Green Street Mural?"

**Roy Lichtenstein** responds, "The emotions I deal with are placement and a kinesthetic sense of position and color. I am removed from the emotions I am depicting because they are usually ironic or are even silly sometimes. But the emotion a painting contains should be a unity. And it is another emotion altogether."

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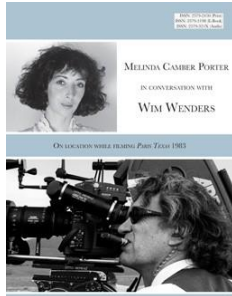
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Volume 1, Number 3:

### *Melinda Camber Porter In Conversation With Wim Wenders*



On Film Set of *Paris Texas* in Houston, TX in 1983  
(120 pages, color illustrations, index, and bibliography)

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-45-5), \$49.99, 8½x11, (2016).

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-18-9), \$3.99 (2016).

**Ebook** (enhanced with video clips): (ISBN: 978-1-942231-18-9), \$3.99 (2017).

**Audiobook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-19-6), \$19.99 (2017).

The conversation between Wim Wenders and Melinda Camber Porter (1953-2008) took place on location in December 1983, while Mr. Wenders was shooting his first American Film, *Paris Texas*. America was a place of European immigrants, German immigrants, and a vast land stretching to California. Men and women were becoming disillusioned and seeking ‘that something’ just out of reach.

Melinda Camber Porter asked Wim Wenders: “When you say men have certain expectations of women, what exactly do you mean? Wim Wenders explains, “We still have to find out what we mean by that, because ‘the character’ hasn’t really understood that yet [in shooting the film, *Paris Texas*]. The character is getting ready to confront the issue. I do not work so a film is laid out and people can spell it out. I work much more on intuition ... Sometimes film making is very much based on very subconscious choices or intuitions.”

*Paris, Texas* directed by Wim Wenders and written by Sam Shepard with adaptation by L.M. Kit Carson, and starring Harry Dean Stanton, Nastassja Kinski, and Hunter Carson among others. Melinda Camber Porter passed away from ovarian cancer in 2008 and she left behind a significant body of work in art, journalism, and literature. With her background as a journalist for *The Times of London*, her interviews had a unique way of getting to the heart of the creative process used by the many widely acclaimed cultural figures, filmmakers, and writers whom she spoke with.

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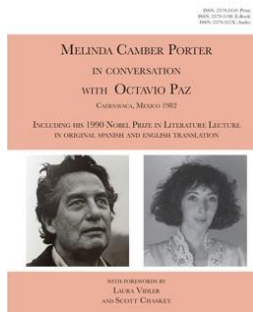
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Volume 1, Number 4:

### *Melinda Camber Porter In Conversation With Octavio Paz*



At his home in Cuernavaca, Mexico in 1983

Includes his Nobel Prize Lecture in English and Spanish

(134 pages, color illustrations, index, and bibliography)

Foreword: Laura Vidler, Spanish Chair University of South Dakota

Foreword: Scott Chaskey, Poet and Farmer, NY

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-07-3), 8½x11, \$49.99 (2016).

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-22-6), \$3.99 (2016).

**Ebook** (enhanced with video): (ISBN: 978-1-942231-54-7), \$3.99 (2017).

**Audiobook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-23-3), \$19.99 (2017).

*Melinda Camber Porter's conversation with Octavio Paz* took place in August 1983 at his home in Cuernavaca, Mexico. They discussed art, literature, poetry, writers block, and politics in Mexico, the Americas, Europe, and his book, *Marcel Duchamp*. This volume also includes his 1990 Nobel Prize Lecture in English and Spanish.

