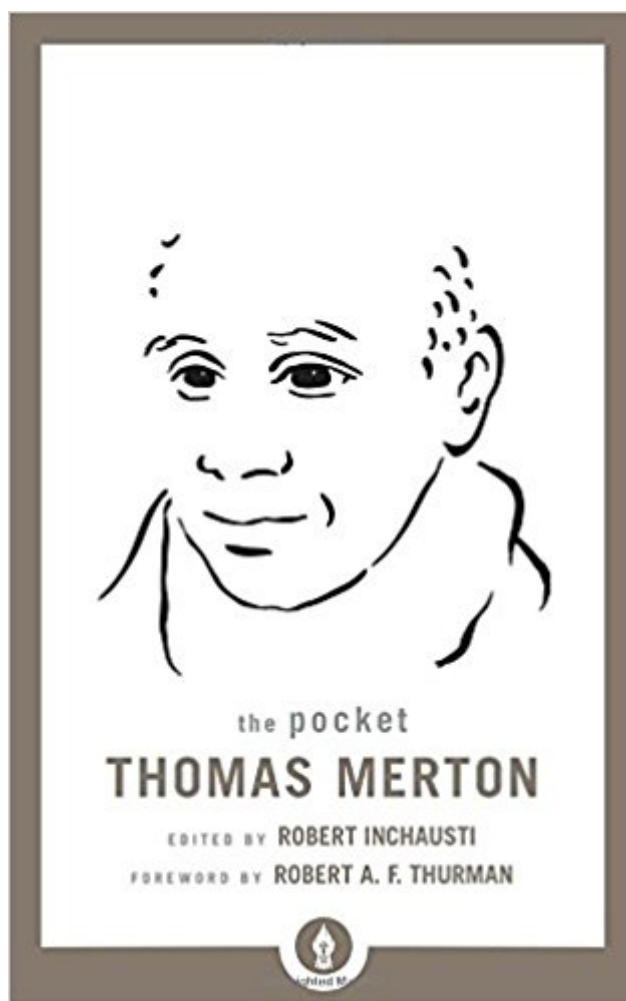


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THOMAS MERTON (1915-1968) was a Trappist monk, spiritual director, political activist, social critic, and one of the most-read spiritual writers of the twentieth century. He is the author of many books, including *The Seven Storey Mountain*.

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