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The culture of amate paper dates back to pre-Columbian Meso-American times. The word amate derives from amatl, the Nahuatl word for paper. Mayan and Aztec Indians painted on amate paper to create codices (accordion folded books) depicting stories, historical events, and even astrology. San Pablito, a settlement of Otomi-speaking Indians in the Sierra Norte de Puebla, is renowned as a village of brujería (witchcraft) and the only remaining major center of indigenous papermakers in Mexico. The cut paper spirits are also named as deities, including dios de abeja, dios de antiguo, madre tierra. In addition, the Otomi cut paper camas (beds), upon which the paper figurines are laid during rituals, are glued on. These figures are accompanied by texts in Spanish written in felt-tipped pens. The description and explanation found in the texts or as cards focus predominantly on ceremonies involving offerings to rain deities and countless spirits of seeds, fruits, and plants, as well as traditional, old curing practices.


"These libris Miniaturias cover specimens are each 1.5" high, attached with insect pins to a linen backing inside a glass-fronted wooden frame. They are made with alum-tawed goatskin over wooden boards; the top cover has brass bosses, and features a blind stamp of a Grecian style woman playing a harp; the bottom is furnished with tiny clasps made by the artist in the duckhead style. The name libris Miniaturias, which has been engraved on a brass plate mounted to the frame, is from a series of works by the artist exploring the life cycle of miniature books. This work can be hung on a wall, displayed flat on a table, or at an angle in a cradle. It is not from an edition per se, but is one of an ongoing series of works on a theme." (from the artist)


"The mystical teachings of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, are presented in booklets called monographs, and the lessons are divided into two main sections - the Neophyte section and the Temple section. The home study pamphlets describe the subjects covered in the first five years of the Rosicrucian system. The Rosicrucian curriculum is much more than a study course; it is a comprehensive and thorough system of spiritual discovery"--AMORC.

The monographs were originally sent by mail correspondence for home study. Accordingly to the lessons, the entire program of teaching takes place over a series of eight years. Provides insight to the inner teachings of the Rosicrucian Order and mystical belief system based out of San Jose, California, the headquarters of the American order.


In his autobiography, founding member Stanley "Tookie" Williams describes the formation of the Crips, "as a quasi-culture with its own mores, style of dress, hand symbols, vernacular, socioeconomic qualities... codes of
silences.... an apocalyptic moment for countless black youths." Rather than say, the Crips (originally the "Cribs") formed as a continuation of the Black Panthers and civil rights, the street gang started as a territorial protection unit for black teenage youth and their neighborhoods in Los Angeles. The Crips as many members attest to was a reaction to systemic issues in the black community of disenfranchisement and destitution.

The examination of the photographs reveal an array of gang affiliations, specifically Crips, with many individuals flashing gang signs and wearing blue as their identifiable color. Writer Willie Hill links the color blue to ancient African tribal customs: "The Cuuzans' fanatical fixation for the color blue has to do with Cuuzan warriors painting their bodies blue with a specially concocted blue chalk prior to going into battle with an enemy tribe and before embarking on certain perilous hunting expeditions." Many other sources identify the color blue as originating with fallen gang member "Buddha" [founder of the Crips], as a memorial statement that continued with the community. The images in the collection are almost entirely of people, some incarcerated, with some neighborhood shots of celebrations and parties. Some of the images bear inscriptions on the verso or captions.

While gang activity has been fictionalized, dramatized, and glamourized in film, it also marks a tragic narrative to many black youth in Los Angeles. Many of the issues of poverty, drug abuse, and lack of resources are systemic issues within the black community beginning in the 1980s with the rise of gangs and gang violence. The collection includes several memorial brochures from funeral services of many young individuals, and from the testimonies of family, appear to have passed away suddenly. The testimonies, though, speak to a resiliency of the black community to continue living on despite losing family members and friends to gang violence.

In the eyes of the law and to mostly white Americans, gangs (particularly gangs of color) represent desparate and negative livelihoods, yet to the African-American and other people of color involved in gangs, many of the affiliations mean family, protection, and working to confront a system that is quite often marginalizing and discriminatory to young people of color. This is evident in the collected photographs, which are from the family of a young woman, where family and friends exist together.

This topic is particularly sensitive as many young people in the black community were afflicted by gang violence and substance abuse, especially in context with an institutional lens. Presenting a collection like this, in some ways, tokenizes black communities and subjects individuals to negative stereotypes and ethnographic examination. The effort of assembling photographs, however, strives to have visibility and awareness, allowing the photographs to tell a critical story and see identities.

The reality is, the collection is a photographic narrative of black culture in Los Angeles in the early 1990s to the early part of the 21st century. We see a young woman beginning in her childhood and develop into adulthood; have children, raise children and try to foster hope and dreams despite hardships and loss.

5.  Anon. [INDIGENOUS MAGIC; DIVINATION; SHAMANISM] Sumatran Batak divination manuscript book [pustaha]. Indonesia, Early to mid-20th century. Unique. Twelve (two-sided) panel concertina fold; fastened on handcarved alim (or agarwood) tree-bark original boards with lizard sculptural relief; inscribed and drawn on smoothed and pressed alim tree-bark; 7 x 6.5 cm" (closed); illustrated. Handwritten in red and black ink pigments. Boards stained with natural pigments, in remarkable condition, dark staining to edges. Very Good+. Hardcover. (#9997) $650.00
The 'pustaha' [named by the Batak people of interior province of northern Sumatra, Indonesia] are manuscript books constructed and composed by their "datu" or magicians and healers. Origins of the pustaha remain somewhat clouded to non-indigenous research, although, records of provenance date to the 18th century. The Batak people settled mainly in the Lake Toba region of North Sumatra, and included three dominant dialects: Toba, Angkola, and Mandailing.

The books themselves are frequently made with alim tree-bark; written and illustrated with other natural ink pigments. The pustaha is significant for the Batak, as the texts are didactic tools for apprentices, but also for members of the community to interpret important decisions and advise on community issues, as reconciled by the datu. The books are often written in note-like script. The script is almost illegible for most members of the community, and indecipherable to Western scholars, however the syllable script is thought to be derived from East Indian Sanskrit or to some scholars, Indian Palava script. Many contemporary pustaha (as this specimen is most likely) were made and sold to tourists of the region, as well. The content of the books vary, but generally are divination books, including diagnosis of illness, protective/destructive magic, and acts of cult. Many of the books are also astrological in nature and contain solar and lunar charts and tables, and in the case of this particular pustaha, which contains animistic figures. This book features a carved lizard in high relief on one of the boards, which is associated with fertility and fertility rites. The verso board has a symbol of a star or a floral symbol. Many of the figurative illustrations in the book [a child] [a goddess figure with serpents] [star] [scorpion], also allude to creation myth, as the 'tendi'
manifestation of 'life' and 'death' represented these symbols. The text is inscribed and illustrated on both sides of the bark. Although colonized by the Dutch government in the 19th century, many Batak people retain indigenous religious beliefs, although increasingly marginalized. Similar to the magical amate bark books of San Pablito, Puebla, Mexico. An exceptional and critical book for Indonesia history and culture.


Austin Osman Spare – One of the most recognized occult artists who elicited emotion under the occult umbrella. In a purposeful way, he left a legacy of existentialism, perhaps the macabre, but more so rather appropriated his psychic and magical abilities to conjure thought-forms to visible and tangible appearances. In this case of [artist] designer and collector, he’s pretty singular, in that he illustrated the proportion of the power of belief into the sigils, by revealing the clarity of the image, which it evokes. This attests to an unusual example of how invocation manifests into the physical and transferred to print, in this case bookplates. These bookplates were designed between 1904-1945, for such folks as journalist Dennis Bardsen and patron Pickford Waller.

What is unusual here, but not out of the ordinary for a magician like Spare, is the element of confrontation. He’s invoked a particular trait about his identity (however self-absorbed that he was) as a magician and infused it graphically into the design. This is something different than what we might see in mass commercialization of the bookplate, which normally emphasize the collector, Spare has really infused his own likeness magically. His work illustrates, an aggressive fusion of magick and design.

Early example of trade-show swag, this by one of the first removable hard-drive manufactures (following IBM and BASF). No other copies located in any collections. Caelus was an early IBM-San Jose spin-off in 1966, founded as the first supplier of "IBM Clone" 14 inch magnetic disks and disk packs used initially in IBM’s 1311 and 2311, later including 2314 and 3330. The company obtained an IBM patent license, and worked with IBM to obtain special test equipment. Due to the "clone" nature of the disk (same materials and process as IBM) it was favored by many drive makers who had designed equipment around the properties of IBM media. Other suppliers [e.g. BASF a month or so earlier] often invented their own processes, and not all disks behaved exactly like IBM product, so Caelus had a short term compatibility advantage.

A survey of the myths and legends concerning lycanthropy from ancient times to the Victorian era. Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) of Lew Trenchard in Devon, England, was an Anglican priest, hagiographer, antiquarian, novelist, folk song collector and eclectic scholar. His bibliography consists of more than 1240 publications. In one of the most cited texts on lycanthropy, "Baring-Gould treats the phenomenon of the werewolf as a psychological aberration, as essentially a delusional state. Baring-Gould treks into the shadowy world of crimes vaguely connected to werewolves, including serial murders, grave desecration, and cannibalism." (Coleman) The book was formerly owned by Dillon Hampden Carrington (b.1916), supernatural book collector. At first search, no copies of this edition held in US institutions (Worldcat). Recased with a nice bit of binding work using original gilt decoration of a wolf in a diamond shape and also includes the original spine pasted in the back of the book.

hand-coloured endpapers and doublures, gold-tooled in Caplain (gold) leaf with three bullet-shaped finishing tools created by binder; housed in a cloth-covered drop-back box with a blocked leather label, in blind lettering. 8vo. np. Limited edition of 50 copies in design binding. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. ($10186) $4,500.00

"For this work I wanted to explore a more pictorial response to the text, which is a poem written by Maurice Baring about his time in the Royal Flying Corps and RAF (in 1918 the RFC was amalgamated with the Royal Naval Air Service to become the RAF).
The image across the cover alludes to exchanges of fire between world war one aeroplanes, whilst the hand-coloured endpapers give a diffused impression of a shot down, blazing plane." [Artist Statement]

10. Barthonlin, Thomas; Meibom, Johann Heinrich. De Usu Flagrorum In re Medica & Veneria, Lumborumque & Renum Officio. Frankfurt: Ex Bibliopolio Hafniensi, 1670. First Thus. Light, sporadic toning, signature and notes at endpages, else tight and unmarred. Small 8vo (150x90mm). Contemporary brown calf, gilt spine, head pieces and initials. Provenance: "De la Reynie" (see note). Laid in single leaf of later annotation loosely-inserted at rear. Very Good+ Hardcover. ($9503) $1,200.00

A pencil note on the front free endpaper states ". . . du lieutenant de police avec sa signature autographe – de la Reynie. Voir Bayle, T. I, p.518." Waller 753. de la Reynie was the founder of the first modern police force. First published in Lübeck in 1639 under the authorship of Meibom alone, "De usu flagrorum" is the first known printed book on the subject of flagellation for medical and recreational purposes.
The English title is "A Treatise on the Use of Flogging in Medicine and Venery." The text includes several accounts as examples, and is widely considered an early example of pornography.

11. Becker, Albrecht; [Morse, Carl]. A Collection of 25 Candid Photographs [Queer Studies; Nazi Germany; Body Art; Performance Art]. Hamburg, Germany: Self-published, 1996. Original. Two images cut, 3 sets of 3 are taped together at rear as a triptych with notation at rear (in Becker's hand, indicating he was 91 at the time), a total of 10 images have notations at the rear, envelope opened at bottom, one image (clothed) mounted to card with mss note, else bright and clean. Mostly 3x5" photographs, triptychs sized to match. Color images. All images appear to be from when Becker was 91 years old (1-2 at 90). Very Good. ($9504) $4,500.00

A fascinating collection of 25 original photographs sent by Albrecht Becker to Carl Morse in New York on the occasion of Becker's 90th birthday. All of the photographs depict Becker at his birthday party and engaged in anal sex via large prosthetic devices. In all of the photographs (but one) Becker is nude and the viewer can fully appreciate the lengths to which Becker went to decorate his body; from his collar bone down he is entirely tattooed and in many places pierced. In one series of photographs in which Becker is hanging a large weight from his penis we can also see that his penis has been split. In the one photograph where Becker is clothed he comes across as a natty old farmer. All are in color and seven of them bear the text of the letter and various notations from Albrecht Becker to Carl Morse. Original envelope addressed by hand by Becker to Morse in NY. Text of the letter (dated 1997) as follows: "Almost I had forgotten to send you this few photographs. I have done too many photographs in Berlin […]. I remember just in time, not too late. With love from Albrecht." Becker has included the original collage photograph of him that was used as an invitation (and shows him in various stages of being disrobed). He has written to Morse on the recto: "This was an invitation card for my 90th birthday. 14 November, 1996. Celebration with 120 persons that was a great success." All of the photographs are sharp and in very good condition.

Albrecht Becker, the son of a baker, was born in the town of Thale in 1906. He knew and accepted early in life that he was gay. After graduating high school he moved to Wurzburg to study textiles. "In Würzburg, away from his family, Becker was able to live more freely as a gay man. He began his first long-term relationship with Joseph Arbert, a professor who was more than twenty years his senior. The older man became Becker's intellectual mentor, introducing him to a world of art and literature. They would remain together until the Gestapo arrested them ten years later in 1935. Becker first tried to work as a sales clerk in a department store but did not do very well, so his supervisors let him try his hand at window dressing, where he showed great promise. Impressed with his talent, they sent him to a design school in Munich. Making decent money, Becker was able to save for trips and to buy his first Leica camera. This marks the beginning of a long career in photography. He traveled to Spain and then on another trip to Italy where he met a young American man his age, Wenderer Brown, from Texas. Ironically, after a month-long visit with Brown in the United States in August of 1934, Becker misses Würzburg too much to stay and returns to Germany, unaware that he would be arrested three months later for violating Paragraph 175. Had he known, he would have stayed safely ensconced in America, but, as Becker notes, his desire to return to Nazi Germany was a sign of how safe gay men felt during that time. This feeling of relative security despite Paragraph 175 was largely due to the well-known fact that the commander of the SA, Ernst Röhm, was gay. He soon moved back to Würzburg and in 1935 received a summons from the police department on the charge of homosexuality. While being questioned Becker loudly claimed ownership of his sexuality. He and a number of other gay young German men were soon on trial. Becker pleaded guilty and was given a three-year sentence. The others all pleaded innocent and were sent to Dachau and were never heard from again. It is estimated some 100,000 were arrested under the Paragraph 175 anti-gay legislation between 1933 and 1945. Those
confined in concentration camps were sometimes made to wear a cloth badge sewn onto their clothes in the shape of a pink triangle. Such a badge made them identifiable to the guards and singled them out for extra torment. Becker "eventually volunteered to serve in the war. He is not motivated by patriotism or any allegiance to the Nazi party, however, but simply because there are no more men left in town. He craves the company of men. The interviewer asks him if there is any erotic component to his life in the military. Becker immediately dismisses the notion. The risk of being caught in the military is too high. It would mean being sent to a concentration camp at best; execution at worst. For Becker, he merely wanted to be where the men were. That eventually meant being shipped to the Russian Front, where he worked with the radio corps, which actually kept him from seeing any action since he always needed to remain ten kilometers behind the front line" (Shoah Foundation). He was injured in the arm by shrapnel and sent home. In 1947 Becker met filmmaker, and his eventual lover, Herbert Kirchhoff. He and Kirchhoff relocated to Hamburg and collaborated on numerous art films. IMDB lists Becker as having 106 credits as production designer, extending all the way up until 1986. On the back of one of the photographs offered here Becker makes note of a Lebrun exhibition of photographs of Becker called Arsh Ficker. Starting in his 40s, Becker also becomes his own work of art, using his body as a canvas for tattoos that will eventually cover his entire body below his neck. He was also a very early advocate of body piercing and decoration. Becker died in 2002 at the age of 95.

Carl Morse was American poet and playwright and mainly remembered for his fierce activism for gay rights. "During the 1980s and 90s, he exercised an important influence on a generation of British gay and lesbian writers and performing artists through his inclusion in anthologies printed by Gay Men's Press, the Oscars Press and Gay Sweatshop; performances of his work at the Oval House Theatre in London; and his co-editing of Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time (1988). A selection of his work in Three New York Poets (1987) introduced his poetry to a British audience" (Guardian). At one time he was director of publications at MoMA. He died in 2003 at the age of 73.


"No trace anywhere of life, you say, pah, no difficulty there, imagination not dead yet, yes, dead, good, imagination dead imagine...

So begins Beckett’s ‘Imagination Dead Imagine’, a short prose text first published in French in Les Lettres nouvelles in 1965. Its first English publication was in The Sunday Times that same year.

This new edition is a collaboration between typographic designer and book-maker Jamie Murphy & renowned Irish visual artist David O’Kane. The work is introduced by foremost Beckett scholar Stanley E Gontarski. The text has been hand-set & letterpress printed by Jamie Murphy in 18 point Caslon Old Face, supported by newly drawn ten line grotesque characters by Bobby Tannam, cut from end grain maple by Tom Mayo. David O’Kate has supplied two lithographs inspired by the text, editioned by Thomas Franke at Stein Werk Lithography studio in Leipzig. The sheets are printed on 250 gsm French made Venin Cave BFK Rives mouldmade. The edition is limited to 50 copies, 40 of which make up the standard format, ten accounting for the de luxe. The bindings were executed by Tom Duffy in Dublin. The standard is housed in a cloth covered portfolio, protected inside a slipcase. The de luxe is presented in a clamshell box accompanied by a typographic triptych based on the text. The standard copies are numbered 11 – 50, the de-luxe are numbered 1 – 10. Each copy will be signed by the collaborators. " (from the press

[N.B. Six sheets are still being printed: frontis graphic introduction by Stanley Gontarski three sheets containing the typographic triptych (de luxe only) about the project The de luxe is presented in a solander box. The finished piece measures 23.5 inches x 15.5 inches. The deluxe contains 12 printed sheets.]

13. Belloff, Mindy. **A Golden Thread.** New York: Intima Press, 2018. Limited Edition. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Endsheets letterpress printed, front and back uniquely illustrated; two gilt edges on head and tail in 23-karat gold, with cover design and label in gold foil on leather (gilded by Peter Geraty); hand sewn on linen tapes with cover in quarter leather Pergamena blue calf skin with white Canal paper, housed inside a gold cloth clamshell box with gold foil stamped leather label (bound by Celine Lombardi). Fo (14.75x11”). 92pp [28 blank]. Illus. (color plates). Numbered limited edition of 32, with 8 additional Deluxe Editions (with design bindings, additional loose copies of various prints, and foredge painting (this last is TBD). Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9771) $6,500.00

Includes one hundred original drawings and approximately two hundred press runs. Cotton rag papers in ivory, tan, and white, made at St. Armand Paperie, Canada. Letterpress printed from photopolymer plates produced at Boxcar Press, NY.

