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*Why in the darkest ages do they write with invisible ink?
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?*

Certainly the poets Pablo Neruda and T. S. Eliot were not thinking of psychology when writing these verses. However, Neruda's question can be directed to ask why central dimensions of human psychological phenomena remain invisible to psychologists. Instead, through history, psychologists have been easily attracted to siren songs of pseudo theories, methodological delusions, fashionable ideas and prescriptions. Challenging narrow views either on what are meaningful human psychological phenomena or on what is science as a human endeavor, we are invited to journey in this book with authors who do not fear to openly think, to openly doubt and face the patient work of building meaningful theory.

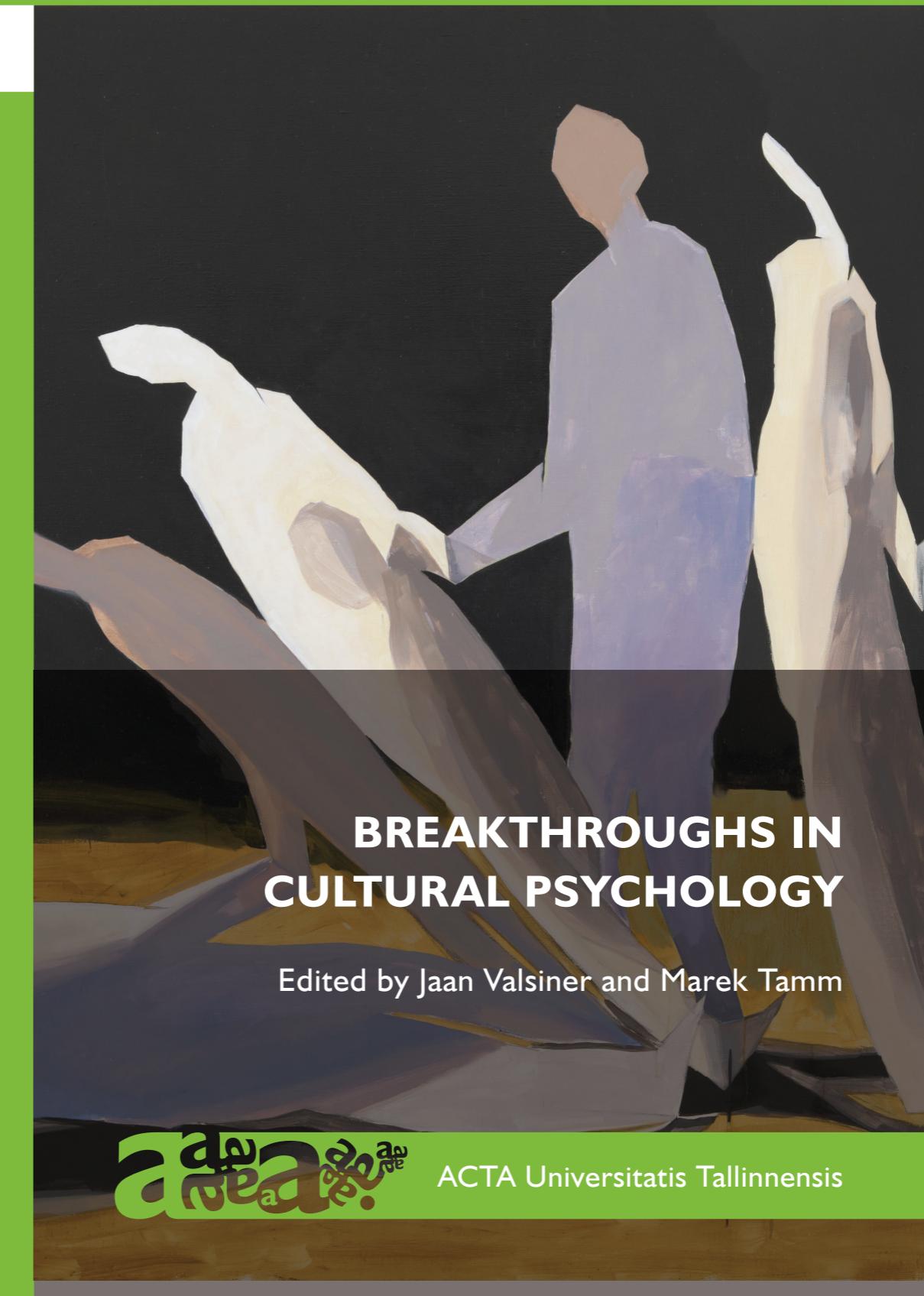
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Here, guided by intellectual passions, psychology takes a look at itself. The group, or rather network of scholars who produced this volume, not only advanced cultural psychology toward its holistic theoretical foundations, but also transformed all research toward human understanding as such, away from a competitive science. Cultural psychology is inherently semiotic in its nature, as the authors acknowledge.

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