

# Behrouz Boochani



Behrouz Boochani is a Kurdish-Iranian journalist, human rights defender, writer and film producer. He was born on the 23rd July 1983 in western Iran. He was held in the Australian-run Manus Island detention centre in Papua New Guinea from 2013 until its closure in 2017.

## About the Author

Behrouz Boochani holds a Masters degree in political geography and geopolitics. He is a Kurdish-Iranian journalist, scholar, cultural advocate, writer and filmmaker, founder of the Kurdish language magazine Weya, an Honorary Member of PEN International. In 2013, he fled Iran and became a political prisoner of the Australian Government incarcerated in the Manus Regional Processing Centre (Papua New Guinea).

*The Guardian*

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*The New York Times*

<https://nyti.ms/348e81a>

*The Conversation*

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Archibald Prize

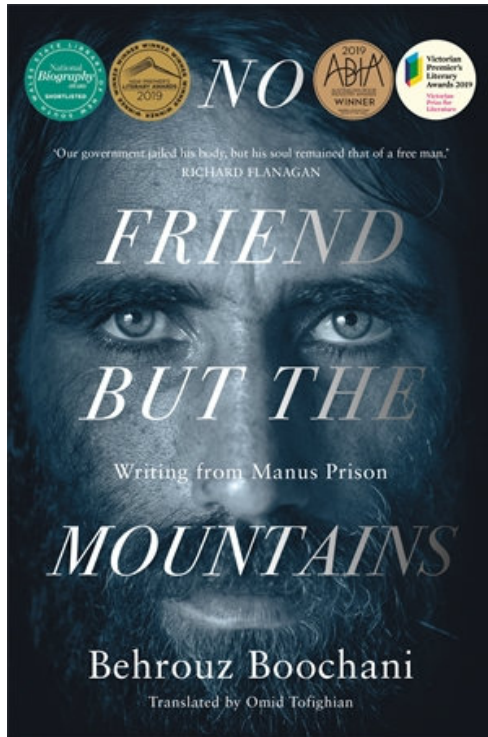
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## Books

### No Friend But The Mountains

Long-listed for Colin Roderick Award 2019



Winner for ABIA General Non-fiction of the Year

2019 Winner for ABIA General Non-fiction of the Year 2019

Winner for Victorian Premier's Literary Award Victorian Prize for Literature 2019

In 2013, Kurdish journalist Behrouz Boochani was illegally and indefinitely detained on Manus Island.

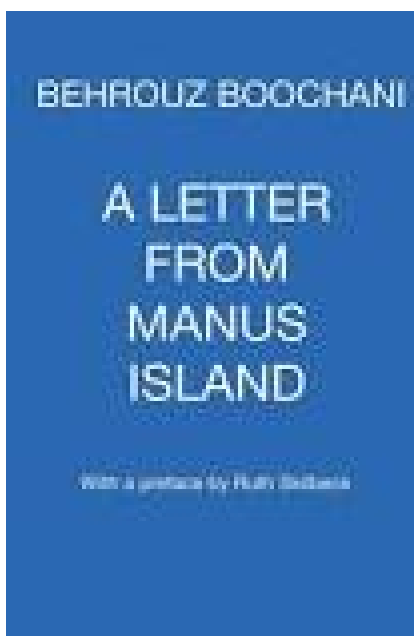
This book is the result. Written on a smuggled mobile phone and translated from Farsi, it is a voice of witness, an act of survival. A lyric first-hand account. A cry of resistance. A vivid portrait through six years of incarceration and exile that - against all the odds - became an award-winning national bestseller.

*Australian Book Review* - Felicity Plunkett

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Awards and Comments

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*The Saturday Paper*

### A letter From Manus Island

Behrouz Boochani, author, filmmaker and journalist wrote his profound and powerful poetic political manifesto A Letter From Manus Island after four years incarceration as a stateless refugee on Manus in Australian-run camps.

<https://bit.ly/2Gi4OiV>



*Until We Are All Free*

## **Until We Are All Free**

A 26 page graphic non-fiction narrative depicting Kurdish-Iranian refugee Behrouz Boochani's early life, attempted journeys to Australia, and incarceration in a detention camp on Manus Island. Based on interviews via WhatsApp, conducted by Positive/Negatives, and Boochani's own journalism.

<https://bit.ly/335v0X7>

## **Asylum in New Zealand 2020**



*Sydney Morning Herald*

<https://bit.ly/345crBz>

*The Guardian*

<https://bit.ly/2Hv6V3C>