"A Contemporary Illumination

The Minotaur short story by Nathaniel Hawthorne, from Tanglewood Tales, 1853. Additional text includes quotes of Carl Jung and text from Loren Ipsum. Mindy Belloff, artist, designer, printer, and publisher.

Released May 2018, A Golden Thread is a new tour de force edition from Intima Press. This livre d’artiste focuses on the classic Greek tragedy of Theseus, the brave son of King Aegeus, who ventures into Daedalus’ labyrinth with his
sword at the ready, and a silken thread in hand held by the heroine, Ariadne, who awaits at the entrance to the maze. Composed of 100 original drawings, each page is meticulously designed and letterpress printed in multiple press runs with an elegant color palette. With inspiration from historic illuminated manuscripts, the pages in the first and third sections are adorned with hand drawn initial caps, ornate borders, and lively calligrams. A selection of the exquisite illustrations are hand painted with watercolor and gouache. Elegantly typeset in Adobe Garamond with additional type faces, the text comes alive, as it gradually becomes larger and more animated with each page, as Theseus bravely winds his way through the dreaded labyrinth to confront the bull-headed monster. The dynamic typographic designs of the middle section of the book become more frenzied and chaotic as the narrative describes the fight between the beast and the hero.

The pages are printed on lush cotton rag papers with deckled fore edge. The story unfolds on ivory colored pages which darken to tan as our hero enters the mizmaze, and transitions to bright white as he emerges victorious. The St. Armand paper fibers are made of offcuts from the clothing industry (T-shirts, denim) and flax straw sourced from farms."

14. Berlam, Arduino. Collection of Manuscripts and Photographs [Trieste, Italy]. Trieste, Italy, c. 1926-1931. Original mss and/or first printings. Loose typescript and handwritten in pen and ink manuscripts on questionable bond paper, black and white gelatin photographic prints, mailing envelopes, and two folded and oversize printed maps in the original wraps. Very Good. (#9076) $1,000.00

A unique aggregation of primary and secondary sources documenting Italian architecture, geography, and cultural life during the pre-World War II occupation, specifically in the area of Trieste, Italy. Condition varies by material type, manuscripts are in exceptional and legible condition with some discoloration to the paper and wear and tear; the addressed and annotated, but tattered envelopes served their purpose as protectors for the enclosures; however the majority of the silver gelatin prints are in exceptional condition with little oxidation or paper degradation. Images are clear, bright, and detailed with rich black and white tones. The two maps, although folded, are bright and unmarred, despite some discoloration on the original wrapper. Overall, collection is brilliant and distinctive, as an early 1930s insight into a characteristically, unparalleled Italian region with Hapsburg Dynasty roots.

Papers represent a small archive of material created by Arduino Berlam, prominent Italian architect, in the region of the city Trieste, nestled on the northeastern coastline of Italy, only a few kilometers from the border of Slovenia. Arduino Berlam was the son of Ruggero Berlam, also an established architect, both known for their collaborative architectural design on the Synagogue of Trieste. Arduino continued to design buildings throughout the 1930s, but also wrote and published several historical and travelogue essays about Trieste. The manuscripts represented in this collection are unpublished and explore more of the cultural and geographic aspects of the area, and uniquely written in English, rather than Italian, presuming to be pitched for a wider market of readership and interest in the area. Evidence of this is recorded in the letter written to James Pond of the Pond Bureau discussing the possibility of publishing the manuscripts (enclosed) into a book or article in a magazine. The Pond Bureau, famously started by James Burton Pond, represented lecturers and writers, mostly on a presentation circuit, and included clients as Henry Ward Beecher, Winston Churchill, and Mark Twain. James Pond, as a correspondent then, to whom Berlam wrote, was undoubtedly, James Burton Pond, Jr. who took over the business when his father (Sr.) died in the 1920s. The letter also indicates Berlam and Pond were in communication previous. The letter alludes to an enclosed handwritten manuscript titled: “A Few Words and Many Photo’s about Little Characteristic Churches in Friouli [Northern Italy]. 20 pp. which is included.

Also included in the collection: Handwritten in pen and ink “Mediaeval Castles in Friouli [Northern Italy]” (Doct. Arch. Arduino Berlam. Member of the National Directory of the Syndicate of Italian Architects.) 24 pp. This manuscript has annotations in red pencil that correspondence with a numbering system on the photographs [1-29].

“ ‘The Grotto of Postumia (formerly Adelsberg)” 4 pp. (1 folio leaf). The handwritten pages in pen and ink are also edited and annotated. Interestingly, this essay describes the many grottos (caves) in the area, formerly part of the Austro-Hungarian empire at one time. Included are nine black and white photographs recording this particular grotto c. 1930s.

Lastly, “Picturesque Trieste. Italy” 24 pp. typescript, including the sections “The Huge Grotto of San Canziano” and “The Dwellers of the Subterranean Metropolis.” Heavily annotated, the typescript describes, in travelogue fashion, Trieste and peninsula of Istria written in language to attract curious American tourists, i.e. “day trip of interest.” The style of the essay suggests Berlam was writing charismatically, not only for an American audience, but for amateur travelers in mind. The photographs in the collection number over 100 and encompass images of architecture, landscape, customary dresses of local folk, and art. All of the photographic processes for the collection are gelatin silver, on varying degrees of paper quality and various size prints. The images of the grottos of San Canziano (now known as Škocjan Caves) are extremely scarce, estimating from the 1930s. Parts of the caves were not quite open to the public at that time. The 8x10” photographs from the San Canziano cave were taken by Professor Antonio Iviani (signed), naturalist and cave explorer, quite well-known and accomplished photographer of natural subterranean landscapes. Berlam probably collaborated with Iviani to acquire and use such photographs, as they are not prolific. Similarly, because this is a ‘research’ collection, Berlam utilized and gathered secondary image sources to supplement
his articles, so many of the photographs are photographic prints processed by 1930s contemporary Italian photographers and the great photographic firms of the time, including Fratelli Alinari, Giacomo Greatti, Oscarre Sanvini, and Pietro Opiglia. There are 14 photographic postcards in the collection by Oscarre Sanvini, embossed with the O. Sanvini logo. Berlam was extremely efficient by documenting the photographs with an annotated description, photographer, and place attached to the photograph. In some cases, the description also includes a number, which corresponds to a grouping of photographs, as written on 3 of the 4 envelopes in the collection. Also included: Luigi Vittorio Bertarelli, and Boegan (Eugenio). Carta della Distribuzione delle Grotte nella Venezia Giulia, [Milan] 1926. This set of maps illustrates a period of forty years of cartographic exploration producing a cross-section of two thousand caves in the Province of Udine [Friuli-Venezia Giulia] region. Annotated with a note from Berlam: “To accompany Arduino Berlam’s article “Picturesque Trieste.” The collection is remarkably distinct, outlining and illustrating a small geographic area of Italy, quite unknown to the average American citizen, with a rich natural environment and idiosyncratic Medieval architectural history. This area of Italy was occupied by the Wehrmacht troops in World War II and heavily bombed by the Allies, subsequently. The region saw a turbulent cultural change over the last 50 years and many of these descriptions and photographs in the Berlam collection have evolved to reflect a different demographic of culture and community.


"Our Voices: Perspectives that Challenge the Stigma and Stereotypes about Sex-Work" contains the stories and perspectives of 13 sex workers from across the spectrum of the sex work industry. Collectively, these stories and perspectives aim to diversify and clarify the need for a nuanced understanding of sex work and the members that constitute it. They acknowledge and challenge the misrepresentation, stigma and stereotypes prevalent around sex work.

In addition to this, we have developed our own take on the iconic tart cards as once adorned in London’s phone boxes. We have created around 25 of these, which are symbolic of the imagery of the cards, yet their respective content challenges this norm with quotes from the women that the charity Basis Sex Work Project works with. " [from the publisher]

Of particular note are the tart cards printed with #sexworkersays quotations (both printed in the book and also on the accompanying pieces).

American Library, Inc., 1968. First Edition. French-style fine binding with laced-in boards; bound in black buffalo skin with back-pared onlays in white, yellow and fuchsia goatskin, teal and lilac suede and yellow, orange, teal and light pink kozo paper; onlays are embellished with embroidered cotton floss; edges decorated with brushed-on white gouache and sprinkled with black gouache; hand-sewn double core French endbands in cotton embroidery floss; headband sprinkled with black gouache; matching edge-to-edge doublures with inlay of black calfskin which is blind tooled; flyleaves made by the binder to match edge decoration; endpapers include a cropped printed image of a Van Gogh and Wyeth painting with handmade kozo paper in teal and yellow. Housed in a clamshell box covered with black buffalo skin with onlays of handmade moon paper and scribble paper; center onlay is covered in black calfskin and blind tooled; trays covered in handmade moon paper and lined with handmade mottled purple paper; box is wrapped in handmade olive colored paper with coyote foot bone. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9908) $5,500.00

“The tale of 2001: A Space Odyssey was a collaboration between Arthur C. Clarke and Stanley Kubrick. Therefore the design takes cues from both the text and the film as a nod to this collaboration. Clarke divides his epic telling of human evolution into six parts. For my binding of this novel, I wanted to recreate each part as a tactile experience while the viewer moves through the enclosures and into the binding. Beginning with the earth-toned wrapper, which includes a bone to signify the discovery of tools and how they might benefit as weaponry. Peeling away the wrapper reveals the clamshell box and the moment in the story when the mysterious monolith is unearthed by man on the moon. The design of the binding illustrates the “star streaks” experienced by both the protagonist from the text, Dave, and viewers of Kubrick’s film. Musical notations from Verdi’s Requiem Mass “Dies Irae” are stitched on the back cover to highlight the bleakness Dave felt once the ship’s life support, HAL, murdered his entire crew and attempted to do away with him as well. In an attempt to save himself, Dave flees from the empty ship and enters the final stages of his evolution. This is communicated by the interior side of the boards, flyleaves, edge decoration and endpapers. In his escape pod, Dave enters a space with gaping black shafts filled with squares, triangles and polygons before emerging into a white space peppered with a myriad of tiny black specks overhead. Dave ends this portion of his journey in a room where the objects seem familiar but at closer inspection deemed poor replicas. Dave calls out how two paintings hung on the walls are quite blurry yet recognizable. These two paintings are Van Gogh’s Bridge of Arles and Wyeth’s Christina’s World. I altered and cropped these paintings for the endpapers to be the final visual representation of the book before getting to the actual text.” [binder statement]


It is in the late 1840s that the term "tightlacing" is first recorded. Corsets have a long history, first worn by both genders by the Minoans of Crete through the French Revolution. They fell out of fashion toward the end of the seventeenth century, returning in the 1830s and the emerging 'Victorian silhouette'. "Tightlacing" was ordinary fashion taken to an extreme. Tightlacers generally wore corsets at least 10 hours a day...though some are noted to have worn them as much as 23 hours a day. The smallest waist recorded is that of Ethel Granger, who tightlaced for most of her life and achieved a waist of 13 inches. Tightlacing was believed to have been a contributing factor in the death of female impersonator Joseph Hennella in 1912. While the Victorian tightlacing culture was predominately female, late in the 1800s and beyond, it became more closely associated with the male corseting/crossdressing subculture. This collection spans several decades of the 'golden age' of tightlacing. Contents include mainstream media coverage of corseting issues/crossdressing/subculture, many b/w photographs and other illustrations, a manuscript on the history of corsets, and a range of ephemera. It is a remarkable collection.

1: Photographic Album of The Male Corset and High Heel Wearers. Approx. 186 tipped in photos (colored and b/w). Considerable notations/comments, several tipped in clippings.
2: Das 3. Geschlecht (Die Transvestiten). 4 issues (Issues 2-5). Each illustrated with 23 to 30 images. Several pamphlets and clippings laid in (including prospectus for Der Sexualverbrecher).
3: Female Impersonators. Approx. 120pp. Tipped in b/w photographs, clippings, and ephemera, foldout plates. Laid in ephemera.
7: Eccentric Jewelry [Nose Rings / Breast Rings]. Approx. 45pp. Tipped in color and b/w photographs and clippings.
21. Collection of printed confession prayer cards. [Germany], 1855-1881. Small collection of three printed confessional or testimonial prayer cards. In very good condition. One is handpressed with ornamental border and the other two are mechanically printed with decorations, one example with illustrations. Text in German and Latin. The handpress example has annotations penned in brown ink. Very Good+. (##9985) $125.00

Holy cards or prayer cards are small, devotional pictures mass-produced for the use of the faithful. They usually depict a religious scene or a saint in an image about the size of a playing card or smaller. The reverse typically contains a prayer, some of which promise an indulgence for its recitation. Many of the cards have individual names of those receiving prayers or confessions and act as a receipt that a confession was made at a particular church.

22. Collection of Victorian 'lace' paper prayer cards or canivets, printed prayer cards. Germany; France, c.1868. Collections consists of six lace paper (canivets) prayer cards and six printed engraving cards, some color, some handcolored, one of the canivets is printed and painted on a transparency-like film. Evidence of use and water damage, some of the lace corners chipped, otherwise in very good condition. Several of the prayer cards are annotated or printed on the verso. Text in German and French. Very Good+. (##9984) $225.00

“A canivet is a particular kind of pious image or holy image (santini in Italian) of Christian iconography. The edges of the cards the canivets depicts are treated (openwork) to mimic lace. Early specimens feature chiseled motifs surrounding a miniature painted in oil, gouache or watercolor, representing a saint or illustrating a biblical scene. This type of image, which was kept in missals as a devotional support, was in vogue in the 17th and 18th centuries. From the middle of the nineteenth century, we find many imitatations of canivets: the "lace images" were made semi-industrial (printed engravings and mechanically perforated cutouts imitating lace)"--Wiki (canivets). Many of these cards do feature hand-colored engravings and floral embellishments of pastoral scenes of Mary and Christ. This collection of cards are examples created in Germany and France.

23. Cooksey, Gabby. Chronicles of a Coleopterists Strikingly Curious Swarm [Design Binding]. Tacoma, WA: Gabby Cooksey/Springtide Press, 2018/2019. Limited Edition/Unique Copy. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Bound in dark gray calf, brass and purple goatskin make up the clasp, brass and purple goatskin make up the decorative corners and spine, label blind embossed onto the cover, real jewel beetle wings pinned to the front, brown calf skin leather hinge, sewn silk endbands, hand-painted Suede-tex paper make up the flyleaves and pastedowns. The text block was sewn on hinges so there would be no sewing in the folio gutters, inlaid painted aluminum plates. 4to. np. (32pp). Limited edition of 26, this being #26. Fine in Fine Dustjacket. Hardcover. (#10182) $6,000.00

12 aluminum beetles with stories. 7 of the stories were written by Cooksey. The others are Edgar Allan Poe, Charles Darwin, Hans Christian Anderson and Aesop’s Fables.

According to the artist, this mouthful of a title is meant to be just that... A Coleopterist is, of course, one who studies beetles and a swarm is a gathering of beetles. Gabby has “always been interested in these insects so researching them was a joy. The stories I made up are meant to feel true, and you question if you’ve heard of them before or not. This book is meant to feel precious but also rugged; I chose all the materials to withstand a beating like a field guide...”

And yet, her exquisite sense of design and subtle and sophisticated craftsmanship is reflected throughout.

The book includes seven stories by Gabby and the rest by Edgar Allan Poe, Charles Darwin, Hans Christian Anderson, and Aesop’s Fables. “These tales were told to me through whispered words from around the world and researched extensively through old tomes. I write to you now, my fellow believer in myths and legends, trying to provide the truest rendition of these stories into your hands. May you find a beetle of your own, and one day, tell me its fanciful story.”

[from the author’s preface notes]

There is a wonderful weight to the book and each leaf is lovely and heavy in hand...the book simply has great ‘feel’.

“The beetles are crafted out of embossing paper templates and photopolymer plates, stylized with a ball point pen and painted with alcohol ink on aluminum. The pages are Suede-tex paper painted with acrylic and methyl cellulose; the cover is cave paper. Mrs. Eave’s text printed on photopolymer plates. I wrote 7 out of the 12 stories. Letterpress printed at Springtide Press with Jessica Spring in Tacoma, WA. Dedicated to Eli for our childhood of bugs and stories.”

[colophon]


"Random Reports is a series of poems by Barbara Henry derived from vocabulary lists chosen by chance and choice from the first section of The New York Times. They reflect the spirit of the day and are specifically dated, and the subject of the poem is strictly a result of the wordlist. They are often titled from the headlines. Many many years ago I asked Barbara to allow me a binding gathering the volumes 1, 2 and 3. Time being a theme on all I try my hand at, this sat unfinished for about 7 years. After an involved first attempt with low-relief carvings of scaffolding layers on wood covers that were deep enough for the gauging but too thick for the binding, its potential baffled the binder: thanks to Barbara’s kaleidoscopic talent with words, the number of design venues to explore was vast. Not to mention the weight of my own deflation. Little did I realize how ambitious that first attempt had been. It might photograph well, but oh it functions poorly. Under deadline-pressure I even went ahead and submitted it out to be handled. Oh the shame. Trusting the process kernel originally glimpsed, however, I embraced as propelling force a writing technique known as “hasta pronto adelante”: forward forging ahead from wherever the work is at – a mindset that shares an essence with the poetic constraints of the work. Binding-wise I was in for a trial-and-error loop, but at least this time I kind of knew it. Such kindness to myself totally shared a vibe with Barbara’s forbearance: she never once asked me what was going on. Forever forward moving, the initial scaffolding dimensional backdrop made its way to the foreground with the recourse of graffiti rubbings: reminiscences of the tactile response one gets from handling inky newspapers, the original substratum for the poems. The back covers offer a contrast with this rough reality through the sensuality of leatherwork – alum goat hand-dyed to match Barbara’s color motif – bringing the harsh graffiti input to an immediate association with skins: layered experience, in tandem with the poems essence.” [artist statement]


“A constant among the many variables I encountered in the study of book structures was the association between historical ownership and lavish decorations: how the use of expensive metals and precious stones safeguarded the bindings through their travels across space/time. Limp-vellum books, which were exquisitely engineered but quintessentially utilitarian, are a good example of how unadorned works were left to their own devices. Enamored with its flexibility, strength and grace, I set out to derive from its potential a sculptural element that would stand as its wealth and guardian. Titled "Lightweight", this book is sculpted page by page, one page thickness at a time, to embody with exactitude an angled beam. It speaks of ways to cope with a world in which the elements of balance that matter most are intangible: situations with as much surface tension as a soap bubble; the variations of mindsets throughout the seasonal fluctuations of sun exposure; the percentage of madness within genius and vice-verse.” [Artist Statement]

“Thirteen is an attempt to make narrative out of one such ever-flowing river of randomness. Out in the bike path, the manholes I surveyed and portrayed in film do not form much of a coherent message, neither do they engage in rhythmic dialogues of continuity and discontinuity. The human element underneath the asphalt does not emerge systematically to passerby eyes, either. But I had to do something with them. I had to.” [artist statement]

Alchemy is the art and science of bringing something to its final perfection, or its completion, much as a work of art is completed or perfected. And so, at heart it is about creation, creator, and creativity. Rooted the Alexandrian alchemical tradition and working from a new translation of the Emerald Tablet, Alchemy: The Poetry of Matter is the author’s personal exploration of the union of material and non-material alchemical practice, that is of physical alchemy and inner alchemy. Engaging the Way of the Philosopher, and through direct experimentation, several areas are investigated in light of the Emerald Tablet – Chrysopoieia, the Green Lion, the Quintessence and Aurum potabile. - Author’s website

This is a collection of all seven zines plus an Introduction and On the Mystic, Magick, Talismanic, Alchemical Practice of Zine Making.

