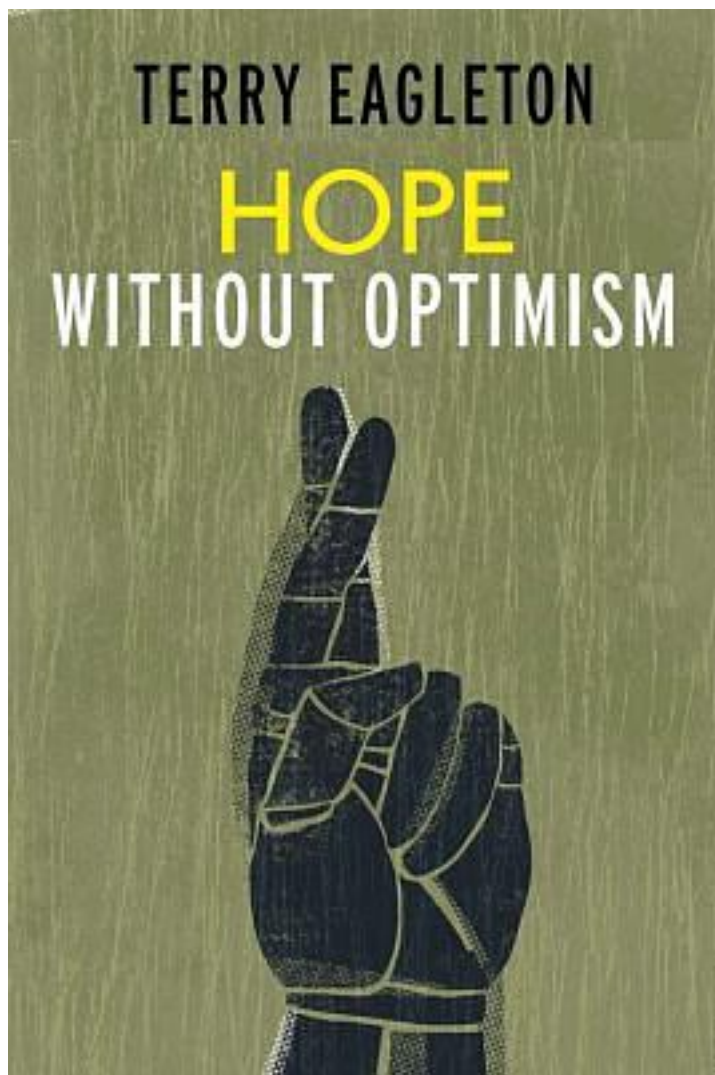


# Hope Without Optimism



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In a virtuoso display of erudition, thoughtfulness and humour, Terry Eagleton teases apart the concept of hope as it has been (often mistakenly) conceptualised over six millennia, from ancient Greece to today. He distinguishes hope from simple optimism, cheeriness, desire, idealism or adherence to the doctrine of Progress, bringing into focus a standpoint that requires reflection and commitment, arises from clear-sighted rationality, can be cultivated by practice and self-discipline, and which acknowledges but refuses to capitulate to the realities of failure and defeat. Authentic hope is indubitably tragic, yet Eagleton also argues for its radical implications as ‘a species of permanent revolution, whose enemy is as much political complacency as metaphysical despair’. It is a means of facing the future without devaluing the moment or obviating the past. Traversing centuries of thought about the many modes of hoping – from Ernst Bloch’s monumental work through the Stoics, Aquinas, Marx and Kierkegaard, among others – this penetrating book throws new light on religious faith and political ideology as well as issues such as the problem of evil, the role of language and the meaning of the past. *Hope Without Optimism* is a brilliantly engaged, impassioned chronicle of human belief and desire in an increasingly uncertain world.

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蛮有趣的，诞生于绝望的希望，和感觉不到绝望的乐观之间的对比，蛮好玩的！尤其是第一章The Banality of Optimism真的很针砭时弊了（喂！）但是感觉要读得顺的话，要更熟悉哲学宗教和历史才行，整个有种文献综述的感觉，第三章因为不认识Bloch，所以基本看不太懂（。）有些地方文字真的很漂亮~而且总有种看到喜欢的内容就想到本命的病（。）

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