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WRITING TO BELONG DISABILITY MEMOIRS FROM ACROSS THE IRON CURTAIN.

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RETHINKING DISABILITY

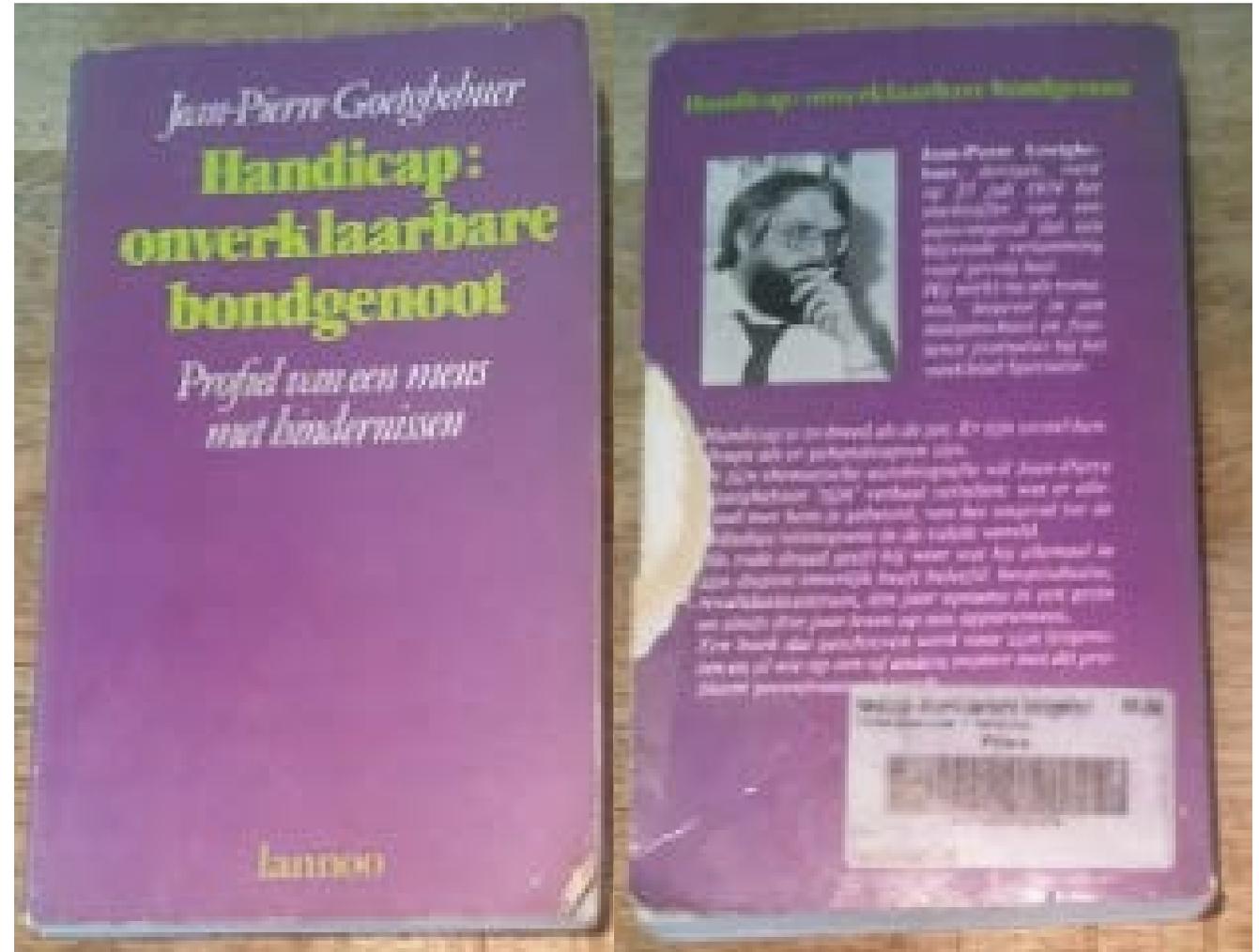
The Global Impact of the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981) in Historical Perspective

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***(1) Disability: an
unexplained ally***

***- Jean-Pierre
Goetghebuer (1945-
2015)***





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Historical context

- Secularisation and depillarisation
- Welfare state (questioned)
- New social movements