From the Introduction:

“Re-reading this collection I’m in thrall to its tactility and analogue affect. I get a palpable sense of Cotnoir handling an incredible range of texts, of his having a muscle memory of those texts’ enduring value as well as a haptic appreciation of their potentiality, of him scissoring extracts to remix and reconfigure, handwriting and drawing elements that augment his visionary archive. I’m drawn to the elements of cut-up chaos, outsider-art graphology, polylingual sampledeilia. The book’s pages feel remind me of a New York that once flourished – noisy, sometimes illicit, heterogeneous – and that still looms large in my dreams. The books wears its deep learning lightly but it never talks down to readers; its bibliography will steer them in directions both intimidating and exciting.” Sukhdev Sandhu (NYU)

The Emerald Tablet one of the root texts of alchemy is a brief alchemical work attributed to Hermes Trismegistus. Historically the work is part of the Hermetic corpus and seems to have the same origins as the rest of the Corpus Hermeticum. The text was discovered, according to one version of the legend, by Apollonius of Tyana. After an earthquake a passageway opened up beneath a statue that led to a subterranean chamber. Seated there was a statue of Hermes Trismegistus holding a tablet of green stone (smaragda) engraved with the text of what is now known as the Emerald Tablet. The earliest known surviving texts are attributed to Apollonius of Tyana and it is the Arabic and Latin versions that are considered in this new work.

This edition is a collection of new translations of those earliest extant Arabic and Latin versions with accompanying essay and commentary. It is a distillation of the chapter on the Emerald Tablet in my forthcoming book "Alchemy: The Poetry of Matter." There I present a more complete discussion, analysis and experimentation. Here I present it as a Hermetic work of art – a talismanic book in form, function and result. The Emerald Tablet is not only a fresh contribution to alchemical studies it is also an example of book art at its finest.


interior printing in English and French text; illus.; limited to 444 copies. As New. Original Wraps. (#9180) $65.00

The edition of the 'Triangular Book' was deciphered, transcribed and translated by Nick Koss, who also executed the research and editing of the manuscript. An excellent essay by Koss about the provenance of the manuscript is featured in "Clavis 3: Cipher & Stone." The edition is limited to 500 copies in three editions. 26 special copies bound in full leather accompanied by a hand-wrought silver Longevity Talisman featured in the original manuscript. 26 copies in full leather and 444 copies bound in letterpress wraps.

Design and typesetting by Joseph Uccello. - from the colophon.


As the title suggests, this work contains facsimiles of a number of O.T.O. related texts that were originally collected in Crowley's "Blue Equinox" (1919), comprising "Liber LII," "Liber CI," "Liber CLXI," "Liber CXCIV," and "Liber XV." The book was sanctioned by the O.T.O. under Grady McMurtry. Scarce reprint.


"The "Liber CDXV – Opus Lutetianum or The Paris Working" originally published in 1914 is basically a magickal diary kept by Aleister Crowley during a lengthy sex magick ritual that he was practicing with his mate Victor Neuburg. This ritual is the basis for the story of Crowley told by the Canon Copely Syle in Dennis Wheatley's "To the Devil a Daughter" and again by Wheatley in his "The Devil and all his Works." The story tells of Crowley going mad and his son (who never existed) dying in an attempt to evoke Pan."--Web. Weird sex magick in zine format.

34. Croze, Austin de [1866-1937]. La Lumière Magique. [13 poèmes magiques et poème en epilogue]

[Manuscript]. Paris: mss, 1920. Unique. 4to. 92pp. 37pp. text and illustrations, distributed over 92pp. overall. Various papers and media utilised running the gamut from heavy card to glassine via what appears to be brown wrapping paper and other diverse elements. Bound in later full burnt yellow morocco gilt, black title labels to spine, embellished with pentagrams to both boards. A beautiful volume, strong, clean and clearly well looked after. Original cover and spine bound in. Filled with numerous pen, ink and watercolours designs with the unpublished poems in typescript. Near Fine. Hardcover. (#9640) $25,000.00

To all intents, purposes, appearances and instincts this volume is a detailed artist/author’s mock up or “maquette” for an occult poetic collection that was never published but that looks very much like (well, clearly is) a follow up to the legendary Calendrier Magique that de Croze created years earlier in collaboration with Manuel Orazi and which is now hailed as one of the greatest and most desirable depictions of the fin de siecle art occult pre-occupation. Intended far more as an artistic romp through the lush and shadowy landscape of decadent Parisian occult excesses than an actual handbook for magical practice (despite being issued in a rather tongue in cheek limitation of 777 copies), it’s a thing of great beauty and renown, and highly sought after by both those who are interested in fin de siecle art, and by those who are interested in fin de siecle occultism.

This volume, which positively reeks of an attempt to expand upon the Calendrier artistically, has its scope broadened to encompass practical witchcraft (there is a beautifully illustrated section on the gathering of magic herbs), talismans, the construction of magic circles, a striking section on the zodiac, an incantation for summoning the devil, a variety of magical formulas, “Le Chanson du Sabbat” and a poetic piece entitled “Le Vampire” all decorated and embellished in gorgeous colour and detail. A favourite image has to be a striking full colour illustration of the elements of some sympathetic magic ritual consisting of pierced portraits, hearts with nails through them, the head of a very unhappy looking owl and a suspended series of small wax figurines illustrated in detail bearing the names of people with whom the practitioner clearly has a problem; Andre Gide (depicted during his beard and moustache period) is one of the suspended voodoo dolls, along with de Fouquieres, two unfortunate ladies named Yvone and Aurel, and a mutilated doll labelled Sacha, that has already been divested of its hands and feet.

At this point in the 1920’s, Austin de Croze was an enthusiastic and roving food writer, soon to pen his “Plats Regionaux de France,” a deep and sultry homage to the culinary joys of rural France. It is almost certainly for his exploits as a food writer that he is better known, but La Lumiere Magique is a clear indication that his interests in the occult and esoteric underside of life had not abated, but merely been simmering for awhile.

One of the most notable things to take away from this volume, aside from its beauty, the obvious fascination of it being a lost book, a work in progress and a previously unconsidered addition to an area of study and fascination that is growing on swift wings: lies in the fact that it highlights just how much of the Calendrier Magique was Austin de Croze, and how much was Orazi. La Lumiere Magique has fewer of the gorgeous and mysterious depictions of lust and occult dissipation seen in La Calendrier (although gaps exist in the text, possibly suggesting that this volume would have been handed over to Orazi for further embellishment if the two of them decided to go all out on duplicating their previous successes), but de Croze’s typography, pen embellishments, watercolours and layouts contain numerous repeated motifs
from the previous work, and it requires little more than a couple of Orazi’s shadowy confections to become a fully
grown sibling. Wondrous, beautiful and unique.

35. Cummins, Maureen; Nicole Cooley [author]. Salem Lessons. High Falls, New York: Maureen Cummins, 2010. Limited Edition. Concertina, or "theatre in the round" multi-folded artist book, printed on Johannot paper, with end pages made from Belgique, a handmade sheet. Text was printed offset with titling in letterpress; accompanying images were silkscreen printed. Bound into vintage writing slates, housed in a black linen box with stamped symbols. 45 pp., 7x8". Edition of 30, this being copy ___. Signed by artist and author. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9247) $2,500.00

"Salem Lessons" was printed and produced by Maureen Cummins in the Winter and Spring of 2010, with typographic assistance from Kathy McMillan. The project is a collaboration between Cummins and the poet Nicole Cooley, based on research done at the American Antiquarian Society. The cycle of poems was created by Cooley specifically for this book; the accompanying images are from a penmanship book kept by a Salem, MA boy, Josiah Peele, during the years 1808 and 1809. The project traces the psychic reverberations of the Salem witch trials upon succeeding generations. It addresses--as all examinations of the trials do--our own modern time and situation. There are thirteen poems altogether, representing both the accusers and the accused, survivors and the condemned, but focusing on the trials and the treatment of women. -- from the colophon and website.


Done as part of Swarthmore College’s Friends, Peace, and Sanctuary project. "The project brought five artists into conversation with Syrian and Iraqi individuals resettled in Philadelphia. Cummins interviewed four participating families in 2018. The interviews captured the unspeakable losses experienced by the settlers and bore witness to their struggles to adjust to new countries, cultures, languages, and their separation from loved ones. From the interviews, Cummins selected forty-eight excerpts that she pieced together to create a narrative arc. To house the text, the artist created a structure that is visually startling, experimental, and conceptually driven. Text blocks are severed, then reprinted as quarto-sections on corresponding pages of four separate books. As in the case of the resettlers themselves, these stories must be reunited in order to be read, understood, and made whole again. Since the structure is two-sided, with half the pages printed upside down, the reader is forced to puzzle out where and how to begin and what order in which to read the pages. In this way (s)he is forced to experience some measure of the confusion, alienation, dislocation, and separation that resettlers struggle with every day. The books were created by first deeply saturating flats of color onto Arches Cover White. Blocks of text were then surprinted over the color fields, a process that required masterful registration. Bound by Lisa Hershey in the Coptic style structure that draws on Middle Eastern binding tradition. Each set of four books is housed in a handsome plexiglass slipcase and laser-etched titling by Sarah Pike."

"AlieNation / SepaRation is the most physically and materially ambitious project I have ever produced. The creation of the edition required over a year and a half of intense work, one hundred-plus pages of transcribed interviews, 1,500 pages made from Belgique, a handmade sheet. Text was printed offset with titling in letterpress; accompanying images were silkscreen printed. Bound into vintage writing slates, housed in a black linen box with stamped symbols. 45 pp., 7x8". Edition of 30, this being copy ___. Signed by artist and author. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9247) $2,500.00


"Anonymous was produced in the fall of 2019 by Maureen Cummins as part of the Friends, Peace, and Sanctuary project. ... The text of the book is based on interviews that the artist conducted with three resettled Middle Eastern refugees and their families: XXXXX, XXXXX, and XXXXX.

Anonymous was typed by the artist using a vintage Smith-Corona typewriter, then redacted by hand with waterbase black ink." [Colophon]


Typographic assistance by K. McMillian and binding by Lisa Hersey. Letterpress printed on Asian paper, titling redacted by hand in graphite. All photos reproduced from original 35mm film. Bound in the form of a stenographer's notepad.

The work "deconstructs the life and death-by-suicide of her mother, Dolores Bodkin, an aspiring artist who was forcibly committed in 1963 after attempting to leave her violent and abusive husband. Using language that is factual and at times chilling, the artist plays upon the original meaning of the word secretary--"secret keeper"--to allude to the secrecy and shame that existed in her household, as well as the cultural silencing of women around the experience of
sexualized violence. Cummins uses several layers of information to tell this story: her own memories; excerpts from a diary her mother kept for two years before her suicide; a list of roles that Bodkin embodied, all crossed on the final page; and most dramatic of all--photographs taken by her father that span the period 1956-1975. These images, reproduced in ghostly silver ink and retaining film-strip terminology such as "Hypersensitivity" and "Kodak Safety Film," are both beautiful and deeply disturbing. Repeatedly the subject is photographed without her consent: while angry, while sleeping, while contemplating the dilemma of her broken leg. Viewed together, and with the accompanying text, these portraits serve as a documentation of Bodkin's destruction. By bringing a critical female gaze to bear upon classic examples of the male gaze, Cummins invites her audience to become aware of, and truly see, multiple forms of invisible violence. By the end of the book, an act that many call "senseless" makes perfect sense."

[artist's statement]


The/rapist was produced by Maureen Cummins in the autumn and winter of 2016/2017, with typographic assistance from Kathleen McMillan, production assistance from Molly Berkson and Sarah Rose Lejeune, and metalwork by Charles Hubert. Initial research for the project was conducted in the Freeman/Watts archive at George Washington University, which holds the collected papers of Walter Freeman and James Watts. Images are from a variety of sources, including the text "Psychosurgery: In the Treatment of Mental Disorders and Intractable Pain" by Freeman and Watts (1950), as well as from found 19th century photoengravings and other sources. All printing work was done at the Women's Studio Workshop Workshop in Rosendale, New York. A strong commentary on rape and medical history which is perpetuated through the silencing of survivors of sexual assault under the direction of science.


Unpublished Ms, 1946 juxtaposes a memo by Hans Bargas—a survivor of Buchenwald who resettled in Pennsylvania—with a rejection letter from the head editor at Readers Digest. This spare and chilling book speaks powerfully to issues of anti-semitism, denial, and the erasure of cultural memory.


De Laurence's publishing company (De Laurence, Scott & Co.) and spiritual supply mail order house was located in Chicago, Illinois. De Laurence was a pioneer in the business of supplying magical and occult goods by mail order, and his distribution of public domain books. He was a power house in publishing at the turn of the century for books on Hinduism, spiritualism, Mesmerism, fortune-telling, and general Victorian mysticism. Crystal gazing, similar to scrying, is an intuitive form of divination using precious stones charged with magical properties in order to experience supernatural insight. De Laurence is known for his simplified instruction methods and illustrating cases studies for spiritual clairvoyance.


Collection "Le Ballet des Muses". English translation. "In keeping with what I often do on books of a questionable nature, I use color and suggestive shapes to allude to the content. The freehand dots mimic the illustrations, and the expressive endpapers were marbled by me." [artist statement]

Einstein donated the original manuscript of the article to The Hebrew University on the occasion of its opening in 1925. This manuscript is the fundamental paper on the general theory of relativity. It is one of the most important manuscripts, if not the most important manuscript, written by Albert Einstein. The article was received on March 20, 1916 and published on May 11, 1916. It is published in Annalen der Physik 49 (1916): 769-822.

A special facsimile reproduction of Albert Einstein's manuscript made by book Artist Ido Agassi. The 46-page facsimile is printed on 110gr. paper, with Agassi hand cutting each sheet to match the original. The facsimile is housed in a unique triptych box, designed to fit the entire multi-sized 46 pages. The facsimile, the first and only such allowed by Hebrew University, is of Einstein's "Die Grundlage der allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie" [The Foundation of the General Theory of Relativity] held in the Albert Einstein Archives and published in Annalen der Physik 49 (1916): 769-822.

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Oscar Gillespie, and designer/printer Robert Rowe. Printed, engraved, and manuscript artists' book: a collaboration among artist/bookbinder Timothy C. Ely, engraver Hardover. (#9762) 30cm]. np [5 double-page spreads; 6 leaves total. Signed on the title page by Timothy Ely. Fine in Fine Archival Box. book, with additional pigmented foil application. Housed in a matching drop back box by Timothy Ely. fo [23cm x 47. Ely, Timothy; Gillespie, Oscar; Rowe, Robert. Ely, Timothy C. Flight into Egypt. Colfax, WA: Timothy C. Ely, 2011-12. Unique. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Four drum leaf bindings, illustrated and hand-tooled fabric spines, each with a cutout revealing painted and hand-tooled paper, boards covered in drawings by Ely and hand-tooled by him, hand-made paste paper endpapers by the artist; custom dropback box made and decorated by Ely, with paper spine label. Each volume 33.3cm x 28cm. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9851) $50,000.00 A unique set of 4 books, a variant of Ely's famous (and enormous) single volume book Binding the Book: The Flight Into Egypt (1985). This specially commissioned grouping, collectively titled The Flight into Egypt, comprises four volumes: Atum, Fulcrum, River, and Thoth, with a combined total total of 23 fully illustrated spreads. "The original version of Flight into Egypt is about Ely's grandfather, the journal he left behind about his mysterious trip to Egypt between the wars, bookbinding, and the geography of Egypt. For much more information about Binding the Book: The Flight Into Egypt (unique, 1985), see The Flight into Egypt: Binding the Book (Chronicle Books, 1995). In this version of Egypt, Ely focuses more on the geography, geology, and mythology of Egypt rather than on his grandfather's travels per se. He also omits explicit allusions to his studies in bookbinding. Each of the four volumes in this group contains a title spread and four or five additional spreads of original art housed in a unique binding. Spectacular images of scarabs, Egyptian deities, geological formations, and star maps feature heavily in this version of Flight into Egypt, all extensively annotated in Ely's secret writing called 'cribriform.' These gorgeous, intricately painted and drawn books are deeply evocative of Egypt on many levels. They are a particularly fine example of Ely's lush treatment of a beloved subject, yet Ely, as always, leaves plenty of room for the viewer's imagination to take flight." [AS] [See: Timothy C. Ely: 8 Books (Abby Schoolman, 2016) for more about Ely's methods.] Timothy C. Ely is a renowned and enigmatic figure in the book world. His one-of-a-kind manuscript books combine elaborate and often mysterious painted and drawn folios contained within finely crafted bindings, most of which are original designs or variations on traditional binding techniques. Each book carries layers of both materials and meaning. Each drawing and element elicits revelations, personal to each viewer. "For the last forty years, his books and other works have sprung from a central core of concepts, owing to a fascination with obscure or seemingly incomprehensible forms inspired by science and other projections from the history of the human imagination. This spectrum of inspiration includes such things as fractured and whole grids, cypher systems, landforms and landscapes as viewed from a satellite, and the archeological overlay of some of these sites, especially those containing libraries. 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Planetary Collage Standard Drum Leaf binding; bifurcated calf skin spine printed with a Gillespie engraving, the opening revealing printing by Robert Rowe; boards covered in the same materials as the book, with additional pigmented foil application. Housed in a matching drop back box by Timothy Ely. fo [23cm x 30cm]. np [5 double-page spreads; 6 leaves total]. Signed on the title page by Timothy Ely. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9762) $14,000.00 Printed, engraved, and manuscript artists’ book: a collaboration among artist/bookbinder Timothy C. Ely, engraver Oscar Gillespie, and designer/printer Robert Rowe. "Following a fine weekend workshop in October 2013 in Peoria, Illinois at Bradley University, TOR began to take
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tight, bright, and unmarred. Quarterbound, black leather spine, exposed black cords, black pigment and resin covered
board (highly textured); painted pastedowns, heavy black paper free endpages. to. np. Illus. (b/w plates, colored plate).
Signed and dated by the artist. Near Fine. Hardcover. (#9855) $6,500.00

This work, from early in Ely’s career, has been in his ex-wife’s private collection until now. Printed and mss elements,
nearly all in tones of black (the only color is a clot of red over the title on the title page). Overall, a more organic feel
than much of his later work.

