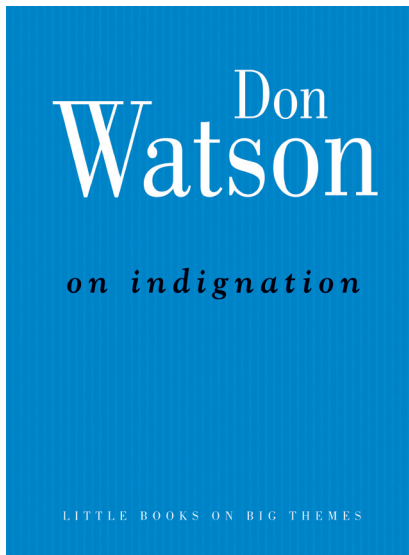


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## ON INDIGNATION

by Don Watson

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*“In my own childhood someone was always trying to get a rise, and someone was always stalking off in tears and slammin doors behind her; or marching out of the cowshed and down the hill as if determined that the rest of us would never see her again. ‘Huffs’, they were called, or ‘scots’. But the indignant very often walk into a void. They need resistance. And sooner or later they have to come in for tea. What then? What does it profit a man to throw his only bowl of custard at he wall?”*

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