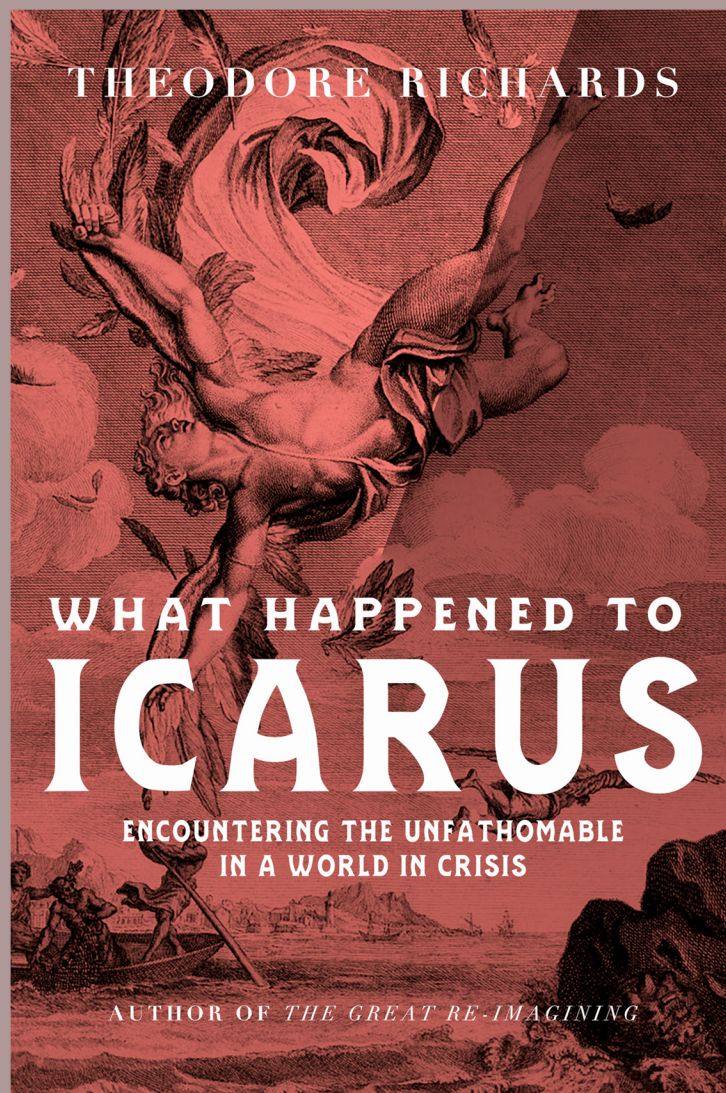


**I want to know what happened to Icarus
after his wings melted away,
when he fell into the fathomless sea.
This is where the story begins.**

Ours is undeniably a world on fire. The seas are rising, forests burn, geopolitical strife accelerates, and our inner lives are increasingly unmoored, in collapse. Many of us no longer know our place in this world. Like Icarus, we are in free fall. Tracing the author's travels through some of the most despairing, remote, and beautiful regions of the Earth, *What Happened to Icarus* suggests that perhaps our urge to fix, to mend, to search for surface-level solutions, isn't what's called for. Perhaps we must return to the depths to truly confront, in the tradition of the old stories of descent and return our inner landscapes as well as the world beyond.

What Happened to Icarus is both a call to action and a call to remember—to remember who we are, so that we may fall in love with the world again, even as we despair in our descent.



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