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shape.
On my first day there, I was introduced all around and, in the process, met Oscar Gillespie. For a few minutes, I
observed him working on an extremely impressive engraving. I am usually cautious about quickly forming alliances, but
Oscar’s manner and this superb and deeply evocative work blew my hesitation away. The encouragement to meet Oscar
came from Robert Rowe, my host for the weekend, who also supported my blurt. I quickly suggested that we undertake
some sort of collaborative effort.
As I don’t print text, nor could I envision a page opposite text, I made some loose suggestions to Robert that he print
this. He is an excellent printer and designer, as well as a fellow sensitive. And so it began, this project, to fold inward
and seem to vibrate as a collision of ideas. I had no idea what would happen.
During the course of the workshop, Oscar showed up with a portfolio of proofs and other bits. These would form the
impulse for the leaves.
On an early flight home I began to think of what could happen. How could this book reflect Oscar’s engravings, my
drawings, hold to the sense of mystery, yet also support elegant letterpress printing, and the inward and perceptive
myth structure I felt was projected from the engravings?
So it rolled. I suggested the title of the book as TOR, an acronym for our three names. It is also short and both
graphically and symbolically potent. Robert printed a series of beautiful grids, enciphered, and Oscar provided me with
lamb'skin on which he had printed one of his astonishing engravings. I now had some components from which to riff.
The venerable traditions of engraving and printing would be supported or canceled by the odd frequencies of my
drawings.
In the late fall, I had a space between projects and began to assemble and draw. I constructed size/scale cutting
templates based on Robert’s pages, and went through Oscar’s engravings with a template and view-finder so I could
look for fragments with sufficient ‘wholeness’ to read relevant to him but could also be scaled to fit with my drawings.
Also, I was given free rein to work onto or into his work, which was risky.
I cut things up. It is something I love to do: to piece together formal fragments into a larger whole for a page. My
 technique referred to as a drum leaf binding allows for small pieces to be assembled into larger pieces. My etching
press is small so this method affords me a way of printing large books from smaller, more manageable bits. Over the
course of several weeks, I drew and fused engravings and text to drawings until i had sufficient expressive bulk– enough
to evoke bookness.
That task completed, I fabricated a simple endpaper and surfaced the paper with washes of color using acrylic resin,
paste and egg white (dried and reconstituted). The book was carefully drummed together after making sure everything
was secure, for there is no going back. Boards were attached and the book trimmed. It sat idle and under pressure until,
once again, I returned to the parts of Oscar’s prints and my drawings and prints and again began to assemble and
collage. Robert’s fine prints on Japanese paper formed a ‘non-objective’ title block and two pieces of the printed lamb
skin were used to cover the spine in my typical breakaway structure. Location templates were made to give me
measurements for the paper strips for the cover and a similar technique was used to cover the box. [Timothy Ely,
October 2014]

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This work, from rather early in Ely’s career, has been in his ex-wife’s private collection until now. As with much of Ely’s work, it is comprised of various techniques (print, mss, paint, collage, etc.) and exquisitely bound. Smaller in hand than much of his work, it embodies an interesting, experimental expression of his work.

“I was experimenting with fusion [dry mount] techniques and so made this small book and gifted it to [then wife] Ruth. I had a lot of alchemical source images around, transferred them onto tissue and fused them with a bit of over drawing." [artist statement]

“I have posed a problem to drafters, engineers and artists on/off for over 15 years- the problem being how to describe lines on a warped surface, a sphere to be specific. No answers were forth coming. Finally, in one of the books, was the answer I sought.

Isometria begins to describe the solution. The paper of the book, in places barely apprehensible, locates an isometric expression. Over this, “a warped surface” is delineated and abstraction of an idea is newly formatted.

Isometria is part of the TXC* system of experimental tomes. It is made up of essentially one elaborate drawing, housed between carefully articulated endpapers which most aptly demonstrate my theory of dust and its application.

The book paper is deep treated with scoring and gelatine chemical preparation before being surfaced with the formal drafting materials of my craft." [Timothy C. Ely, Colfax, WA 2005]

**“TXC”** refers to any experiment either in structure or system and usually lies outside the conventions in which I work. These books are usually made to test fly a solution to a vexing problem.”

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“The Almighty Starshaped is an ornamental romp through the streets and alleys of Chicago, a colorful snapshot of street vernacular. Taking the form of a little black sketchpad, or piece book, its imagery is neither a glorification of glistening architectural facades, nor the seedy underbelly of the city’s infamy.”  

“...the Almighty Insane. I fell hard for these for two reasons. First, gangs printed their own cards as a way to say ‘this little piece of the city is ours and this is who WE are,’ and second, a majority of these cards feature blackletter typefaces paired with an unflinching braggadocio.

I set out to create my own almighty piece book styled after those of graffiti writers. It is a collection of vignettes inspired by my foot/bike/train travels around Chicago, a record of the sights that often go unnoticed and ignored but build the character of the city.

My goal for the book is to create an entertaining sketchbook with images built entirely from metal type and ornament. The irony and challenge is that in order to create imagery that appears to be sketched and recorded quickly, I must do some of the most complicated typesetting I’ve ever taken on. There are 48 pages and the center section of each signature folds out to show larger images that include the title image (metal type takes on spray paint!), an homage to the train-riding experience, bike haters (sneak peek above) and the city at magic hour, looking west."


"While my husband battled cancer in 2015-16, Starshaped Press was my refuge, type my therapist. With every disheartening delivery of bad news during the day, I raced to the shop at night, setting 25 symbolic typographic images. September 25th was our anniversary as well as the date of his diagnosis. Tiny typeset forms featured lyrics from the soundtrack of our life unraveling... a mini mixtape of grief. I printed and gave them to my husband, a testament to our shared sense of loss.

PUT IT IN A LETTER showcases these forms & feelings in a star-shaped book, sampling lyrics remixed with handset vintage type and ornaments. Letterpress printed and bound, each book (mockup shown here) features 25 typographic illustrations and measures 4.5 inches square, housed in a heavy paper sleeve. Also shown here are a few of the original typeset lyrics, black and white prints of them and a sample of the hand-colored versions. The final pages of the book are printed on Mohawk Superfine White."  

Starshaped Press is best known for doing remarkably sophisticated, decorative typesetting using metal type.

53. Farrell, Jennifer. Respiration. Chicago, IL: Starshaped Press. Limited Edition. Bright and unmarred. The book unfolds into a poster measuring 20x14” that folds down to approximately 5x7” with paper covered boards, covers are printed in two colors on Mohawk Keakoulour and the interior print is on Fabriano Tiziano with ‘fuzz’ in the texture as a nod to the scarring fuzz in Jo’s lungs. 12mo. np. Numbered, limited edition of 50. Fine. Hardcover. (#10251) $250.00
“Respiration is a rewrite of the Black Star song, but in this case applied to watching my child struggle to breathe following chest radiation treatments and the fallout that occurred. It includes a reference guide to the lyrics with notes on my rewrites.”

“During the summer of 2018, Jo underwent approximately 8 weeks of near-daily chest radiation treatments to stem the growth of thymoma tumor nodules. This followed the third surgery in Jo’s 12 years to remove the steadily growing tumors around her right lung. I was reluctant to consider this course of treatment, but given the cell’s insistence and movement, another surgery would be inevitable and likely more complex than the previous three. While the treatments were challenging, the fallout that followed over the winter was unbearable. The chest pressure, pneumonitis and inability to breathe sent us to the hospital repeatedly, with unsatisfactory results. By ‘unsatisfactory’ I mean punching-a-hole-in-the-wall angry at the lack of understanding about why Jo had these side effects and the weeks, sometimes months, it took to get appointments with specialists.

I sought solace in songs that directed my frustration away from people around me. One of these was Black Star’s Respiration, with lyrics that expressed a metaphorical difficulty to breathe in an urban environment. Many of the words applied to our reality; rewriting the lyrics was an outlet for acknowledging the trauma. Pulling us through the slog while calling it such is how songs heal and this one is worth its weight in xanax.” [Artist statement]

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54. Finlay, Virgil. **Bookplate for Oswald Train [Image of witch riding a book with a broom]**. c.1959. Unmounted with pencil inscription (5/14/59) in the lower right margin, small crease on left edge with slight discoloration on left side. Scarce, in books, hard to find loose and unmouted. Approximately 2x3” Very Good+. (#9693) $100.00

British born Oswald Train (1915-1988) became involved in the nascent Philadelphia Science Fiction Society in 1935, also attending the first (highly informal) Convention in 1936. A significant Small-Press publisher, he was the main figure behind Prime Press. In 1968 he founded Oswald Train: Publisher, which specialized in detective fiction.

Virgil Finlay (July 23, 1914 – January 18, 1971) was an American pulp fantasy, science fiction and horror illustrator. He has been called “part of the pulp magazine history ... one of the foremost contributors of original and imaginative art work for the most memorable science fiction and fantasy publications of our time.” While he worked in a range of media, from gouache to oils, Finlay specialized in, and became famous for, detailed pen-and-ink drawings accomplished with abundant stippling, cross-hatching, and scratchboard techniques. Despite the very labor-intensive and time-consuming nature of his specialty, Finlay created more than 2600 works of graphic art in his 35-year career. [Biographical snippets quoted from SF-encyclopedia].


“Darklight is a series of new poems by John Fitzgerald surrounded with an etching by Dorothy Cross. Designed, typeset and letterpress printed by Jamie Murphy, assisted by Sarah O'Neill, Lauren Shamian O'Brien and Lorcan Rush at Distillers Press, NCAD, Dublin. The type will be hand-set in 14 and 24 point Méridien, designed by Adrian Frutiger, cast here by Rainer Gerstenberg. The image by Dorothy Cross has been produced in two variants; the etching that covers the standard book was printed by Suzannah O'Reilly Mullaneys, the phosphorescent images that accompany the deluxe book were first screenprinted by Jordan McQuaid before intaglio printing by Suzannah. Both image variants were printed on 54gsm Japanese Tosa Shi. Darklight has been printed in an edition of 80 copies. The copies marked by Tom Duffy in Dublin's Five Lamps area. Housed in a transparent Perspex slipcase, copies marked I — 50 will be printed on and bound in handmade paper commissioned for this book from the Velké Losiny Mill in the Czech Republic. Copies marked A — Z will be printed on the Velké Losiny paper; bound in full black Pentland goat, presented in a Japanese cloth covered solander box. Housed in a phosphorescent etching-lined solander box, copies marked A — Z make up the deluxe edition." [Artist statement]

56. Fletcher, Erin [binding]. **Goose Eggs & Other Fowl Expressions [Miniature design binding]**. Maryland: Rebecca Press, 1991/2014. First Edition. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Dorfner Binding; spine covered in Mauve buffalo skin; veneer covered boards with Karelian Birch veneer tabs; sewn on snakeskin tapes; silsuede fly leaf made to handmade Katie MacGregor paper; leather wrapped head- bands; hand painted edges in teal gouache mix. Book housed in a leather spine clamshell box sided up with silver book cloth; trays covered in handmade Katie MacGregor paper and lined with Silsuede; box stamped in teal with book title. 32mo [5.9x6.8x1.5cm]. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9765) $750.00

“This miniature book is filled with quirky adages that incorporate a variety of fowl species. The materials chosen for this binding were greatly inspired by the vibrant colors used in printing the text. The four segments of veneer make the shape of a goose egg.” [artist statement]
57. Forbes, Esther. **A Mirror for Witches** In which is reflected the Life, Machinations & Death of famous Doll Bilby, who with a more than feminine perversity preferred a Demon to a Mortal love. Here is also told how and why a Righteous and Most Awful Judgement befell her, destroying both Corporeal Body and Immortal Soul. Boston, MA: Houghton & Mifflin, 1929. First US Edition. Bound in decorative batik cloth boards, overall very good condition, some toning to text block edge, light wear to extremities and spine label, otherwise tight, bright and unmarred. Printed by the Riverside Press in Cambridge. 215 pages with illustrations. Very Good. Boards. (#10141) $120.00

The story of Doll Bilby, a beautiful and sensitive girl whom popular superstition regards as a witch. A book of horror in which we see witchcraft from the witch's point of view, and also from the standpoint of the narrator, who implicitly believes in her guilt... On the surface, it is seemingly anti-feminist and puritanical piece of fiction taking the side of women's oppression during the Salem witchcraft trials, however, the central character is martyred for her liberated sexuality and is emboldened by passion and ripeness for life. A classic work of occult fiction, often overlooked in the literary witchcraft arena. Phenomenal illustrations throughout by Irish born wood engraver Robert Gibbings.

Author Esther Louise Forbes was an American novelist, historian and children's writer who received the Pulitzer Prize and the Newbery Medal. She was the first woman elected to membership in the American Antiquarian Society. A Mirror for Witches has also been adapted for the stage, including by Carlisle Floyd as the opera Bilby's Doll.


Considered essential reading in the 19th century, meant to instruct, question, and dazzle curious readers of the occult. Or typical parlor room reading for the masses. A quizzical book that breaks down the foundational elements of magic with historical references. Detailed observations and at times, skeptical, but in general a fundamental text on magick, witchcraft, and many quantifiable schools of thought. Even a section on jugglers!


"Savages we call them, because their manners differ from ours, which we think the perfection of civility; they think the same of theirs."

Set in Caslon type, Stephenson-Blake promoted this Caslon type as being "cast entirely from matrices produced from punches engraved in the eighteenth century by William Caslon. " This being the first combined publication of two remarkable and little-known works by Franklin, preceded by separate editions issued the same year by his private press at Passy. In it, he advocates for America by challenging the idea of European cultural superiority, rank and inherited wealth.

"In the few short months after victory over the British, sealed by the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783, Franklin—the best-known American of his day—had found himself besieged by potential immigrants eager to learn more about this new society and, perhaps, to profit from it. His response was simple and direct. Newcomers must rely on their skills or a commitment to hard, honest work" (Lyons, Society for Useful Knowledge, 1). In March 1784 "to set the record straight... he unveiled for friends a piece he composed in self-defense." I This volume's second work, 'Remarks Concerning the Savages of North-America', was also initially issued issued separately and given to friends. The work is basically a response to the French, who "were interested in Native Americans and that immigration projects were being fostered in France...Franklin seems to have sought to prepare people for the cultural differences they would surely find divergent from the idealized portraits they could read in Voltaire."

A second and third edition was issued the same year and, while scarce, do occasionally turn up at market. The first edition has been virtually unobtainable...this appears to be the first to come to market in decades. [Ford 369; Howes F333; Sabin 25594]

Bears armorial bookplate of Claire Mendel, noted German Consul and collector.


An unusual art binding by S. Richards, who loves food nearly as much as binding. In this case, the result is a wonderful
portrait of the author as a roasted chicken.


“Violent Femmes” was the debut album by Violent Femmes and one of the defining albums of the era. Recorded in July 1982, the album was released by Slash Records on vinyl in April 1983. Gordon Gano wrote most of the songs for the album while still in high school in Milwaukee Wisconsin. It was the band’s most successful album going platinum eight years after its release. The album achieved what is believed to be a unique fee buy going gold, four years after release, without having made an appearance on Billboard’s top 200 album chart. Rolling Stone ranked the album Number 22 on its list of the 100 Greatest Albums of All Time. [They were discovered by James Honeyman-Scott (of The Pretenders) on August 23, 1981, when the band was busking on a street corner in front of the Oriental Theatre, the Milwaukee venue that The Pretenders would be playing later that night. Chrissie Hynde invited them to play a brief acoustic set after the opening act.]

The letter and lyrics sheet, dated 2/23/83 and all in Gano’s hand, addresses a handful of major issues to be resolved before the album release a couple months later. Notably, it includes the densely written sheet of all the song lyrics that was printed on the LP sleeve included with the debut album. The letter goes into detail regard reproduction of the sheet and addresses several other issues (e.g. the quoting of a Muddy Water’s song in Gone Daddy Gone). This is the original mss which launched over a million copies and helped shape a genre.


“Charles Gatewood's world is not for everyone. These photographs, themselves quite understated, present some of the most gruesome and irresistible body piercings, tattoos, and alternative characters. Gatewood's writings provide a vivid travelog insight into the lives of Annie Sprinkle, Sailor Sid, and Mrs. Gatewood." [publisher] "Gatewood's work is freakish, earthy, blunt, erotic--most of all, terribly and beautifully alive." [A.D. Coleman, New York Times]

Nineteen negatives for the various photographs including nearly all of the 'major' images (including bondage bear). Forty loose sheets composed of the pasteups for the the book. Includes original envelopes laid in.

63. Ghirofa, Doireann Ní (poetry); Maher, Alice (art). **Nine Silences [Deluxe Edition].** Dublin: The Salvage Press, 2018. Limited Edition. Printed in an edition of 80 books. Copies numbered 1 — 50 have been bound in marbled paper over boards, housed in a transparent perspex slipcase. Four similar copies marked i — iv are for collaborators. Copies lettered A – Z have been half-bound in salmon leather and marbled paper and are presented, accompanied by a folded down printing of the complete woodcut (on 120 gsm Zerkall), in a cloth covered solander box. Presented in a cloth covered solander box, accompanied by a folded print, copies A — Z make up the deluxe edition. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9868) $2,500.00

"In this series of poems, Doireann Ní Ghirofa responds to art by Alice Maher. Nine Silences is a consideration of the embodiment of female silence, mermaids, and the monstrousness of the feminine, deepening into an exploration of the otherness of female desire and domesticity." [artist statement]

Designed, typeset and letterpress printed by Jamie Murphy with great assistance from Sarah O’Neill, Lorcan Rush and Lauren Shannon O’Brien at Distillers Press, NCAD, Dublin. The type is hand-set in 14 and 24 point Méridien, designed by Adrian Frutiger in 1954 (this foundry type released by Deberny & Peignot, Paris, 1957). Alice Maher’s fragmented woodcut has been printed from scorched and brushed ash. The 150gsm Hodgkinson handmade paper was produced for the Stanbrook Abbey Press in 1974 and kept dry until now by John Purcell in London. The marbled paper design has been prepared by Jemma Lewis using Irish Carrageen Moss. The bindings were executed by Tom, Pat, Tommy and Patricia Duffy at their workshop in Dublin’s Five Lamps area.