“If you think you’ve read this interview before [in the *Partisan Review* in 1986] you haven’t.” As the *Partisan Review* redacted much of the content. In this new volume, however, the interview is published in its entirety, and the results are wonderful. Empathy between Octavio Paz and Melinda Camber Porter is established quickly. A professional diplomat, Paz’s dual life as cultural ambassador and writer parallels Camber Porter’s. Conversation about Duchamp, Picasso, Camus and Matisse—previously cut—appears here, as well as discussion of the classical Spanish poets that made-up Paz’s early reading—Quevedo, Góngora, and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz (the subject of Paz’s book, *Las trampas de la Fe*). In addition to a complete transcription of the interview, this volume includes Paz’s 1990 Nobel Prize Lecture in both English and (the original) Spanish, as well as further information on the work of Melinda Camber Porter.” Explains, Dr. Laura Vidler, Chair of Spanish at the University of South Dakota.

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## Volume II: Art and Literature Books:

Volume 2, Number 1:

### *Fashion In The Time Of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603)*



Text and Drawings by Melinda Camber Porter

(84 pages, 35 color illustrations, and glossary)

Foreword by Robbie Lyle, 1 of 4 Lords, Lizard, Cornwall, UK

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-10-3) \$3.99, 84p, color illus., glossary (2016).

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-43-1) 8½x11, \$49.99 (2016).

*Fashion in the Time of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603)* was a hand written 34 page, document on eight inch by twelve inch lined British school tablet paper with thirty-one separate drawings on white paper by Melinda Camber Porter. Each drawing was cut out and glued into document. The 17 page, document on two sides was bound by pink yarn tied through two holes on the left side as the binding. Melinda Camber Porter wrote and illustrated this book as a school report in Second Grade (Class 2), where she attended The City of London School for Girls. Her teacher (unnamed) gave her a grade of A and commented, ‘Where did you find such descriptive material.’

The book encourages young women and men to sketch and write about their favorite fashions and inspirations. The book also serves as a piece of history for The City of London School for Girls, and includes photos and awards of Melinda Camber Porter in the appendices. The City of London School for Girls has moved twice since the early 1960s as many records from Melinda’s time at the school (1958-1971) are no longer available. Mr. Robbie Lyle, who had known Melinda Camber Porter since their Oxford University days, provides background in the Foreword on the clothing in the time of Queen Elizabeth I and memories of Melinda Camber Porter.

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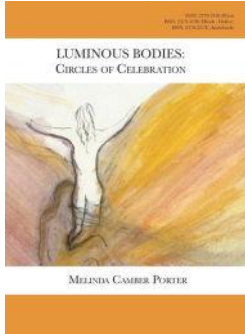
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### *Luminous Bodies: Circles of Celebration*



Text and 45 Watercolors by Melinda Camber Porter  
(134 pages, 90 color illustrations, index, and bibliography)

Foreword by Peter Trippi, *Editor Fine Art Connoisseur*  
Introduction by Dr. Frances Lannon, Principal,  
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-12-7) \$3.99 (2016).

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-49-3), 8½x11, \$59.99 (2016).

*Luminous Bodies* is a work of celebration and mourning in two volumes of 45 watercolors in each volume. These images explore the spiritual and cultural forces that continuously vie to originate and then heal the rift between the body and the soul.

Peter Trippi, editor of *Fine Art Connoisseur* magazine states, “*In an art market crowded with hollow protestations of “self-identity,” Melinda Camber Porter’s works offer us a new cosmology and an authentic vision of our age.*”

Inspired by many religious traditions of celebrations and mourning, from The Tibetan Book of the Dead to Native American mourning rituals, the series of drawings is, in actuality, a spiritual journey begun by Melinda Camber Porter a few days after the death of a loved one. The journey is narrated in drawings and in epigrammatic prose poetry inscribed within each watercolor. There is a strong "documentary" aspect to the work, which attempts to record faithfully the actual process of loss and resurrection of the lover in celebration and mourning.

The first volume is *Luminous Bodies: Circles of Celebration*. The second volume is *Luminous Bodies: Circles of Mourning*.

