Books on Books #8

Koen Wessing: Chili, September 1973



Koen Wessing's Chili, September 1973 is a shocking document from a socially concerned and politically engaged Dutch photojournalist. Published in 1973, just months after the fall of Salvador Allende to Augusto Pinochet's coup d'etat, it describes the tense days of the military attempt to root out public opposition in the streets of Santiago. Books on Books #8 reproduces every page spread from Wessing's gritty documentation of Chile's darkest historical moment. The art historian and film theorist, Pauline Tereehorst, contributes a contemporary essay called *The Man in the Grey Suit*.

Koen Wessing (Dutch, 1942-2010) studied at the Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam and then with the Dutch photographer Ata Kando, also working as a freelance press photographer in Amsterdam. From the end of the 1960s he worked as a documentary photographer in the tradition of politically engaged, concerned photography. His early work showed the influence of Ed van der Elsken with its interest in human drama, its use of a direct, lively approach and a dark printing technique; but he soon evolved a personal style, combining these elements with a strong formal approach.

Essayist Pauline Terreehorst is a journalist and art historian. From 2005 to 2008 she was the Director at the Centraal Museum in Utrecht, Netherlands. She is the author of several books including: *Daar, Toen, Hier: De films van Johan van der Keuken* (Wereldvenster 1988), *Loving Your Pictures* (KesselsKramer 2006) and *This is America: Visions on the American dream* (Meulenhoff 2006).

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