64. Gilligan, Rich [photos]. **Town [Deluxe].** Dublin: The Salvage Press, 2018. Limited Edition. Copies marked 1 — 50 are bound in painted cloth over boards, housed in a cloth slipcase. Similarly bound, copies marked i — iv are intended for collaborators. Copies lettered A – Z are bound in full alum tawed goat and are each housed, accompanied by a portfolio containing eight additional photographic prints, in a painted cloth covered solandar box. Presented in a painted cloth covered solander box, accompanied by a portfolio of prints, copies A — Z make up the deluxe edition. 4to. Printed in an edition of 80 copies. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9869) $4,500.00

"Designed, type-set and letterpress printed by Jamie Murphy at Distillers Press, NCAD. The type is Adrian Frutiger’s Méridien printed here in 14 and 24 point (the ‘normal’ weight was released by Deberny & Peignot in 1957 followed by the italic in 1966). Rich Gilligan’s photographs were captured in Dublin city over the last days of 2017. They have been
enlarged by hand from the 35mm negatives onto resin coated Ilford MGIV by Barbara Wilson at her darkroom in London. The water-marked 200 gsm handmade paper was commissioned for this book from the Velké Losiny Mill in the Czech Republic. The bindings were executed by Craig Jensen, assisted closely by Marc Hammonds, at BookLab II, San Marcos, Texas." [artist statement]

Joseph Glanvill, also spelled Glanvil, (born 1636, Plymouth, Devon, Eng.—died Nov. 4, 1680, Bath, Somerset) was a writer, philosopher, and clergyman who believed in the delicate marriage of the scientific method, rationalism, and witchcraft. The English self-styled skeptic and apologist for the Royal Society defended the reality of witchcraft and ghosts and the preexistence of the soul. Thereby, according to some, he initiated psychical research. His Plus Ultra or the Progress and Advancement of Knowledge Since the Days of Aristotle (1668) defended the Royal Society’s experimental method as religious in nature because it revealed the workings of God. Glanvill’s effort to prove scientifically that witches and ghosts existed was even viewed as a rebuttal of atheism. More over, this treatise was a testament for experimental philosopher and achievements of the modern age. The book also incensed much controversy for his radical views on scientific instrumentation, including the microscope, magnetic compass, thermostat, and the printing press, which Glanvill professes as radical vessels for disseminating knowledge and for some, however, a threatening idea. His ideas supported even the research into the supernatural, as science could explain all forms of evidence.

Includes the bookplate of University of Keele, presented by C. W. Turner; early signature of Henry Richardson title.

The original book was produced in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the launching of the first liquid-propellant rocket in 1926.

This unique iteration is bound in a Muonionalusta meteorite binding with engraved lettering and an engraved portrait of Goddard on the front cover, gilt lettering to spine. Concept by Arno Gschwendtner and bound by Roland Meuter, Switzerland, 2019, one of three bindings (and one artist proof binding).

The book's colophon states, "One thousand nine hundred twenty six copies of this book were printed by Joh. Enschedé en Zonen, Haarlem, Holland, and bound by Proost en Brandt N.V., Amsterdam, Holland to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the launching of the first liquid-propelled rocket at Auburn, Massachusetts, March 16, 1926". A copy of this book (original bound in full blue calf with gilt lettering and a portrait of Goddard to the front cover) was taken in 1969 on the first space launch to the moon (Apollo 11). When the handsome leather volume, returned from space, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., commander of the spacecraft, presented the copy to The Goddard Library at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. There the celestial object remains today. [Bondy, p170; Bromer/Edison, p165]

The making of a meteorite bookbinding by Arno Gschwendtner: “The time and thought that went into the planning of this unique meteorite bound book was incalculable. I am sure it was much more than 100 hours in the last two years. Finding the perfect meteorite was the first formidable obstacle. I purchased numerous pieces of different meteorites to select the perfect one. I searched each meteorite to appreciate the difference in sizes, shapes, and thickness. I investigated how they would look when they were polished and etched with nitric acid or plated with Rhodium or gold.

For me the perfect meteorite has to be a Pallasite or an iron meteorite.

The Cape York iron meteorite is very nice, but the pattern is too big for a miniature book binding. And the most beautiful and oldest iron meteorite with the best Widmanstätten pattern - not too big and not too small - is the Muonionalusta meteorite which fell over a million years ago. And it was the perfect size for the perfect cover.
I previously had tried a Pallasite-binding and had bought one Pallasite that was tried to be cut in a slice. I was the most beautiful Pallasite – The Esquel. But it broke at one corner. And the slice was still too thick for a miniature book....

To try slices with other Pallasite pieces it is now quite difficult because beautiful pieces are rare to find and they are very, very expensive.

But the bigger problem was in cutting the perfect slice – if it was too thick (like mine that I tried) it looks clumsy like a brick as a binding. And if it is too thin – it breaks. And the Olivine in the Pallasite meteorites breaks very easily.

It would be possible to do a Pallasite inlay in the binding – but the visual look was just not at all pleasing.

Finally, I found someone who could properly cut a Pallasite into a correct size. He had already done a with a pocket knife handle.

But the prices were absurdly high. The cheapest pocket knife costs 30,000 Euros!!! I believe he had to cut many slices of the Pallasite until one slice was exactly right and not broken.

And a book? Well, that might cost a little less...

However the next problem with a Pallasite is that the edges are rounded. It is not possible to cut a pallasite with sharp corners.

Round edges have the wrong look on a miniature book.

Finding the perfect meteorite was, of course, only half of the task. Locating a trained craftsman who could slice the meteorite was quite difficult. It had to be someone who could delicately slice to the perfect thickness of only 1 mm. After an exhaustive search I found an old-world craftsman who was experienced in meteorite handling and processing. This skilled artisan cuts and etches meteorites for the dials for Rolex and Jaeger LeCoultre wrist watches. He only uses the best quality meteorites. They have very few inclusions, are nearly flawless, and are the finest that can be attained in any market. The next question was to find a minibook that is worth being bound in a meteorite – not too small and not too tall. At a 10 cm tall book a meteorite binding looks too big - a little bit like a brick. The book will also be too heavy and it doesn't fit very well as a book. At 5 cm size it is too small and the surface is not large enough to see the wonderful pattern of the meteorite.

About 7 cm x 5 cm would be perfect for a binding. And the Goddard minibook fit that requirement. All of the elements of a perfect marriage of subject matter, ultra-rare material and the consummate artist combined in the Muonionalusta meteorite Robert Goddard book. Just the mere act of holding the meteorite bound book in your hand gives the sense that this is no ordinary miniature book. This is a true work of art. And is now the center of my own collection of miniature books.

The key was finding the perfect subject matter and, of course, the topic had to do something with meteorites or space. St. Onge books are among the best made miniature books in the world. From paper choice to printing and binding, they are as close to perfect as one can get. On the Robert Goddard book there is this wonderful gold printed circular text and profile of Goddard on the front binding. And the subject is of the biography of one of the most famous rocket scientist, the father of rockets and the space age. It was a perfect fit for a meteorite bound book.

It was important that the special meteorite bound book remains true to the original design of Achille St. Onge. So, I insisted that the meteorite book would have the same title on the spine, the same type, and the same design as on the original. I talked to several companies to see if they could do this as well as to some jewelers and goldsmiths. But none of them had the right skill or confidence to take on this kind of a delicate project. Fortune finally shined on me when a friend gave me the name of a company in Switzerland who could engrave anything on any surface, who had experience engraving on meteorites and who could guarantee the integrity of the meteorite would stay intact. And the company was also comfortable with slicing and then engraving on a meteorite only 1 mm thick! The finished product far exceeded my wildest dream of perfection.

This project has been years in the planning, has required painstaking research, but has been a true labor of love.

I am very proud to offer to you this rare chance to own a part of the history of mankind’s adventure into space and of the stars themselves."

67. Godwin, William. Lives of the Necromancers: Or, An Account of the Most Eminent Persons in Successive Ages, Who Have Claimed for Themselves, or To Whom had been Imputed by Others, the Exercise of Magical Power. London: Chatto and Windus, 1876. First Edition. Rebound in red pebbled quarter calf, decorative floral gilt design to spine with raised bands, modern marbled boards, marbled end papers, tight, bright and unmarred, slight bumped corners, yet text is crisp and clean, an exceptional copy. 16mo, x, 282 pages, includes decorative printer's mark and armorial bookplate of Francis Brooks. Very Good+. Quarter calf. (#9460) $2,400.00

William Godwin (1756-1836) was the famous radical journalist and author, husband of the feminist Mary Wollstonecraft, father-in-law of Percy Bysshe Shelley, and father of the author of "Frankenstein." Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley. Lives of the Necromancers was the final book written by Godwin and summarizes paranormal legends from western and middle eastern history. Although Scott's "Letters on Demonology and Witchcraft (1830) had prepared the public, Godwin's work was not widely reviewed. A long article, probably by David Brewster, in the "Edinburgh Review" lamented Godwin's failure to furnish 'any clue through the intellectual labyrinth of Necromancy'... When it appeared in
America a year later the master of the occult Edgar Allan Poe, however, took the opportunity in the "Southern Literary Messenger" to say that Godwin's name meant excellence and that his style was finished and graceful. The work was sufficiently in demand to be republished in New York... and in London in 1876." (Marshall). A definitive history of witchcraft and supernatural beliefs respectively, although critical of the Church's proceedings on the treatment of people prosecuted for witchcraft and a rationalist view of necromancy. Scarce edition rebound from the publisher's cloth.


69. Greer, John Michael. The Weird of Hali: Innsmouth. Oregon: Arcane Wisdom Press, 2016. Limited Edition. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Custom bound in green faux alligator laminate cloth boards with gold foil inlay embossed Lovecraft image, Smythe sewn, and signed, hand-numbered by author with hand-printed ink stamp image of H.P. Lovecraft. Colored endpapers with image of Old Ones and include high gloss print insert of Lovecraft inspired artwork. 9.5x6.25". 276pp. Limited edition of 500 copies. Fine. No DJ, as Issued. Hardcover. (#9096) $75.00 Cover art by Caniglia and book design by Larry Roberts. "Like every other grad student at Miskatonic University, Owen Merrill knows about the Great Old Ones, the nightmare beings out of ancient legend that H.P. Lovecraft unearthed from archaic texts and turned into icons of modern fantasy fiction. Then a chance discovery—a lost letter written by Lovecraft to fellow Weird Tales author Robert Blake—offers a glimpse into the frightful reality behind the legends, and sends Owen on a desperate quest for answers that shatters his familiar world forever. As he flees across the witch-haunted Massachusetts landscape toward the mysterious seaside town of Innsmouth, Owen finds himself caught up in a secret war between the servants of the Great Old Ones and their ancient enemies, a war in which yesterday’s friend may be tomorrow’s foe and nothing is as it seems. The history of the world is not what he has been taught—and the tentacles reaching out for him from the shadows of a forbidden past may hold not only his one chance of escape from the terrifying forces closing around him, but the last hope of life on Earth..." (publisher's note)

70. Guazzo, Francesco Maria; Montague Summers, editor; E.A. Ashwin, translator. Compendium Maleficarum The Montague Summers edition. New York: Dover Publications, 1988 (1608). Reprint. Bound in two tone cloth, in near fine condition. Reprint trade edition, lack dust jacket, light toning on edge. 206 pages with illustrations of original reproduced woodcuts. Very Good+. Hardcover. (#10140) $100.00 Reproduced from a rare limited edition published in 1929 and supplemented with many erudite editorial notes by the Rev. Montague Summers, the Compendium Maleficarum includes profoundly serious discussions of witches' pacts with the devil, finely detailed descriptions of witches' powers, poisons, and crimes; sleep-inducing spells and methods for removing them, apparitions of demons and specters, diseases caused by demons, and other topics. Also examined in detail are witches' alleged powers to transport themselves from place to place, create living things, make beasts talk and the dead reappear; witches' use of religion to heal the sick. A nice, affordable reproduction from the scarce 1929 Rodker edition, and even more scarce from the first edition published in Milan in 1608.


73. Hall, Manly. The Story of Astrology: The Belief in the Stars as a Factor in Human Progress. Los Angeles, CA:
you flip through the pages, you will see 24 analogous colors (each new hue sharing some of the color of the page next to it). This book explores the wonder of that interaction between color and light. As I've been fascinated with light for as long as I can recall. As a child, I always looked for rainbows, and I enjoyed trying to identify every color, from red to violet. The viewer is invited to enter into the mystery of light and color as a story unfolds in the pages of this book. 

"A collaboration with Karen Kunc (signed by both artists and numbered). LandEscape began with drawings twisted (literally) in string that established a collaborative landscape realized over two years of conversation and trust. Helen Hiebert created watermarked illustrations in an artist-made cotton/abaca paper, and Karen Kunc responded by producing a woodcut image that interacts with the watermarks, fitting into spaces, overlapping, making edges, and saturating them with color."  

"This book represents the 50 revolutions I've taken around the sun and my thoughts on motherhood. The book includes: a Mapping Motherhood print with fifty rings, each containing a handwritten word; and a miniature Mother Tree with two single strands of crocheted mother's milk."  

"This novel is centered around the landscape: the gorse-covered heathland, which Hardy describes beautifully throughout the story. My inspiration came from these descriptions, focussing on gorse, heather and late-summer light."

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"Papercut illustrations by Beatrice Coron, watermarks by Helen Hiebert, letterpress printing by Tom Leech, binding and clamshell box by Claudia Cohen. Interluceo means to shine or gleam between, to be transparent, to let light pass through gaps. The viewer is invited to enter into the mystery of light and color as a story unfolds in the pages of this book."  

"An alphabet book in the form of a unique structure with a flexible hinge that allows it to be set up in a variety of ways. Each panel features an alphabet letter cutout that casts a shadow onto a second layer of handmade paper. The letters are in the Arts and Crafts style font designed by Dard Hunter, often referred to as the father of hand papermaking in 20th Century America."
to it). It’s my attempt, as a paper artist, to capture the essence of a rainbow within the pages of the book. [artist statement]


Remarkable modification of Dalton Trumbo’s 1938 anti-war novel "Johnny Got His Gun." In the original, the main character's battle injuries leave him unable to communicate (limbless, faceless)…deemed censored. The work was also famously written without the use of commas. Here Hirsch, hiring a copywriter, had all of the commas inserted in their grammatically proper place in the novel (per Chicago Manual of Style)...and then removed all of the text. What remains - elegant constellations of white punctuation against black pages - is a sombre and moving tribute to the original work. Maria Muhle and Kristina Lee Podesva provide context and commentary in the laid in pamphlet.


13 illustrations by George Cruikshank. "A satirical verse illustrated by Cruikshank parodying the nursery rhyme, poking fun at political leader and self-important professions dedicated to the stifling of liberty and suppression of a free press. Each verse is headed by a quotation from William Cowper. Hone (author and publisher) was a noted champion of free speech and had been tried and acquitted three times in 1817 for political parodies of religious nature. Cruikshank established himself as the leading caricaturist of the day in the manner of Gillray and Rowlandson before him."

In this case, "Hone’s radical pamphlet attacked the authoritarian nature of the British government; based on the nursery rhyme 'The House that Jack Built', it satirizes lawyers, the church, the monarchy and the army, and on the front page proposes that writing is more powerful than force. It was published in the year of the Peterloo Massacre and of the subsequent legislation known as the Six Acts, which made mass meetings illegal and toughened the laws against seditious publications."

Bears armorial bookplate of Claire Mendel, noted German Consul and collector.


Small print publication of the most famous Renaissance mathematician and magical scholar under Queen Elizabeth I, John Dee. A brief summary of life and work as a magician seeking universal truths under the auspices of occult sciences. Unusual scholarly work penned by a woman researcher on various topics of the occult and other historical occurrences during Dr. Dee's life.


Occult novel set in upstate New York in the 1830s "of a woman, Mata Bennet, with healing and other supernatural powers." - Locke, A Spectrum of Fantasy, p. 121. Isabella and Richard Ingalese (born 1862 and 1854) lived originally in New York City before 1910. Isabella was occupied full time as a psychic, healer and teacher, and her husband was a lawyer. In addition, they were also avid students of the "New Thought." Their alchemical work producing the Red and White Philosopher's Stones is even more fascinating. Scarce in any edition.


Japanese matchbook art is a remarkably broad and deep area, comprised of literally thousands of unique works created over decades. It comes as no surprise that during WWII, the Japanese government leveraged the power/popularity of the matchbook art phenomena as a propaganda tool. Collected here and professionally mounted and framed are 5
strong examples:
1: Japanese propaganda matchbox with a caricature of FDR
2: "This image from a matchbox cover, depicts United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt--dressed in rags, on a raft in the ocean, and holding onto the U.S. flag--in the view of a Japanese submarine periscope. Shanghai, China, between 1943 and 1945". [From the USHMM special exhibition Flight and Rescue.]
3: Japanese planes flying in formation over the U.S. and British flags, with the Japanese flag rising in triumph. Shanghai, China, between 1943 and 1945.
4: Japanese propaganda matchbox with a Japanese sword piercing the US flag
5: Japanese bombers soaring over the Pacific Ocean, Japanese flag hanging from a bayonnetted rifle at the left.

A beautifully bound Sammelband volume. While these little collections were can be found now and then, to find one bound such, clearly intended to 'hide in plain sight', is very uncommon.

Abishag was a beautiful girl living in Shunem. When she was about 12-12.5 years and too young to bear children, she was chosen to be a helper and servant to king David in his old age. Among Abishag's duties was to lie next to David and pass along "her animal heat and vigor" ("they put covers on him, but he could not get warm"), while not having sex with him. Some scholars suggest that Abishag is the female protagonist in the Song of Songs.

It appears the first tale embraces this sense of rejuvenation through cavorting with maid, an assistant to the cook, etc.

Svarkonstböcker is a fully revised edition of Dr Johnson's 2010 PhD thesis, "Tidebast och Vändelrot: Magical Representations in the Swedish Black Art Book Tradition," featuring a thorough, path-breaking study of the black art book tradition in Sweden, as well as English translations of 35 Swedish black art books ranging from the 1690s to the 1940s, including over 1900 spells and a robust index.

The late Dr. Johnson always wished that his work would see print publication in its entirety. Other publishers have offered to produce this work in two volumes, prioritizing the spells in the black art books over the scholarly apparatus that contextualizes them. Here Revelore Press presents the work in full, comprising over 630 pages of material. Minor errors from the PhD manuscript have been rectified, and archival images of the characters, sigils, and illustrations have been restored in high fidelity. This is the definitive source work for the Swedish magical corpus of black art books.

Scarce, few remaining copies of originals. Cover illustration by Raymond Pettibon, “Charles Manson: I’m Sick of Sex.” Featured photography by Ed Colver, Biro, Rooh Steif and story by filmmaker Penelope Spheeris and Rachel Rosenthal. Illustrations by Frank Tomaselli and Raymond Pettibon(e). Interview with seminal Los Angeles punk band Fear. Bruce Kalberg’s No Mag brought a darker, art-damaged perspective to early Los Angeles punk publications. Even though, only 14 issues were published, No Mag was as provocative as the other early LA heavyweight punk publications like Slash and Flipside. This issue highlights a raw sensibility to the Los Angeles punk scene by featuring interviews along with local underground punk artists, as well as musicians.

Presenting weird demonstrations of occult power, marvelous feats of the Orient and startling wonders of the spirit world. Copyright by Jos. Hallworth. Early specimen of exoticism in turn of the century theater.

