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Looking for Paradise



Looking for Paradise – Book 8

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Cover

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Book 8 of 12 books

100 pages hand made raw cotton paper.

58 cm x 41 cm

Ink drawings, gouache, collages, digital prints.

Typewriter text and relief print with gilding tools.

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About Looking for Paradise

Australia is a population of immigrants and refugees with its own history of displacement of its first inhabitants marginalised and relegated to missions.

The work creates a parallel between Australian government policies and their consequences on refugees' quest in looking for a better place to live, a search for paradise and their dreams to find a refuge.

Central to the theme of the work, I am bringing the stories of these immigrants who are relegated to the margin of society, to the centre page.

At the heart of the work is a series of 12 books that look into how past and present policies instigated to help or denied entry to people in need of a 'safe heaven'. The books are presented in a barb wire cage. Each gallery chooses a number of books to display, alluding to the restrictive movements imposed on refugees.

The texts are framed with drawings of the Australian bush and botanical specimens referencing the displacement of the indigenous population from their lands and placed in camps or mission.

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About Nathalie Hartog-Gautier

As an Australian migrant, my life over the past 40 years has been a journey integrating my past, present and future through my art. My work focuses on the voyages of people and the interaction between their new environments and the ecology they bring with them.

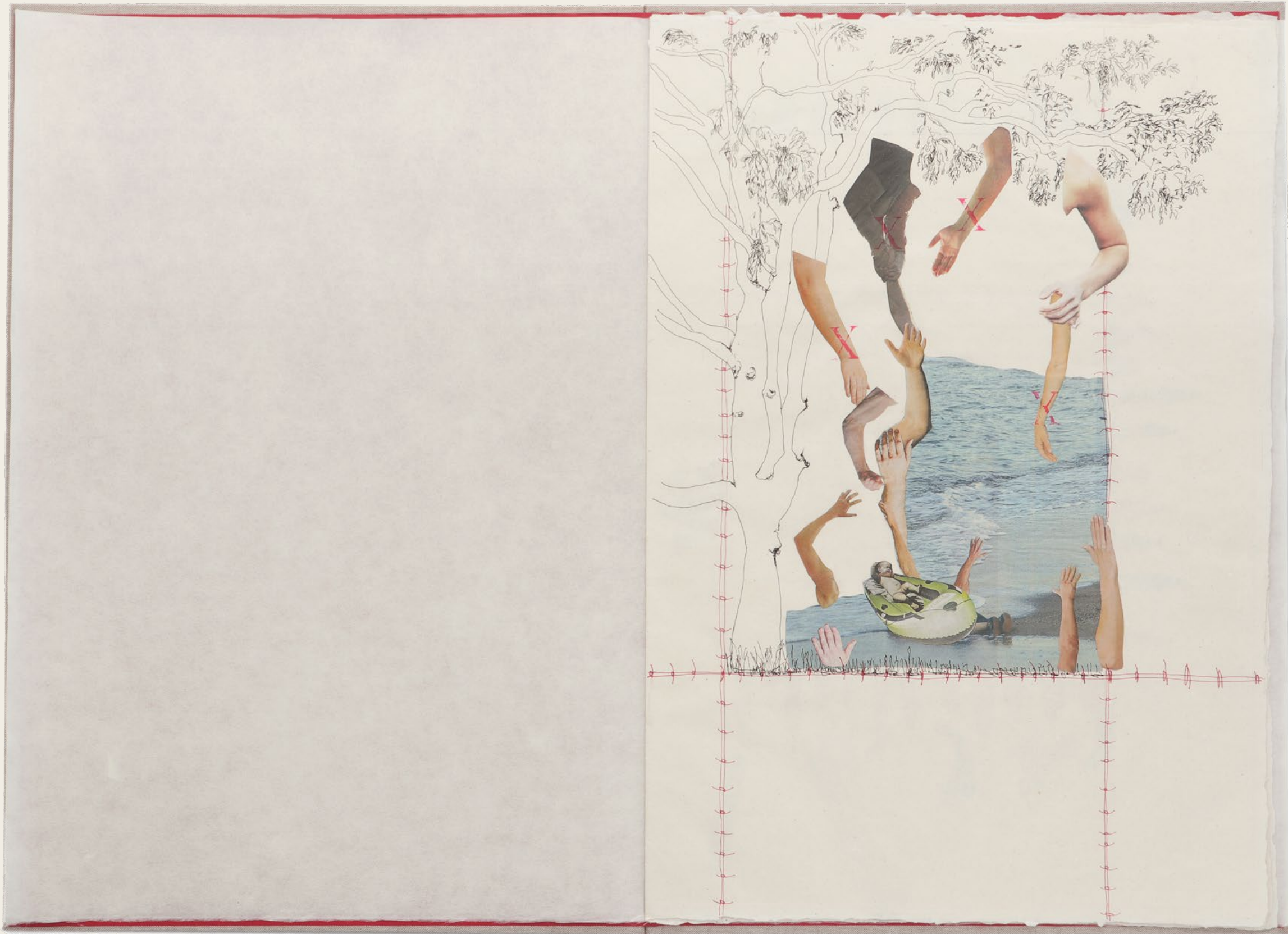
This allows me to explore the transformation, attachments, associations and in particular, the intersection between place, memory, and identity underpinned by my own association and relationship with the landscapes of France where I was born and Australia where I live.

Weaving past and present is like seeing your own reflection and reading through it the landscape I have experienced.

Australia is a rich multicultural society and my work responds to this condition. My experiences of journey, of resettlement and of viewing the land with fresh eyes, informs my response to the current political environment.

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Declaration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

ARTICLE 8

Vulnerable members of refugee communities are to be treated with special care and where children are involved, the rights of the children must be paramount.

This is derived from the Convention on the Rights of the Child and also from the ExCom conclusions including numbers 85 (1998) and 89 (2000) on the elderly, numbers 39 (1985), 54 (1988), 60 (1989) and 64 (1990) on refugee women and numbers 47 (1987) and 59 (1989) on refugee children.

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THE BOATS WILL NEVERLAND IN OUR WATERS - NEVER

WE WILL
DECIDE
WHO COMES TO
THIS COUNTRY
AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES
IN WHICH THEY COME .

PRIME MINISTER JOHN HOWARD
ELECTION CAMPAIGN LAUNCH 2001



ARNE RINNAN, THE VETERAN CAPTAIN OF THE NORWEGIAN FREIGHTER TAMPA DEFIED ORDER FROM CANBERRA TO STAY AWAY FROM AUSTRALIAN WATERS WITH HIS CARGO OF 433 RESCUED ASYLUM SEEKERS. MANY OF THEM IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION AND PROCEEDED TOWARDS CHRISTMAS ISLAND, THE TINY AUSTRALIAN TERRITORY... IT ENDED, AFTER HEAVILY ARMED SAS TROOPS SEIZED CONTROL OF THE SHIP, WITH JOHN HOWARD INTRODUCING RETROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION GIVING HIS GOVERNMENT THE POWER TO REMOVE THE TAMPA AND ANY SIMILAR UNWELCOME VESSELS IN THE FUTURE, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR THE CONSEQUENCES.

MICHAEL GORDON 20 AUGUST 2011 SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

ARNE BINKER, THE VETERAN...
THE MERCHANTS...
...FROM AUSTRALIAN WATERS...
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