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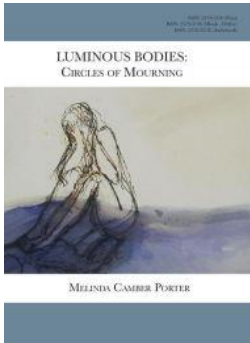
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### *Luminous Bodies: Circles of Mourning*

Text and 45 Watercolors by Melinda Camber Porter  
(134 pages, 90 color illustrations, index, and bibliography)

Foreword by Robin Hamlyn, Senior Blake Curator, Tate Britain  
Introduction by Dr. Allan Doig, Fellow and Keeper of Paintings,  
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-14-1) \$3.99 (2016).

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-50-9), 8½x11, \$59.99 (2016).

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In this volume, the Foreword, Robin Hamlyn states, “In order to produce art like Melinda Camber Porter’s *Luminous Bodies* you have to be like William Blake. You have to be like Melinda Camber Porter. You have to be absolutely fearless.” Robin Hamlyn (Senior Curator, Tate Britain Collections, 1780-1860 and world renowned William Blake expert). Inspired by many religious traditions of celebrations and mourning, from The Tibetan Book of the Dead to Native American mourning rituals, the series of drawings is, in actuality, a spiritual journey begun by Melinda Camber Porter a few days after the death of a loved one.

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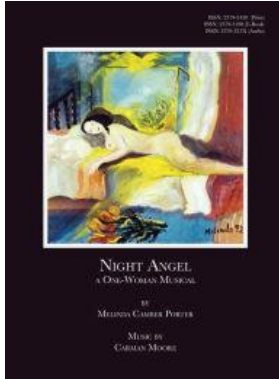
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Volume 2, Number 4:



### *Night Angel, A One-Woman Musical*

Book, Lyrics and Backdrops by Melinda Camber Porter

Music by Composer Carman Moore, New York City

Introduction by Carman Moore

(135 pages, 10 color illustrations, lyrics, music, and bibliography)

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-34-9) \$3.99 (2016).

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-33-2) 8½x11, \$49.99 (2016).

Blake Press is thrilled to announce the publication of *Night Angel*, a one-woman musical by Melinda Camber Porter and composed by Carman Moore, originally performed at Lincoln Center Clarke Theater. An embodiment of successful collaboration between Melinda Camber Porter and Carman Moore, two artists of extraordinary range, *Night Angel* presents a theatrical experience in book form, as we enter into the emotional story of a cabaret singer in Newark, New Jersey who is resurrecting her life after a painful divorce. First performed at Lincoln Center Clarke Theater in October of 1995 and directed by Martha Banta with music direction by Tim Weill and guided by Michael Parva and The Directors Company. *Night Angel* is the two acts musical with Melinda Camber Porter providing the book, lyrics, and her oil paintings serving as the backdrop to the performance with the original musical scores composed by Carman Moore.

The lyrics, musical scores and backdrop paintings of the two acts play pull the reader into the emotional maelstrom of Amy, as she evolves over the course of the musical into a more fully realized woman. *Night Angel* features seventeen songs with music ranging from hard rock to mystic ballad to waltz, all strong on melody, rhythm and unexpected harmonies.

An Introduction by Carman Moore describes his first encounter with Melinda Camber Porter who was introduced to him by an oboist. He was struck by her sense of humor and he recounts that “he had no idea of all the creativity teeming within her Brit-accented mind. She “got” my music right away and began pushing some music theater idea she wanted me to set to music. Melinda Camber Porter passed away of ovarian cancer in 2008 and left a significant body of work in art, journalism, and literature. With her background as a journalist for the Times of London, her questions explored the creative process used by many widely acclaimed cultural figures, filmmakers, and writers. The Melinda Camber Porter Archive wishes to share these conversations with the public to ensure the continuation and expansion of the ideas expressed in her creative works.





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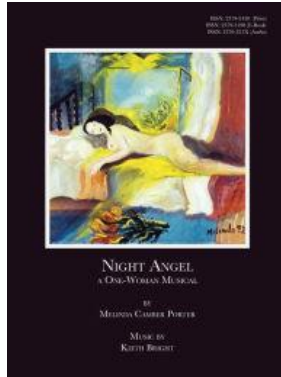
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(135 pages, 10 color illustrations, lyrics, music, and bibliography)

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Keith Bright visiting Melinda Camber Porter in New York learned of *Night Angel* and read the book and lyrics. He returned to London with the book and then wrote his emotional music to all seventeen songs.

