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Brother Anthony was born in 1942 in England and completed his studies in the University of Oxford before becoming a member of the Community of Taizé (France) in 1969. Since 1980, he has been living in Korea and taught English literature at Sogang University, where he is now an Emeritus Professor. He was also Chair-Professor in Dankook University 2010-2024. From January 2011 until the end of 2020 he was President of the Royal Asiatic Society Korea Branch, he is now its President Emeritus. He was naturalized as a Korean citizen in 1994 with the Korean name An Seonjae.

During his time at Sogang University he served as English Department Chairman 1992 – 1994, was in charge of the British & American Cultures Major from July 2000 - 2003, and was again Chair of the English Department from May 2001 until July 2003. He served as President of the Medieval and Early Modern English Studies Association of Korea 1998-2000.

He has published over 70 volumes of English translations of modern Korean literature, mainly poetry, as well as a number of Korean novels

He has received the Korea Times Translation Award, the Daesan Translation Award, the Korean Republic's Literary Award (Translation) and the Korean PEN Translation Award for his work. He received the Korean government's 문화훈장 Award of Merit, Jade Crown class, in October 2008 for his work in promoting knowledge of Korean literature in the world. He was awarded an honorary MBE by Queen Elizabeth in December 2015 for contributions to Korean-British relations. He received the 2024 Manhae Literary Award.

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Author	Title + Co-translator	Publisher & Date
Poetry		
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2. Ku Sang 구 상	A Korean Century (시선집)	Forest Books 1991 (Out of print)
3. Ku Sang 구상	Infant Splendor 유치잔란	Samseong 1991 (Out of print)
4. Kim Kwang-kyu 김 광규	Faint Shadows of Love (시선집)	Forest Books 1991 (Out of print)
5. Ko Un 고 은	The Sound of my Waves (시선집) with Kim Young-Moo	Cornell EAS 1991 // Cornell - DapGae
6. Midang, So Chong-ju 미당 서 정 주	Early Lyrics (1947-1960)	Forest Books 1991 // Cornell - DapGae 1998
7. Ch'on Sang-pyong 천 상병	Back to Heaven (시선집)	Cornell EAS 1995 // Cornell - DapGae 1996
8. Ko Un 고 은	<i>Beyond Self: 108 Zen Poems</i> What? 뭐냐 : 선시 with Kim Young- Moo	Parallax (Berkeley) 1997 / 2007
9. Shin Kyong-nim 신 경림	Farmers' Dance 농무	Cornell - DapGae 1999
10. Kim Su-young 김 수영 Shin Kyong-nim 신 경림 Lee Si-young 이 시영	<i>Variations</i> (시선집) with Kim Young-Moo	Cornell 2001
11. Ku Sang 구 상	Even the Knots on Quince Trees Tell Tales 모과 옹두리에도	DapGae 2004

12. Ku Sang 구 상	<i>Eternity Today</i> (시선집)	Seoul Selection 2005
13. Kim Young-Moo 김 영무	<i>Virtual Reality</i> (시선집) with Lee Jong-Sook	DapGae 2005
14. Kim Kwang-kyu 김 광규	<i>The Depths of a Clam</i> (시선집) with Kim Young-Moo	White Pine Press 2005
15. Ko Un 고 은	Ten Thousand Lives 만인보 (1-10 권 중) with Kim Young-Moo	Green Integer (Los Angeles) 2008
16. Kim Kwang-Kyu 김 광규	<i>Journey to Seoul</i> (시선집) with Kim Young-Moo	DapGae 2006
17. Ko Un 고 은	Flowers of a Moment 순간의 꽃 with Kim Young-Moo, Gary Gach	BOA Editions 2006
18. Chonggi Mah M.D. 마 종기	Eyes of Dew (시선집)	White Pine (Buffalo) 2006
19. Blind and challenged children	Poems for Planting Love	Seoul Selection (Seoul) 2008
20. Ko Un 고 은	Songs for Tomorrow (시선집) with Kim Young-Moo, Gary Gach	Green Integer (Los Angeles) 2009
21. Kim Yeong-Nang 김영랑	Until Peonies Bloom (시전집)	MerwinAsia (Portland) 2010
22. Kim Seung-Hee 김승희	<i>Walking on a Washing Line</i> (시선집) with Kim Hyun-Jin	Cornell EAS 2011
23. Ko Un 고은	ChaRyong's Kiss (bilingual, poems for children about his daughter)	Ba-u-sol 2011
24. Ko Un 고은	Himalaya Poems with Lee Sang-Wha	Green Integer (Los Angeles) 2011
25. Ko Un 고은	First Person Sorrowful with Lee Sang-Wha	Bloodaxe (UK, 2012)
26. Hong Yunsook 홍윤숙	Sunlight in a Distant Place	Foreign Language Publications Ohio State U. 2013
27. Ynhui Park 박이문	Shadows of the Void	Seoul Selection 2014
28. Lee Si-young 이시영	Patterns (무늬)	Green Integer (Los Angeles) 2014
29. Ko Un 고은	Maninbo: Peace & War (판인보)	Bloodaxe (UK, 2015)
30. Kim Soo-Bok 김수복	Beating on Iron	Green Integer 2015
31. Anthology	The Colors of Dawn	Manoa, 2016
32. Do Jong-Hwan 도종환	No Flower Blooms Without Wavering	Seoul Selection, 2016