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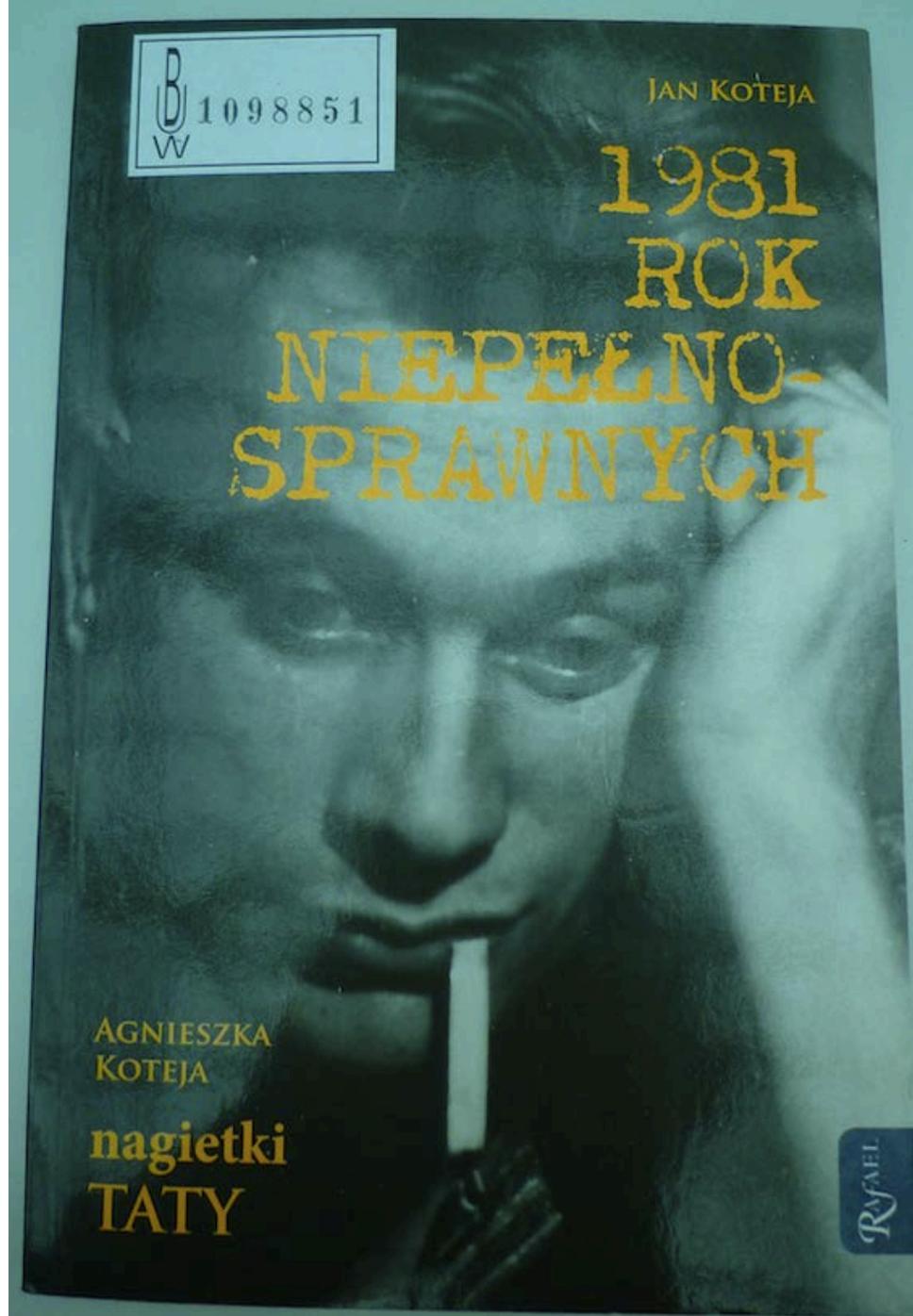
Recurring themes:

- Critique of current institutions and arrangements
- Disability as a route to personal growth
- Meaning and suffering
- Common humanity

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*(2) 1981 Year of the
Disabled (Marigold's
dad)*

