



## Alison Turnbull

### PSYCHE. Or, the butterfly – An Expanded Field Guide

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In 2017, Colombian-born British artist **Alison Turnbull** (b. 1956, Bogotá) travelled to **Chocó, Colombia** at the invitation of Fundación Más Arte Más Acción to study butterflies in the Pacific rainforest, working alongside **Dr Blanca Huertas, butterfly expert and Senior Curator in Lepidoptera at the Natural History Museum, London.**

Psyche is the ancient Greek word for both butterfly and soul. *PSYCHE. Or, the butterfly – An Expanded Field Guide* is Alison Turnbull's observational record, both literal and imaginary, of the expedition.

Comprising a wide variety of idioms – drawings, photographs, notes, fragments and literary sources – this book of butterflies is a natural history field guide in the broadest sense.

It includes *The Mimic Net*, a new essay by writer and mythographer **Marina Warner** and an illustrated **fold-out poster guide** to the butterflies of the region by Dr Huertas.

This publication is the culmination of a series of events including **Alison Turnbull's exhibition, *If Mimicry Minded* at Matt's Gallery in London** and her **BBC Radio 4 programme, *Butterflies in Colombia***, both of which occurred in 2018.

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