33. Oh Sae-Young 오세영	Night Sky Checkerboard	Phoneme Media, 2016
34. Shim Bo-Seon 심보선	Fifteen Seconds without Sorrow	Parlor Press, 2016
35. Jeong Ho-Seung 정호승	A Letter Not Sent	Seoul Selection, 2016
36. Jeong Ho-Seung 정호승	Though flowers fall, I have never forgotten you	Seoul Selection, 2016
37. Ko Hyeong-Ryeol	Grasshoppers' Eyes	Parlor Press. 2017
38. Lee Seong-Bok	Ah, Mouthless Things	Green Integer 2017
39. Ko Un	Poems by Ko Un	Asia 2017
40. Ahn Do-Hyun	Poems by Ahn Do-Hyun	Asia 2017
41. Kim Jong-Gil	A Black Kite	MerwinAsia 2017
42. Ahn Sang-Hak	Poems by Ahn Sang-Hak	Asia 2018
43. Kim Sa-In	Liking in Silence	White Pine 2019
44. Yoo Anjin	As I Walk Alone with Yu Chang-gon	MerwinAsia 2020
45. An Hyeon-mi	Deep Work	Asia, 2020
46. Kim Seung-Hee	Hope is Lonely	Arc, 2020
47. Ahn Soo-cheol	Feeling Never Stops	Asia, 2021
48. Kim Soo-yeol	Homo Maskus	Asia 2020
49. Park Nohae	걷는 독서 Reading While Walking Along	느린걸음 2021
50. Lee Sul-ya	Cave Boys	Asia 2021
51. Ko Un	Maninbo Volumes 21-25	Green Integer 2022
52. Moon Dong-man	Thinking Less About Sad Things	Asia 2022
53. Sin Yong-mok	Concealed Words	Black Ocean 2022

54. Kim Ilyeon	All The Daughters of The Earth	Seoul Selection 2023
55. Ko Un	Maninbo 26-30	Green Integer 2023
56. Song Kyeong-dong	I'll Write Again Tomorrow	Asia 2023
57. Kim Byung-ho	Love Songs Sung with the Body	Asia 2023
58. Park Nohae	Dawn of Labor	Hawaii 2024
Fiction		
1. Yi Mun-yol 이 문열	The Poet 시인 with Jung Jong-hwa	Harvill Press 1994 / Vintage 2001
2. Lee Oyoung 이 어령	The General's Beard / Phantom Legs 장군의 수염	Homa & Sekey 2002
3.KoUn 고 은	<i>Little Pilgrim</i> 화엄경 with Kim Yong-Moo	Parallax (Berkeley) 2005
4. Bang Hyeon-seok 방현석	Off to Battle at Dawn (with Dafna Zur)	Asia: 2013
5. Yi Mun-Yol 이문열	Son of Man (사람의 아들)	Dalkey Archive 2015
6. Jeong Ho-seung 정호승	Loving (연인)	Seoul Selection, 2020
7. Jeong Ho-seung 정호승	Lonesome Jar	Seoul Selection, 2020
8. J. M. Lee	Broken Summer	Amazon Crossing 2022
9. Lee Geum-yi	The Picture Bride	Forge/Scribe 2022
10, Lee Geum-yi	Can't I Go Instead	Forge/Scribe 2023
11. Im Seong-sun	The Consultant	Raven Books 2023
Short stories	That Woman's Autobiography by Kim In-Suk	
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Sampung Department Store by Jeong I-Hyeon	
A Bale of Salt by Ku Hyo-sŏ	
Bought a Balloon by Jo Kyung Ran	
Library of Instruments by Kim Junghyeok	
The Storyteller's Tale by Lee Seung-U	
Pink Ribbon Days by Kwon Yeo-sun	
Guide to Seoul Cave by Kim Mi-won	
Blue Crab Grave by Kwon Ji-ye	
New York Bakery by Kim Yeon-su	
That Boy's House by Park Wan-suh	
Geun-won, As Such by Paik Ga-huim	
Light's Escort by Cho Hae-jin	
Noodles by Kim Sun	
The Wayfarer Never Rests on the Road by Lee Ze-ha	
Plaza Hotel by Kim Mi-wol	
In the Mood for Love by Gu Hyo-seo	
Mi in April, Sol in July by Kim Yeon-su	
Incurable by Kang Young-sook	
<i>Gate 4</i> by Ki Jun-young	
The Utility of Landscapes by Kim Ae-ran	
Mildawon Days by Kim Dong-ni	
Festival of Ashes by Park Chan-Soon	
Vertigo by Kim Se-Hee	
Birth of a Rat by Kim Soom	
The Chair by Choi Jin-young	
<i>Ex-Lover's Gift Bazaar</i> by Kim Mi-weol	
Mi-Ae by Hyejin Kim	

	Autopoiesis by Gu Byeong-mo	
	When We Cross the Bridge by Moon Ji Hyuck	
Prose		
1. Mok Sun-Ok 목 순옥	My Husband the Poet 날개 없는 새 작이 되어	Seoul Selection 2006
2. Yi Mok & Cho-ui	Korean Tea Classics	Seoul Selection 2010
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Unpublished Fiction		
Yi Munyol	Winter that Year	
Yi Munyol	Garuda	
Ch'oe Yun,	Watching Father	
Kim Won-II	Variations on Darkness	
Hwang Sun-Won	The Shower and Cranes	
Sin Ch'ae-Ho	The Battle of Dragon with Dragon	
Cho Myong-Hui	Nakdong-gang	
Yi Hae-Jo	Sanch'onch'omok (Mountains, Rivers, Plants, Trees)	
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