Includes detailed listing of the Demons of the Goetia with accompanying sigils. First English language edition of this noted work. "Qabalah, Qliphoth and Goetic Magic is a unique practical introduction to magic. The main thread of the book is the exploration of the Qliphoth and the dark mysteries which have for so long been a repressed part of western esotericism. Instead of ignoring and denying the dark side, the author reveals, step by step, how man can get to know his Shadow and, through this, reach a deeper knowledge of the Self. By exploring and not by repressing the Shadow it can be transformed from a destructive force into a creative power. The book deals with the problem of evil, the symbolism behind the fall of Lucifer and man's creation process according to Qabalistc philosophy. The theories that are presented in this book are also linked to practice. Several examples of rituals, meditations, magical exercises and occult correspondences can be found within. Qabalah, Qliphoth and Goetic Magic contains more than one hundred demonic sigils and pieces of art that were created specifically for this book. A unique collection of all the sigils from the classic grimoires Lemegeton: The Lesser Key of Solomon and the infamous Grimorium Verum are also included. Thomas Karlsson has studied and practiced the occult sciences for more than fifteen years and is the founder of the esoteric order Dragon Rouge." [publisher's statement]


Theda Kenyon, born on September 19, 1894, in New York, enjoyed a long life as a writer and lecturer. Although she was the daughter of an Episcopal priest and theologian, she is best known today for authoring a book on witches. And though her first name is an anagram for "death," she lived for over a century. An underrated, but surprisingly comprehensive and well-researched account. Early witchcraft work authored by a women, which topically is scarce.


"Stays and Gloves is an intriguing early twentieth-century novel focusing on petticoat discipline and flagellation. Following the death of his father and his mother's imminent remarriage, a boy is sent to an elite English boarding school. Lady Flayskin, the head-mistress, compels both boys and girls to dress as girls. As the subtitle suggests, figure training and deportment are cultivated through tight corsets, high-heeled boots, and kid gloves. Discipline is enforced through the vigorous application of birch and whip. Whilst cross-dressing is a feature of this novel, the central chapters focus on the subjection of a haughty young aristocrat, Miss Virginia Malville."

Uncommon generally, genuinely scarce in the condition found here. Stays and Gloves was first published in 1909 by Roberts et Dardaillon in Paris. It was printed on handmade paper in a limited edition of 330 copies with ten copperplate engravings by Del Giglio. The author is not known. Stays and Gloves was reprinted c. 1926 (with the original imprint date MCMIX on the title page) by the Librairie Artistique, 66, Boulevard Magenta, Paris, in a limited edition of 330 copies with ten copperplate engravings by G. Smit.


Vol. II: 100 plates #101-200.
Vol. III: 100 plates #201-300.
Vol. IV: 80 plates #301-380.

Manuscript Sketchbook of Hypolyte Lecomte (1820). Ink over pencil sketches for Costumes Civils et Militaire de la Monarchie Francaise; 268 drawings. Small quarto in laid paper, to plate “266” of above, then different sketches.

wear to extremities. 152 pages, with illustrations by Julian Leek. Very Good in Very Good Dustjacket. Hardcover. (#9886) $50.00

Reowned psychic, witch, and fortune teller, Sybil Leek applies her extraordinary vision to popular forms of fortune telling.


Rare bound typescript manuscript of French occultist and author Eliphas Levi (1810-1875) of "The Great Secret, or Occultism Unveiled." A note bound in at the front indicates that the typescript was copied from the text as published in the journal "The Montana Mason", a Masonic journal that was published in Great Falls, Montana, in the 1920s. The introduction describes the book as "one of the most interesting and deeply philosophical" of Levi's works. The work remained unpublished in manuscript for nearly a quarter of a century after Levi's death, until a French edition with the title "Le Grand arcane ou l'Occultisme devoile" finally appeared in 1898. It remained unpublished in English until R. J. Lemert, editor of "The Montana Mason," prepared a translation "for the instruction of a few friends, and the latter, regarding it as highly valuable to the student, insisted on its publication" in the journal, and it was then published in parts in the February 1925 and subsequent issues. Curiously no other publication of the work was then undertaken until the Thorsons / Samuel Weiser edition appeared some 50 years later (1973). Unfortunately it is not known who made this typescript, but it was presumably someone who thought the text significant enough that they wanted it in a durable form (and perhaps only had access to borrowed copies of "The Montana Mason", which was scarcely a widely distributed journal). It is similarly without date, but appears to be from the 1930s. The text itself is described in a more recent edition as "Eliphas Levi's final and most important treatise on the occult sciences, in which he examines, magnetism, evil, astral emanations, divination, and creative omnipotence. This bound typescript is obviously unique and significantly predates the first English language publication of the work in book form." Could possibly be another typescript annotated for publication, yet was never seen. Scarce.


First published in 1896, this volume is an interpretation of the Tarot trumps, furthermore master magician of the 19th century, Levi (Alphonse Louis Constant, 1810-1875) extrapolates on ritual magical instruction.

96. Liebig Fleischextrakt: Bilder aus Ungarn [Pictures from Hungary] [Complete set of six, in both printed state and original watercolor paintings]. London: Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, nd [circa 1900]. Original [and] First Printing. Minor edge wear, light toning, else bright and clean. Twelve cards (six original paintings, six trade cards as issued (printed back, etc), mounted, all originals show 'jar onlay' for the chromo-process, one card shows onlay 'repairing' horses tail. 3x5" cards. Illus. (color litho *and/or* handpainted). Lower right reads, "Erklärung siehe Rückseite" (For explanation, see reverse); lower left, "Gesetzl geschutz" (Legal protection [copyright claim]). Verso of originals show pencil notation of title and stamp with order details. Near Fine. (#9318) $5,500.00

The Liebig Company is a major producer of "Meat Extract". Invented by famed German chemist Justus von Liebig the intent was to concentrate and preserve the essential nutrients and flavors of beef in the form of paste or bouillon cubes. Driven by a desire to help feed the undernourished, he developed a concentrated beef extract, Extractum carnis Liebig, to provide a nutritious meat substitute in 1840. However, it took 30 kg of meat to produce 1 kg of extract, making the extract too expensive. However, an English firm, who owned large cattle farms in South America, figured out an economical way to produce the meat extract in 1850 and named it after its inventor. "Liebig Fleischextrakt" was soon available worldwide.

Around 1870, they began publishing wonderful colored lithographed cards and continued doing so until 1939, although the company continued publishing selected cards until 1975. Over the years, many famous artists were commissioned to design various series, using lithography, chromolithography, and finally offset printing. The back of each card bore advertising for the Liebig Company products or a recipe. Over the course of their publication, the produced over 11,000 different cards.

With the exception of very rare early issues, the cards were given by the company in exchange for coupons and are generally found as complete sets. Each series has six or twelve cards in a set, each card approximately 3x4". Most series were issued in more than one country and can thus be found in several languages.

Signed and numbered by the artists. Silkscreened underwear featuring a photo of Newt Gingrich at the crotch, and ten numbered points of the Contract on the rear. Caused a political sensation when it was first issued in 1995, with threats of litigation and considerable mainstream media attention. Originally intended as a run of 260 copies, the response was such that they increased the edition before 'release' to 300 (adding a small sticker to change the edition to 300. This is, as noted, "2").


Twelve emo poems from the early 1990s with seven drawings done twenty-five years later in response to the unearthed poems.


A minor classic of American erotic and a comic masterpiece. It details the trials and tribulations of Egbert Evans, a man with noted shortcomings. Renowned for a number of reasons, not least of which is the author's use of over 60 *different* terms for 'penis'. Long was a pseudonym, the book having been written...pretty much beyond question...by noted journalist and author Gene Fowler. Fowler is known to have penned a number of sexually explicit novels when in need of quick cash. It is likely that Los Angeles bookseller Stanely Rose published and sold the book; Rose was notorious as a seller of 'sous le manteau' books, held "art study" classes in his back room, and his shop was a frequent gathering spot for greats, near-greats, and the not so. Much of this history is attributed to a detailed catalogue note by Dailey Rare Books. Uncommon work generally...genuinely scarce in this 'deluxe' binding form and condition.


"Eduardo Hernández Santos made these photographs of homosexuals, transgenders, and crossdressers in the summer of 2005 at Havana, Cuba's seafront wall. Taken together, the pictures in this book tell a remarkable story of human endurance and triumph. Hernández Santos presents his subjects not as passive players but as people who struggle (though more quietly than not) against discrimination even though such struggle is very risky." [publisher's statement]

101. Mak, Geert; Kisman, Max [illus]; Fletcher, Erin [binding]. **The Island: An Amsterdam Saga** [Miniature Design Binding]. Stichting Handboekbinden: De Buitenkant/Museum Meermanno, 2016/2017. First Edition. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Three-Part Bradel binding; spine covered in black goatskin with onlays of light grey buffalo and goat suede; boards covered in black goatskin on top and chocolate brown goatskin on bottom; onlays of stone veneer and vellum; embroidered elements in cotton embroidery floss; lines and dots tooled through various colored foils; leather wrapped endbands, wrapped with alternating threads; edge painted with beige Acryla and orange Acryla; endpapers are handmade by Hook Pottery paper (wheatstraw black) and Katie MacGregor (orange). Book is housed in a full leather clamshell box covered with ivory buffalo skin; rat embroidered through various leather onlays using cotton embroidery floss; title piece embroidered through two layers of leather onlays; trays covered in handmade Katie MacGregor paper in orange and lined with handmade paper by Hook Pottery Paper, wheatstraw in black. 32mo [7.6x5.4x1.8cm]. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9764) $1,100.00

"The denizens of this forgotten island are plagued by sickness. Many theories are put forth as to the source of their ailments, such as, pigeons from Chernobyl moulting their radioactive feathers, skulls and bones that lay under an old chapel or that the ground is full of chemicals. All of these potentials hazards are soon pushed aside as the population is removed for new growth and development. On the top half of the binding, I took inspiration from the KNSM Island Skydome, a housing project built by Wiel Arets Architects. Its angular and sleek design became a stark contrast to a landscape that had fallen into disarray by its derelict inhabitants." [artist statement]

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Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#10211) $15,000.00

"Character Traits draws inspiration from the tradition of writing manuals and calligraphic model books, in which various lettering styles are displayed in short, epigrammatic texts. The title was chosen to evoke the two primary motivations of the book: to explore the traits of alphabetical characters that are digitally native and thus free from the technological limitations of typographic lettering (ie. metal type), and to do so in a series of texts that are chosen because they illuminate potential traits of the human character. The book consists of two components: a bound essay and a portfolio of unbound plates. The essay explores the various technological, artistic, and conceptual ideas behind the plates, and includes a section of notes on the texts and lettering featured in each plate. To emphasize the non-typographic nature of the lettering, the plates will be printed intaglio rather than letterpress. This process allows for extremely vibrant colors, though they are applied quite differently than I have done in the past. Rather than printing multiple colors in overlay to create varying shades, the intaglio plates can be printed in either one or two colors: one color if inked only intaglio or relief, two colors if inked intaglio and relief simultaneously. The two-color prints are extremely labor intensive, so much so that they are impractical to print for the entire edition. So although both the standard and deluxe copies will feature the same texts and lettering, the deluxe copies will have more two-color prints than the standard. The deluxe copies also include a third volume of linoleum cuts based on a series of 18 color studies I painted in anticipation of the two-color plates from the book." [artist statement]

Edition Details:


Poster for the reasonably infamous 1936 movie on the perils of weed. There were several iterations of this poster created (and many reproduced), most in color. This version, which appears to be original, is significantly harder to find, in part as it was not as eye catching (and was designed to be pasted up on walls, etc).

"A young girl named Burma attends a beach party with her boyfriend and after she smokes marijuana with a bunch of other girls, she gets pregnant and another girl drowns while skinny dipping in the ocean. Burma and her boyfriend go to work for the pusher in order to make money so they can get married. However, during a drug deal her boyfriend is killed leaving Burma to fend for herself. Burma then becomes a major narcotics pusher in her own right after giving up her baby for adoption."


Influenced by the Marquis de Sade’s libertine fiction, The Pleasures of Cruelty is one of the darkest Victorian flagellant novels, reveling in cruelty, degradation, and the pleasures of the rod. An extract entitled ‘The Sultan’s Reverie’ was published in William Lazenby’s underground periodical The Pearl: A Journal of Facetiae and Voluptuous Reading in December 1880 (Number 18). The first complete edition (three volumes in one) seems to have been published, possibly by Lazenby, in 1886. An edition was also published in ‘Paris et London’ in 1898, probably by Leonard Smithers and Düringe. The author is unknown but it has been conjectured that The Pleasures of Cruelty was written by General Studholme Hodgson or another member (or members) of the flagellant circle that flourished around Richard Monckton-Milnes, Lord Houghton.


Black quarter leather book with the inkblot lithographs and letterpress printed text from 19th century medical journals; made entirely of handmade cotton rag paper (including watermarks, formed shapes, and pulp painting); sewn on double raised cords and bound in quarter leather with hand-marbled sheets. fo. np. Illus. (b/w plates). Numbered limited edition of 6 copies. Fine. Hardcover. (#9769) $750.00

“All Disease is an exploration of hysteria in women. Images of inkblots invoke interpretive psychological tests and are paired with images of pelvic bone and language from 18th and early 19th century medical texts. The conclusion presented by the male-dominated voices in the text is that women are bound to irrationality, emotional instability, and insanity on account of the womb.”


“Curio is a collection of quotidian objects that speaks to the idea of woman as domestic curator and as weaker vessel. Images of household vases, cups and bowls are paired with inkblots that evoke the trappings of middle-class existence. The text is adapted from the 1868 collection of articles, Modern Women and What Is Said of Them and Kate Chopin’s novel, The Awakening.” [artist statement]


“(wagging his finger at her) explores women’s domestic roles in the late 19th century through the language of Henrik Ibsen’s play, A Doll’s House and pastel renderings of domestic objects. The language oscillates between a husband’s dialogue to his wife and her inner dialogue. Imagery and text are letterpress printed on cotton and Japanese papers.” [artist statement]

All imagery drawn and printed at Penland School of Crafts by Melanie Mauro in 2017.


“The inspiration for this text came during fish trips Alan James Robinson took during college, in where he would often see roadkill on the side of the road. These animal deaths became the haunting wood engravings inside the text, which are paired with prose and poetry about roadkill. I wanted to highlight one of the animals from the text on the cover of the binding. I chose the coyote because I was captured by the angle showcasing its long, lanky legs. The coyote is set against a hand-dyed background made to resemble gravel and the outline of a river in the area where Robinson attended college. The river is embroidered over a range of different animal leathers plus handmade paper.” [artist statement]

109. Milkowski Dahlgren, Sarah; Cooksey, Gabby [binder]. Little Book of Fae [Design Binding]. Portland, ME, 2017/2020. Unique. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Bound in pale/tan goat skin, leather hinges and flyleaf/pastedown paper by Velma Bolyard, the wing is blue chicken feet skin, gold metal and abalone shell attached with the gold metal, in a case binding sewn in the style of montage sur onglets with hand sewn silk end-bands; custom clamshell box with ribbon pull; wing cover on box is chicken feet and gold metal. 64mo. np. Illus. (b/w plates). Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9611) $1,200.00


Translation of original French: Traite d'astronomomanie: le tarot astrologique. This is the compendium volume published after the complete deck of divination cards was released by Grimaud in 1927. Details traditional divination with aspects of astrology and astral charting to determine personal relevance.

"A True Interpretation of the Witch of Endor spoken of in The First Book of Samuel, xxviii. chap. beginning at the 11th verse shewing 1. How she and all other witches do beget or produce that Familiar Spirit they deal with, and what a Familiar Spirit is........2. It is clearly made to appear in this Treatise, that no Spirit can be raised without its body.......3. An interpretation of all those Scriptures, that doth seem as if Spirits might go out of Men's bodies when they die, and subsist in some or other without bodies....... Lastly several other things needless for the mind of man to know .."

"An unusual tract by Lodowick Muggleton (1609 - 1698), the English tailor who became a Puritan religious leader and anti-Trinitarian heretic whose religious movement became known as Muggletonianism. Muggleton took virulent exception to the Quakers, was hailed by his followers as a prophet, and was twice convicted of blasphemy. His religious beliefs were at least unorthodox: he is said, for example, to have thought that God had a human body. In this booklet he detailed his thoughts on witches, spirits and various matters." This particular edition is speculated to be a printer's "unsophisticated" copy in paper wrappers before being sent to binder.

One of the more prolific stories of witchcraft lore, The Witch of Endor (also known as the Medium of Endor) was a woman, as reported in Samuel I of the Old Testament of the Bible, chapter 28, verses 3 - 25, who possessed a talisman through which she called up the ghost of the recently deceased prophet Samuel, at the demand of King Saul of Israel for battle purposes. The story of the Witch of Endor has excited the creative imagination through the ages and inspired further embellishment of her practices. Few holdings and unusual.


Continuing with Murphy's pre-occupation with social commentary, this protest book aims to make tangible the current homelessness crisis in Ireland. The book is for the most part devoid of content (the seven printed pages are half title, title, introduction, colophon, pressmark), with each empty page dedicated to one homeless family, the scale of the situation becomes quite apparent when these pages amount to a book eight inches in thickness.


*Delta of Venus* was introduced to the craft of bookbinding under the instruction of Susannah Kite Strang during her studies at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She experimented with a variety of simple book structures, pushing the concept of the book as an art form." She continued her studies at North Bennet School and now practices her craft in the Boston area. An emerging powerhouse.

114. Orwell, George; Stansky, Peter [Intro]; Hammer, Jonathan [art]; Cooksey, Gabby [binder]. *Animal Farm [Design Binding].* San Francisco, CA: The Arion Press, 2013/2019. Limited Edition. Tight, bright, and unmarked. Bound in red goatskin with a skin disease, leather hinges, sewn endbands, decorated head with acrylic paint, pig is blind tooled with a fool’s tool then painted in with black acrylic, nose is strawberry paper, black leather and vellum onlays, mirror image of a pig with different shadows accentuated; black cloth clamshell box. 4to. 150pp. Illus. (color and b/w plates). Numbered limited edition, this being 121 of 300. Signed by the artist. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#10180) $3,200.00

"The image of the butchered pig’s head came from an illustration from inside the book by the artist, Jonathan Hammer. The image was perfect for my idea of what Animal Farm is about: cruelty, dual-image, and death." [artist statement]


Interesting pamphlet covering naturopathic medicine and palmistry sciences through the "language of the hand."
Independent practitioner and healer, Leo Osman promoted sexual and health magnetism, occult forces, and spirit aurapathy. A trade not uncommon in the late 19th century occult circles. No other known copies available.


A set of divination cards, similar to tarot divination, similar to the Lenormand method of divining. Each card is composed of two different images which complement each other: on the top left are the ordinary playing card symbols and in the centre of each card is an allegorical image accompanying the symbol. The meanings assigned to the cards in the Parlour Sibyl do not correspond exactly to those given in older Lenormand decks. Not only are there more cards, but even cards that appear in both types of deck have undergone slight shifts in interpretation. This deck is a replica of a late 19th or early 20th century French deck drawn in pen-and-ink and coloured, with a descriptive booklet.