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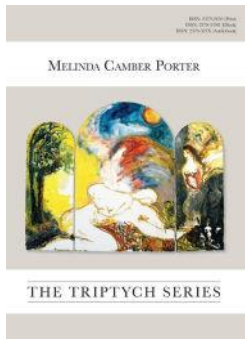
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### *The Triptych Series,*

Twenty-seven oil paintings by Melinda Camber Porter

Foreword by Walter Wickiser

Text and 45 Watercolors by Melinda Camber Porter

(105 pages, 60 color illustrations, index, and bibliography)

**Ebook:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-14-1) \$3.99 (2016).

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-50-9), 8½x11, \$49.99 (2016).

Melinda Camber Porter explains, “*The Triptych Series* is twenty-seven large oils on canvas exploring the triptych form as both altarpiece and sculptural shape.”

“I compare Melinda Camber Porter’s own ‘cosmology’ to that of Michelangelo, whose conflation of the spiritual and the material, the chaste and the sensual, horrified and aroused his contemporaries even as it communicated his highly personal understanding of God, man and their interrelationship.”  
– Peter Trippi, Editor of *Fine Art Connoisseur*

“Melinda Camber Porter is a watercolorist [in addition to oils], and that is a very difficult medium to handle. With oil it’s easy to correct things or just go over it, but with watercolor, once you have done it, you have done it.”  
– Robin Hamlyn, Senior Curator of William Blake at Tate Britain

“As an artist, Melinda Camber Porter’s use of line and form is completely original. Her artwork could be defined as ‘figurative abstraction’, because she pioneers new territory in both the abstract and figurative domains. Her extraordinary use of color would inspire a composer. Melinda Camber Porter faithfully pursued her own ‘cosmology,’ which was constantly evolving, evolving, evolving.”  
– Walter Wickiser, New York Gallery Owner

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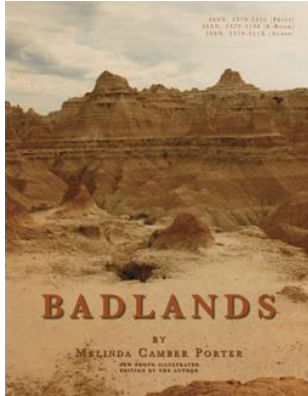
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### *Badlands, a photo illustrated novel*



by Melinda Camber Porter

New Photo Illustrated Edition

with 46 photos of the Badlands and Pine Ridge, South Dakota

1996 Book-of-the-Month Club Selection

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**Ebook** (enhanced video clips): (ISBN: 978-1-942231-53-0) \$3.99 (2017).

**Hardcover:** (ISBN: 978-1-942231-51-6) 8½x11, \$49.99 (2017).

New Photo Illustrated Edition of the acclaimed novel, *Badlands*, a 1996 Book-of-the-Month selection. This new edition includes 46 photos taken by the author on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, one at the start of each chapter.

“In the South Dakota *Badlands* Melinda Camber Porter so powerfully conjures is a place where wounds don’t heal.” – a *Booklist* Starred Review by **Donna Seaman**

“*Badlands* is a Novel of Startling Lyricism.” *Publishers Weekly*

“*Badlands* has a narrative with a weighty sensuality that carries the reader forward in a kind of drunken, dreamlike state.” *New York Times*

“*Badlands* is a very strong, very intelligent and very intriguing novel.” **Joyce Carol Oates**

“Melinda Camber Porter should be congratulated on *Badlands*: she knows her subject thoroughly; her vision is lyrical, yet unflinching. *Badlands* is an achievement.” **Peter Matthiessen**

“In *Badlands*, Melinda Camber Porter has focused her English intelligence on America and rendered it as an uneasy dream of sex and death and abandonment, a mirage with the power of possession.” **Joan Didion**

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