*- Jan Koteja (1932-
2004) and
Agnieszka Koteja
(1964)*





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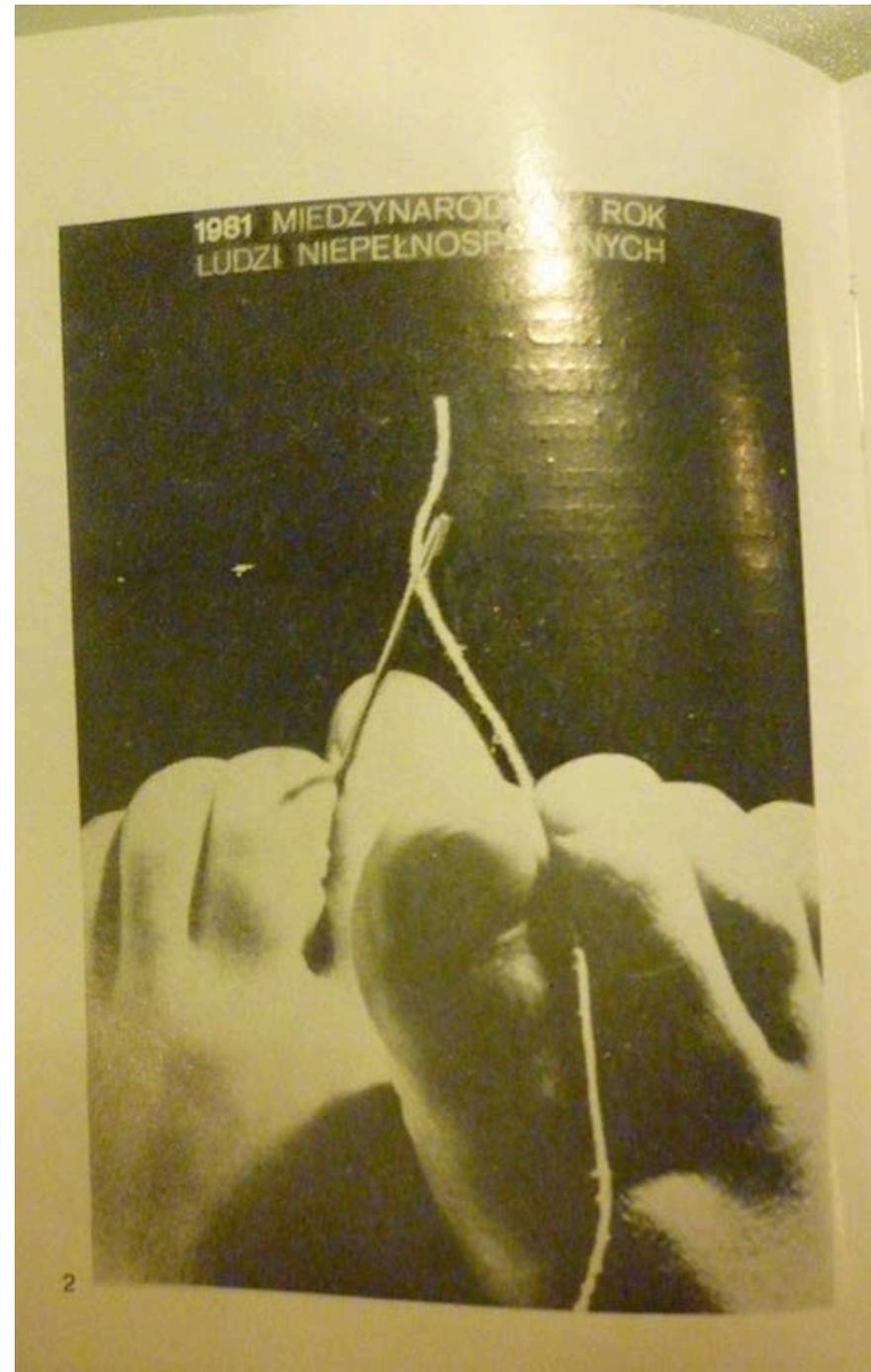
Historical context

- Solidarnosc
- Martial law
- Curious position of Catholicism

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Themes:

- *Confrontation with institutions*
- *Common humanity*
- *Masculinity*
- *Meaning?*





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3. Conclusion

1. Disability as an identity
2. Relational Belonging
3. Citizenship