The Petit Albert [18th-century grimoire of natural and cabalistic magic] was a mixture of a book of magic and the popular books of secrets from the Renaissance with filled with potions and remedies. The Petit Albert is inspired by the writings of St. Albertus Magnus and represents a phenomenal publishing success in many editions/states. It is a composite or heterogeneous work, and perhaps a bric-a-brac, collecting texts of unequal value written by (or attributed to) various authors; most of these authors are anonymous, but some are notable such as Cardano and Paracelsus. This is a new edition, includes discussions on astrology, talismanic magic, and physiognomy. Has print of St. Veronica as frontispiece.


A quite scarce iteration from Latin of a series of discussions on magical phrases, words, and incantations. Quotes from the Bible and various other texts including, Bodin's "Demonomania" and the "Archidoxes of Magic" of Paracelsus. The Bibliotheca Curiosa was infamous for republishing texts and speeches of independent scholars and the Order of the Odd Fellows lectures on magical practices. The small editions of these texts are somewhat more desirable, than the larger format versions.


"There are many images and pictures to which we are exposed daily and which we read about time and space without being aware of this. As a result of this idea, a total of twelve images that are familiar to everyone when they accompanied by their corresponding letters or numbers were selected. Deleting these references causes a shock, the surprise of the recognition, identification and aesthetic appraisal of the “graphic scaffolding” covering the sign. Stripping these indications of their referents and context makes us aware that what we interpret is the space rather than the texts." [artist statement]


Early zine by now famed artist Raymond Pettibon. He grew to fame out of this early period of work for SST and Black Flag. Zine meets artist book, in a edition of 500 (though as many as 400 are thought to have been destroyed). This copy from an SST officer and available with others from Pettibon. Scarce.
Single fold mock-up used to create the iconic insert included in the release of Black Flag’s My War. Includes three full page Raymond Pettibon pieces and a smaller copy integrated into the front-piece. Evidence of corrections and touch-up for printing present. Created 'on' a Black Flag concert poster (Santa Monica Civic Center), it was from this object that the production insert was created.
Black Flag's second studio album (after Damaged (1981)) and the first after the Unicorn lawsuit injunction. Following the well documented dispute with Unicorn, where SST's claim for unpaid royalties resulted in a successful counter-suit leading to short jail sentences for Ginn and Dukowski and an injunction prohibiting the use of the name "Black Flag". The injunction ended in 1983 with Unicorns bankruptcy.
The album's release (1984, SST Records) represented a major sound-shift for the band and polarized fans. Side A was similar to their earlier work (west coast hardcore). Side B was much heavier/slower sound with a strong Black Sabbath-esque influence. During the period of the injunction, the members of Black Flag broadened their influences significantly, particularly with the SST doom metal band Saint Vitus and the likes of Flipper, Void, and Fang...building on established influences like Black Sabbath, the MC5, and the Stooges. The album is widely considered to have helped usher in the post-hardcore scene and to have influenced a wide range of bands/genres (sludge metal, grunge, etc). It is notable that the first punk show Kurt Cobain (the face of Nirvana) attended was a Black Flag show during the My War tour (and that he listed My War on his list of 50 best albums).
SST was initially formed in 1966 by Greg Ginn at age 12 (Solid State Transmitters) and given new direction to promote his band. It grew into a major indie label during the 1980s, representing a wide range of influential bands. Raymond Pettibon, Ginn's younger brother, did much/all the art for Black Flag...and named the band (renamed, actually, from Panic) and designed the iconic 4 black bar logo. "If a white flag means surrender, a black flag represents anarchy." (Raymond Pettibon)

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"After September 11, the notion of the "hero" began to rear its head in the public consciousness more and more frequently. The notion served a necessity in a time of national and global crisis to acknowledge those who showed extraordinary courage or determination in the face of danger, sometimes even sacrificing their lives in an attempt to save others. However, in the whirlwind of journalism surrounding these deservedly front-page disasters and emergencies, it is easy to take for granted the heroes who sacrifice immeasurable life and labor in their day to day lives for the good of others, but do so in a somewhat less spectacular setting.

The Mexican immigrant worker in New York is a perfect example of the hero who has gone unnoticed. It is common for a Mexican worker in New York to work extraordinary hours in extreme conditions for very low wages which are saved at great cost and sacrifice and sent to families and communities in Mexico who rely on them to survive.

The Mexican economy has quietly become dependent on the money sent from workers in the US. Conversely, the US economy has quietly become dependent on the labor of Mexican immigrants. Along with the depth of their sacrifice, it is the quietness of this dependence which makes Mexican immigrant workers a subject of interest. The principal objective of this series is to pay homage to these brave and determined men and women that somehow manage, without the help of any supernatural power, to withstand extreme conditions of labor in order to help their families and communities survive and prosper. This project consists of 20 color photographs of Mexican and Latino immigrants dressed in the costumes of popular American and Mexican superheroes. Each photo pictures the worker/superhero in their work environment, and is accompanied by a short text including the worker’s name, their hometown, the number of years they have been working in New York, and the amount of money they send to their families each week." [publishers statement]

Dulce Pinzón (born 1974) is a Mexican artist currently living in Brooklyn, New York, U.S. Her work is influenced by feelings of nostalgia, questions of identity, and political and cultural frustrations. The goal that she pursues through her art activism is cultural consumption, customization, and intervention. Some of her projects are: "Viviendo En El Gabacho", "Loteria", "Multiracial", and "Real Stories of Superheroes." Her work has been published and exhibited in Mexico, the United States, Australia, Argentina, and Europe.

130. Polisson. **Happy Escapades.** nd [circa 1920]. First Edition (presumed). Light shelf/edge wear, one photo removed, else tight, bright, and unmarred. Unsophisticated post binding, grey cardstock boards, black cloth tape spine, paper title plate at front board, frontispiece, printed only on the right side. Small 8vo. 50pp. Illus. 4 tipped in b/w sexually explicit silver gelatin prints (a 5th has been removed) Good+. StifF Boards. (#10188) $450.00

Typed and mimeoed text block. These early mimeoed erotic/sexually explicit stories are uncommon generally...as they tended to be poorly printed and even more poorly bound...and they were 'just dirty books'. Thus those that survive are always 'special'. Those, as here, with original photographs tipped in (as there was not other easy mean to print illustrations), are genuinely scarce. Overall, an handsome copy. No copies in OCLC.

Started by Beryl Korot, Phyllis Gershuny, and Ira Schneider in Spring of 1970, soon after low-cost portable video equipment became available to artists and other potential videomakers. Issues included contributions by Nam June Paik, Douglas Davis, Paul Ryan, Frank Gillette, Beryl Korot, Charles Bensinger, Ira Schneider, Ann Tyng, R. Buckminster Fuller, Gregory Bateson, Gene Youngblood, Parry Teasdale, Ant Farm, and many others. Eleven issues of Radical Software were published from 1970 to 1974, first by the Raindance Corporation and then by the Raindance Foundation with Gordon and Breach Publishers.

Radical Software was an early journal on the use of video as an artistic and political medium, started in 1970 in New York City. At the time, the term radical software referred to the content of information rather than to a computer program. The most outstanding element of Radical Software video journal was the style and emphasis used in editing. The content itself was a call to pay attention to the way information itself is disseminated and to encourage a grassroots involvement in creating an information environment exclusive of broadcast and corporate media. It became immediately important and popular as it grasped fully what a lot of people had been concerned with and thinking about; giving its introduction a synchronicity of the ideas of the day. [Wiki]


"The book is an artist book by Sialia Rieke who recounts a story of an angel coming to earth and falling in love with a human. The bat is my interpretation of him flying to the woman on a cloudy day forming the heart breaking story that is soon to come." [Artist statement]

133. Roger, Jean, curé de Fontcouverte Abbé (Abbott of Fontcouverte). Le Vulgarisateur de l'Astronomie [The 'Popularizer' of Astronomy]. [Fontcouverte-Aude par Moux, France], 1883-1899. Unique. Handwritten manuscript in brown ink bound in unsophisticated boards, (journal binding). Significantly loose pages and back boards, front end paper torn with visible damage, otherwise with minimal discoloration and foxing, the integrity of the text is unmarred. 18x24cm., 4to, IV, 72 pages with a movable planisphere made of wood and paper mounted on back board. Includes 5 drawings of instruments and 43 smaller drawings of celestial constellations, multiple tipped in leaves. In French. Very Good. Boards. (#9925) $3,250.00

Jean Roger, Abbot of Fontcouverte, (19th century) known mostly by his writings on St. John Francis Régis, the canonized Jesuit priest of the 16th-17th century. Roger published "Nouveau manuel du pèlerin au berceau et au tombeau de S. Jean-François Régis," essentially a manual of the walking paths following the pilgrimages of St. Régis. It seems Roger became interested in elementary sciences later in his life and produced this unpublished illustrated scientific manuscript on astronomy with a self-constructed movable planisphere.

He is cited in the "Comptes rendus hebdomadaires des séances de l'Académie des Sciences" committee meeting minutes around 1885, suggesting he had submitted materials for review of his astronomy lectures or perhaps forthcoming publication.

The "Vulgarisateur de l'astronomie" manuscript or rather a simplified analysis of basic astronomical concepts is divided into various chapters with a preliminary preface and exemplary explanation of the Universe. The first chapter is on the Earth, following with Chapter 2: The Moon; Chapter 3: The Sun; Chapter 4: The Planets; Chapter 5: Comets; Chapter 6: Stars (Galaxies), Meteors (Meteorites); Chapter 7: Zodiac and Constellations; Chapter 8: Stars; Chapter 9: Instruments (Telescope); Chapter 10 (sic): Moveable planisphere; Table of contents.

The manuscript is heavily annotated and well-cited, Roger includes tipped in mimeograph produced sources, some with reference dates of the late 19th century, alluding that this research was a working manuscript for a possible forthcoming publication. Roger was careful and detailed in his illustrations of telescopes, constellation groupings, and diagrams. The most exceptional element to the manuscript is the working planisphere on the back board. A "planisphere is a star chart analog computing instrument in the form of two adjustable disks that rotate on a common pivot. It can be adjusted to display the visible stars for any time and date." It is an analog instrument constructed for teaching how to recognize stars and constellations. Roger's instrument is similar to contemporary devices, although utilizes a string attached to a pin as the pivot point instead of two discs. Around the center of the star chart are
illustrations of planets, eclipses, nebula, comets, and star clusters. An exemplary specimen of independent science scholarship and teaching devices constructed for novice astronomers and learning scientists.


Spare Rib remains one of the most iconic symbols of Second Wave Feminism, its influence far out-living the span of its publication (1972-1993). This collection embodies a reasonably complete run of 30 issue from the early days, including: No 2 – 6, 8-12, 14-15, 20-21, 23-25, 29 30-33 and an additional 8 issues from 1977/78. Small group of related cuttings laid in.


Queer tech organization promoting visibility for LGBTQ individuals in the early 1980s technology field in Silicon Valley, CA. List of companies and institutions that employ openly queer tech and computer industry folks, mission statement, social action points, membership form, and history of organization written by Rick Rudy.


Text in French. Forward by Jean-Jacques Pauvert, afterword by Maurice Blanchot. Bound by Sonya Sheats: "The image on the front cover is taken directly from the text. The binding is a traditional French full leather binding with leather hinges. The endpapers are marbled on gloss paper by Marianne Peter (France). This book was bound by Sonya Sheats in 2003." (from the artist)


“I don’t often get to touch on politics in my line of work. Bernie Sanders is an inspiration, not only in his message, not only backing up his standpoints with policy, but is, and has been, fighting for the people his entire career. As a person who lives in constant pain, and whose healthcare costs reflect that, his stance on health insurance as a human right resonates greatly with me. This book follows his campaign trail and puts forth the ideals he ran on: income equality, health care for all, higher education as a human right, racial justice, environmental justice, criminal justice reform, immigration reform, getting money out of politics, truth, love, compassion, and solidarity, among many others—and their implementation. I chose to do a utilitarian binding on this: no gold, nothing flashy, a simple arts-and-crafts design tooled in blind, done quickly but with elegance. The endpapers are plain, they don’t need to be fancy. "A Future to Believe In" was Bernie’s campaign message, and "The Struggle Continues" is the progressive answer to any election, any vote, or any compromise, win or lose—the struggle continues. And, of course, he ran a campaign without super PACs, with an average campaign donation of $27, the number used where one would find a volume number or a date." [artist statement]


“‘The powerful magical force of the Vikings is hidden in the ancient Runes’”—Description. Divination deck using rune “Futhark” symbols. American occult publishers reissued in 2013. Translated into four languages.


*From starting research on the structure to being finished with the box, this book took me over a year to complete. I*
made several model books to make sure the binding was appropriate and suitable for a masterpiece of modern printing. I kept detailed notes on how this book was made in a 1:1 copy of the book using the same kinds of paper which is kept in a separate (much larger) box with plaquettes, the aforementioned models, the tooling template for the covers, and material samples. The cover is intended to evoke the shimmering of the surface of water, fish scales, and waves. This binding uses two different techniques I come back to regularly: large scale surface gilding and detailed repetitive tooling. The rough surface gilding lends in this case depth, and the tooling lends texture. I have admired Gaylord’s work for years, and it was a daunting pleasure to be able to bind one of his works." [Artist Statement]

140. [Scheibel, Johann]. The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses; Moses' Magical Spirit-Art Known as the Wonderful Arts of the Old Hebrews, taken from the Mosaic Books of the Cabala and the Talmud, for the good of mankind. [New York]: [Empire Publishing], [1934]. Reprint. Bound in original wrappers, staplebound on newsprint, in very good original condition, slight wear to wrappers, despite age and paper quality. With numerous engravings, "translated from the German, word for word, according to old writings." Two volumes in one, 64, 129 pages with illustrations. Copy has former owner anathema (curse) written on front inside wrapper and dated. Very Good+ in Wraps. Original Wraps. (#10168) $225.00

"The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses is an 18th or 19th century magical text allegedly written by Moses, and passed down as hidden (or lost) books of the Five Books of Moses or Pentateuch. A grimoire, a text of magical incantations and spells, it purports to instruct the reader in the spells used to create the miracles portrayed in the Christian Bible. The work was printed with annexes or reputed Talmudic magic names, words and incantation, many taken from Christian biblical passages. It shows diagrams of "Seals": magical drawings accompanied by incantations intended to perform tasks from controlling weather or people, to contacting the dead or Christian religious figures. Copies have been traced to 18th century German pamphlets, but an 1849 printing, aided by the appearance of the popular press in the 19th century, spread copies through Germany and Northern Europe, to German immigrants in the United States, to the African American South and Caribbean, and Anglophone West Africa. It influenced European Occult Spiritualism, as well as popular religious movements in the American South (Hoodoo), the Caribbean (Rastafarian), and West Africa...

141. [School of William Mortensen] Collection of female models - Studio photographs. [1930-1940]. Small condition, mounted with corners on acid free board. Two images are cropped/marked with pencil, and a single image shows water droplet in corner, otherwise in superb condition. Very Good+. (#9968) $225.00

Identified as probably taken in the 1930s, but more likely in the 40s or 50s, these images are strongly influenced by the photographic method of lighting and composition of William Mortensen. One of the photographs is direct mimic of Mortensen's image titled "Betty" from 1936 of a woman glancing sideways with a decorative headpiece. The other images harken to Mortensen's work: Salome and Eve, and even Hollywood nude glamour [topless woman in furs]. As the photographs are unmarked, it is difficult to gather any provenance, yet they appear to be not printed or taken by Mortensen himself, as they don't exhibit his signature photoengraving technique or other markings. They do however, illicit similar lighting and poses like he would have instructed in his various books on photography techniques. They also seem like test proofs from the negatives, cut from the proof sheets. The images are clearly from someone who had access to a proper studio, equipment, and wardrobe. Perhaps a student of his or another photographer crafting their own experience from Mortensen's highly technical skills.


Data Transmissions is a series of letterpress prints of cell-phone screenshots, collected through an open call on social media, that reflects on the value of data and its processing. A selection of the submitted screenshots were translated into letterpress through a physical process of hand-setting metal type, cutting linoleum blocks, and using a Vandercook mechanical press. [Artist statement]


Late 19th century pamphlet on the practice of mesmerization and psychological clairvoyance. Typical of the time period for Victorian parlour games and practice.


"These books I am printing are trying to combine being painted and printed; I always print like a painter anyway – the blocks are just another way of getting colour and image onto the paper – and each book, of a very small edition will be slightly different. I want it to be quite rough and immediate, not pretty at all – I am not sure my skills stretch to tragedy so rough and raw will have to do....

The text flickers between current events and concerns, structured around the medieval story of Perceval, The Holy Fool, and yes – The Ruin. I am trying to mirror the metaphors of the writing with the way I print – shreds of allusions and references in the imagery, cut shapes. Fragmented printing styles. The covers, if I ever get them dry in time, are trying to gather up and meld some of the whirling detritus of the world, both natural and man made – and compact it into a surface; I did this once for a unique volume, The Artists Book, done for a Millennium exhibition in 2000, which is now in the USA and I never took a photo of the cover, so it is an idea revisited from memory nearly two decades on.

‘Current events and concerns’ are the perennial ones – man’s inhumanity to man and the continual degradation of the planet. The first image is of an unspecified bombed building, in the Middle East maybe; later bodies hang like meat from the trees, the woodcuts try to flicker like TV screens, dead birds are strung up, trees look blasted. But art ultimately makes things look aesthetic, cosy: I try to be raw but pages inevitably become cooked – our conscience and consciousness makes things acceptable so that we can carry on. I hope this is an angry book all the same." [artist statement]

146. Sketchley, James. Sketchley's "Conversation" Cards. England: James Sketchley, c.1750. Unique. Collection of 15 hand-colored conversation "fortune telling" cards, mounted on rough canvas linen and selectively colored with color washes, accordion folded, or [leporello] though, this is an incomplete set; original set was [52] cards. The set is finely and delicately printed from copperplate plate etchings. With moderate condition issues; soiling to surface of illustrations and marred with blue water color paint over surface. Regardless, an extremely scarce specimen of early 18th century printing and an example of parlor games. Very Good. Concertina. ($9909) $2,400.00

James Sketchley was a British publisher who produced, from at least 1750 in England, the “Conversation Cards” as an educational game for children. In addition, he was an ardent Freemason who stated: “A man, who, if Masonry e’er was the theme...His bosom with Rapture would glow and expand.” From a newspaper advertisement in 1775, "it is natural to seek for amusement or diversion, the cards show consequence... they improve and instruct; they will exercise the imagination, enlarge the understanding, and every one that plays with them are sure to be gainers..."


A complete set found in the Toronto Public Library collection.


The author considers magic and ritual to be "...a perfectly natural means of human expression: an attempt to control and heighten the emotions which are to man as true and as necessary as the intellect..." Smith writes of various kinds of magic and ritual - Chinese, Hindu, Medieval and touches on Behaviorism, Psycho-Analysis, and other modernisms, believing that the common conception of magic, as science gone wrong, is a misconception...”--(From dust jacket).
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From the same publisher as many works from Dion Fortune.


