

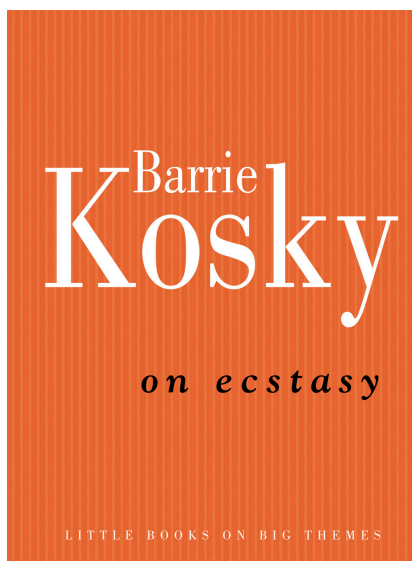
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ON ECSTASY

by Barrie Kosky

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‘My polish grandmother made a chicken soup like no other chicken soup. To this day, it has, to my knowledge and experience, never been bettered ... Her chicken soup was the Caravaggio of soups. The Rainer Marie Rilke of soups. The Artwo Benedett Michelangeli of soups.’

Barrie Kosky, *On Ecstasy*

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