A scarce, cultural and mythological study of the female breast. An almost romantic celebration of the female form: "The breast is the last word in anatomical motherhood. It is the pinnacle of maternity. In evolution experiments with regard to position were attempted, with regard to number, with regard to size, until finally, with the emergence of Eve and her pair of pectoral breasts, the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy."


In the 1980s, BDSM illustrator Eric Stanton produced modest size and inexpensive zines of his illustrated stories, known as “Stantoons.” Stanton’s work is highly collectible and original drawings are hard to come by.

150. Steinbeck, John; Holland, Kate (binder). The Grapes of Wrath [Art Binding]. New York: The Viking Press, 1939. First Edition. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Full brown goatskin split with reverse offset printing and applied gold, double hinged boards with aperture through to gilded Japanese tissue endpapers, sprinkled with acrylic ink and neon orange carspray and laminated to Griffen Mill Early Wove Cream 80gsm handmade paper, printed alum tawed goatskin doublures with graphite and boot polish, graphite edges with watercolour, hand sewn silk endbands. 8vo. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9862) $4,000.00

"Inside front cover: Dorothea Lange – Dust bowl refugee woman washing clothes in a camp for migrant workers near Calipatria, Imperial Valley, California, 1937.

By kind permission of Granger Historical Picture Archive.


A split was chosen as the covering material to honour the Joads – a family who would surely embrace the “waste not, want not” ethic through economic necessity. The cover depicts old Route 66, approaching the mountains, as driven by the Joad family on their way from Oklahoma to the dream that is fruit picking in California. A golden, orange sun sets beyond the mountains that open out to form a barrier, a veritable wall, that they must overcome to reach the promise of untold riches. But beyond the mountains/wall reality hits. “Watch the mountains of oranges slop down to a putrefying ooze.” And yet who is keeping the show on the road, keeping hope alive, as much today as then, but the mother, embodied in the novel by Rose of Sharon breast feeding a dying man, but captured on film by Dorothea Lange and Matt Black. Wrath, ripening like grapes on the vine, between the have-nots and the haves, plays as great a part still."

[Artist Statement]

Kate Holland is a multi award winning bookbinder, specialising in contemporary fine bindings to commission or for exhibition. She uses traditional materials and techniques to produce a unique, modern binding that reflects the text, illustrations and typeface of the book.

She is a Fellow of Designer Bookbinders, one of the foremost societies dedicated to the craft of fine bookbinding. She has books in the British, Bodleian and Yale University Libraries as well as many public and private collections internationally.

151. Stevenson, Robert Louis. Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. London: Longmans, Green & Co, 1886. First Edition/First State. Light, even toning/soiling to the wrappers, publication date corrected (1886), else tight, bright, and unmarred. Original printed wrappers, red ink text, black ink text and decorative elements, advert at rear. 12mo. 141pp. Early catalogue clipping laid in. Very Good [textblock Fine]. Original Wraps. (#10257) $6,500.00

One of the unspecified number of copies which had the date hand-corrected in ink by the publisher from 1885 to 1886. Initially scheduled to be released for Christmas, 1885, it was delayed until 1886 due to the glut of new work being released for the holidays.

"If [Bram Stoker's] Dracula leaves one with the sensation of having been struck down by a massive, 400-page wall of horror, then Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde is like the sudden, mortal jab of an ice pick." [Stephen King].


$425.00

Unusual early mimeo sexually explicit serial. Vol. VII, Chapt. 24 suggests it is part of a large, long running series of stand-alone chapters...and worth noting that no other elements can be located in a cursory institutional search. 26 characters per line, four pages of tipped in photographic images (one a circa 1890 image of two women with a switch, three of late 1800-early 1900s photographic reproductions of illustrations.


$1,200.00

"This is a unique, handmade art book with tactile images in relief. With your hands you can explore the relationship between form, sense and content. The book consists of 7 pictures, as well as the short story "On Exactitude in Science" by Jorge Luis Borges. The text must be read with your hands. For both sighted and visually impaired people." [artist statement] Selected to KALEID editions 2016.

Randi Annie Strand, visual artist, born in Norway 1962. Lives in Oslo. MA from Bergen Academy of Art and Design (92). Language, signs and sensory experiences are central elements in her works. Her ideas have been realised through different media and techniques.


$450.00

Using the same technique as explored in The Biggest Form, but smaller, more abstract, and with the Braille written words – on the last page written in brown color. Braille reads Pangea – parts - changes – minds – moves. Randi Annie Strand, visual artist, born in Norway 1962. Lives in Oslo. MA from Bergen Academy of Art and Design (92). Language, signs and sensory experiences are central elements in her works. Her ideas have been realised through different media and techniques.


$5,000.00

Foreword by Matilda McQuaid, Deputy Curatorial Director at Cooper Hewitt, National Design Museum. Texts by Alfred Birnbaum, writer and translator based in Tokyo, and Reiko Sudo.

Reiko Sudo is one of the great textile designers working today. Her talent is admired internationally, and her innovative designs are part of permanent collections around the world. Over 140 distinct textiles are represented in this bento box-style book/object: three scarves, a notebook of cloth samples, and collages assembled by Sudo. Tools and raw materials used in her practice are featured in the bottom tray.

The Nuno Box is in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of art, Los Angeles Museum of Art, Cooper Hewitt, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Asian Art Museum, UCLA Libraries, Textile Museum, Library of Congress, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, and Tokyo Zokei University, as well as many private collections.


$750.00

"This miniature is about Rookwood Pottery, a studio founded in 1880 by Maria Longworth Nichols, who fell in love with the Arts and Crafts Movement. Nichols desired to bring these European and Oriental designs to America. Throughout its run, Rookwood became known for several styles of design, glazes and unique shapes.

I choose to bind this book with stone veneer in the hopes that it would capture the textures and feel of decorated pottery. The assemblage of petals made from wood veneer and handmade paper are pulled from one of the vase designs illustrated in the text. The box is adorned with the famous R-P monogram, which was adopted in 1886 as the studio’s identifying mark. A single flame was added for each year after 1886, thus the box denotes the year 1887." [artist statement]
157. Swift, Jonathan; O’Kane, David [illus]; Carpenter, Andrew [intro]; Traynor, Jessica [poetry]. A Modest Proposal. Dublin, Ireland: The Salvage Press, 1729 [2017]. Limited Edition. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Halfbound, black leather spine and foreedge, red leather spine label, gilt lettering, marbled paper boards, printed in red and black ink; matching drop-spine archival box with inlaid Irish porcelain. Imperial folio. 64pp. Illus. (b/w plates). Lettered limited edition, this being IJK. [N.B. there are 4 additional copies, i-iv, hors de commerce. Deluxe copies, 1-5, are each in a unique binding reflecting an issue confronting modern Ireland (homelessness, abortion rights, direct provision, religious persecution, and affordable housing) in “hand dyed alum tawed goatskin with reverse offset printed inlays and red calfskin borders, 22c gold hand lettered title, red handmade paper doublures with blind tooling, distressed silver endpapers with 23.5c gold leaf highlights, graphite top edge, red calf skin headbands” by Kate Holland and including an additional portfolio containing a full suite of the lithographs and a full suite of the poems. Fine in Fine Archival Box. Hardcover. (#9425) $7,500.00

“...This publishing of A Modest Proposal was produced to mark the 350th anniversary of the birth of Jonathan Swift in 1667. First printed in 1729 by Sarah Harding ‘on the Blind Key’, Dublin. Designed, typeset and letterpress printed by Jamie Murphy with much grateful assistance from Niamh McNally. Sarah O’Neill and Phelim McGovern. The type employed is 22 point Monotype Caslon, an interesting cut quite close in character to William Caslon’s ‘Roman and Italick’ types of the late 1720s. The type was originally cast into fonts by Neil Winter at The Whittington Press from matrices acquired from the Oxford University Press. The book was printed on a Western style Double Crown proofing press at Distillers Press, NCA, Dublin. Andrew Carpenter has introduced the edition. Jessica Traynor has supplied nine numbered poems in response to the original text. David O’Kane has scratched the ten illustrations which have been editioned from lithographic stones by Michael Timmins at his workshop in Stoneybatter. The book has been printed on 250gsm mouldmade paper from the Zerkall Mill, Hürtgenwald, Germany, supplied by John Purcell, London. Based in Wiltshire, UK, Jemma Lewis has designed and produced the marbled papers based on marble patterns found at St. Patrick’s Cathedral where Swift was once Dean. Eleanor Swan has produced the porcelain inserts for the standard copies at her studio on the grounds of Russborough House, Co. Wicklow.” (Publisher statement)

158. Tavaglione, Giorgio. L’Oracolo Della Sibilla. [Germany], [1980]. In original box, although lacking instruction booklet. Set of fortune telling cards which encompass ancient mythology. Comprises 52 numbered cards plus one Sibilla card plus one blank card. Very Good+. In original box. (#9794) $50.00

Also published in the US and Italy. With German sticker on front. History of divination cards traces back to playing cards of the 16th century.


Anon, but written by Rudolf Erich Raspe. Wonderfully illustrated by Dore. This copy was part of the “Library of the Walt Disney Studios.” According to the library card in the front pocket, it was first taken out in 1945 by famed writer/animator Ray Patin. Thirteen other's took it out before it was withdrawn, all in handwritten signature (except one, typed), many quite notable. Of particular interest and note is the last...in 1980, a young Tim Burton took it out while he was at Disney on an internship. As a student at CalArts, Burton made the shorts Stalk of the Celery Monster which caught the attention of Disney and he was invited as an intern, working on The Fox and the Hound, The Black Cauldron, and Tron.


Original pink wrappers bound in at rear. Binding signed by Samuel Tout. The Victorian binder worked in London from 1868-79 and later partnered with William Coward in a bindery in Whitechapel, returning to an independent shop in 1880 at the same location. 14 hand colored plates plus preliminaries. First edition of the third of Thackeray's Christmas books. Bookplate (ex libris) designed by famed designer Konrad Cramer (well-known American-German abstract/cubist artist, 1888-1963) for Elsa Simonson Milius (painter, d1933). Also bears armorial bookplate of Claire Mendel, noted German Consul and collector.

161. [unknown]. Madame Thelma: Lingerie Gowns [Complete in Two Parts]. nd. [circa 1920]. Limited Edition. Light shelf/edge wear, chips at spine, light even toning to leaves, title written at bottom of text block (clearly stored on its side), else tight, bright, and unmarred. Brown cardstock boards, light brown paper spine, four burgundy cardstock
leaves bound in, each with mounted photographic image. 8vo. 134; 242pp. Illus. (b/w plates). Very Good in Wraps. Original Wraps. (#10181) $450.00

Early mimeo sexually explicit story involving forced cross dressing and submission. An out of work husband is transformed into a woman and dominated for the rest of his life. Moral... If you marry a dominating woman, keep your job and make good or you may find yourself in the same position."

Opening paragraphs refer to this as a "new serial" suggested by a subscriber in a rough outline and being flesh out (sorry). There is a reference to it being a 'monthly' and an apology that it does not have illustrations yet, but that s/he hopes to add them. Unclear if the tipped in plates found here were 'issued' later and added or were added by an owner. Early mimeo adult material is uncommon...quite scarce as found here.

162. Uppercase Magazine; Cooksey, Gabby [Binder]. Stitch-illo [Art Binding]. Uppercase Magazine, 2017. First Edition/Unique Binding. Tight, bright, and unmarred. Full leather design binding, bound in brown goat skin with leather hinges, sewn on raised cords, suede fly-leaf, top edge design with gold foil, brass escutcheon pins riveted on the “pastedown” brass plate, threads of various colors that are tied, woven, and stretched throughout the binding, hand sewn silk endbands, housed in custom clamshell box. 8vo. Illus. (color plates). Fine in Fine Archival Case. Hardcover. (#9444) $2,000.00

This book was all about stitching, as the name suggests, so I wanted to really emphasize that with a semi-traditional style binding with a twist of weaving, stitching, and knotting. I used the primary colors as the 3 lays of design. The escutcheon pins were my nails that would traditionally hold your design as you weaved." [artist statement]


A very handsome copies of some 'golden age' erotic pulp...and mostly scarce titles. Includes:

1: Naked Lunch [Book 1-2]: [Neil Weston; Phenix Pub., 1963]
2: Everybody Loves a Eunuch [Scott Arlen; Olympia Press, 1971]
3: Victims of the Young Hellers [Jack Warren; Eros Publishing, 1971]
4: Swinging Sex Swappers [Rona West; Paramount Publishers, 1971]
5: Loving Little Stepdaughter [Nikki Marshall; Venus Library, 1972]
7: Crook Lips [Marcus Van Heller; Grove Press, nd]
8: Business as Usual [Soliman Peters; Grove Press, 1971]
9: The Prefect [P.N. Dedeaux; Grove Press, nd]
10: Rape is a 4-Letter Word [Donald Denver; GX Inc. nd]
11: Door to Door Rape [Melvin, Frank; Frances Book, 1962]
12: Catch Her in the Raw [Jack Harris; Greenleaf Classics, 1972]
13: The Sex Pulse [Louis Richard; Universal Publisher, 1961]
14: The Wicked Way [C Harmon; Neva Paperbacks, 1961]

164. [Various]. Mixed Collection of Bondage and Sexuality Paperbacks. 1951-1975. Condition varies on the selection of bondage and erotica pulps from fair+ to very good, some have obvious wear and tear and discoloration. Fair+ to Very Good in Wraps. Original Wraps. (#9090) $275.00


and flagellation fiction with black and white illustrations. A few of the pages have recognizable illustrations from Gene Bilbrew.


"Seagulls tearing the sky, decisive moment to say goodbye..." [artist statement]


Early mimeo sexually explicit series. It is difficult to find these early, mimeo examples of sexually explicit prose and, for all the usual reasons, it is harder still to find complete multi-volume sets. Poorly printed, poorly bound, and of subject matter that was often disposed of rather than tended to, they seldom pass the test of time. This is especially true of these early, 26 character per line copies, with a relatively small number of examples in various collections. As printed illustration was beyond the technology used, these are illustrated with four b/w photographs in each volume. Overall, a very handsome example.


Illustrated and designed by Nastassja Imiolek under the artistic direction of Cécile Côté. Bound by Sonya Sheets: "This structure features an open joint between the spine and the boards. The boards are held to the book block by the leather supports, or tapes, onto which the book is sewn. The flysheets are made in beige Deerskin and the endpapers are red Nepalese papers. This book was bound by Sonya Sheats in 2012 for the international exhibition by ARA-Canada in partnership with the École Estienne in Paris. The exhibition was on display in Paris, Montreal, Quebec, Chicago, and Boston in 2013-2014." (from the artist)

168. Vulson, Marc de, Sieur de La Colombière. **Le Palais des Curieux, ou l’algèbre et le sort donnent la décision des questions les plus douteuses** Donnent la decision des questions le plus douteuses, et ou les songes & les vision nocturnes sont expliqués selon la doctrine des anciens. Troyes: Chez la Cit. Garnier, [between 1728-1730]. Bound in 20th century tan leather boards with gilt spine titling and ornamentation, although split on upper and lower board edges and minor water spots, binding intact. Minimal foxing, deckled edges, paginated continuously vii, 151 pages, one diagram illustration and a few woodcut ornaments. Contains the work: "Traite des songes et des visions nocturnes, selon la doctrine des anciens, et de leurs significations." Very Good+. Boards. (#9920) $325.00

Marc de Vulson, French heraldist, historian, poet, minion of the royal court, published several prolific books on symbols, prophecies, heraldry, dreams and gathered sources on traditions associated with chivalry and French genealogy. Vulson devised cross hatching patterns standardized for specific colors in depicting heraldic shields. The lattice diagram on page 1 depicts a cipher system for dream divining, almost an oracle game board. The second part is a popular work on dreams and their meanings, alphabetically indexed by subject and significance with an index.


Arthur Edward Waite (2 October 1857 – 19 May 1942), commonly known as A. E. Waite, was an American-born British poet and scholarly mystic who wrote extensively on occult and esoteric matters. First published in 1898, The Book of Ceremonial Magic was originally called The Book of Black Magic and of Pacts. It was distributed more widely under the title The Book of Ceremonial Magic in 1910. It is a compendium of a complete system of magick drawn from various grimoire sources and other magical and sacred texts. An essential book on ritual magic. Scarce in near fine dustjacket (unclipped).

to extremities, one small stain on p. 216, else a very good text block. Bound in tan buckram with maroon pictorial stamp, vii, 216 pages, half-title page with advertisement on verso, plus illustrations (frontispiece with tissue guard), decorative initials. Small octavo. This issue has author name misspelled on 'author's note page' ["H.S.W."], but includes correction on title page attribution. Illustration by W.B. Russell. Lacks advertisements at end. Former owner name on front flyleaf. Very Good+. Hardcover. (#9773) $2,500.00

Written as his first science fiction story, the story reflects Wells's own socialist political views, his view on life and abundance, and the contemporary angst about industrial relations...He is attributed with coining the term "time machine" [Pilkington, Ace G. (2017). Science Fiction and Futurism: Their Terms and Ideas. McFarland. p. 137.] The earliest draft of "The Time Machine" was serialized in "The Science Schools Journal" in 1888 as "The Chronic Argonauts." While many scholars "rank it as Wells's best book, certainly its qualities are striking and direct ... All time-travel stories since owe a debt to Wells, none has become so acclaimed." - Bleiler (ed), Science Fiction Writers, p. 26. Important first work of modern science-fiction and a hard science before the beginning of the Golden Age of Science Fiction.--Summarized from Currey.

During his own lifetime, however, Wells was most prominent as a forward-looking, even prophetic social critic who devoted his literary talents to the development of a progressive vision on a global scale. A futurist, he wrote a number of utopian works and foresaw the advent of aircraft, tanks, space travel, nuclear weapons, satellite television and something resembling the World Wide Web.


Loretta J. Williams was one of the first black women on the faculty at Missouri University. She was a professor of sociology and a passionate civil rights activist. She also taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo, the Women's Theological Center in Boston, and Boston University. This volume is the published iteration of her dissertation with the same title which "is the story of the Prince Hall Masons, an organization within the black community established over two hundred years ago. By examining this black organization, from the colonial period to the present, one can more fully understand the struggles of the black, middle-class men. Black Freemasonry, as a separate structure, emerged in response to the discriminatory practices and policies of mainstream American Freemasonry, an institution dedicated to the universal brotherhood of mankind."-Publisher. Important and critical work written about marginalized communities within Freemasonry and the intersection of race and class.


"Jemima Wilkinson (29 November 1758 - July 1, 1819) was a charismatic American Quaker and evangelist, born in Cumberland, Rhode Island to Quaker parents. When suffering from a severe illness and in a fever, she declared she had died and was sent from heaven, reincarnated as a prophet known as the Public Universal Friend, who was neither male nor female. She called herself the Universal Friend and preached the Ten Commandments and sexual abstinence to followers forming what they called the "Society of Universal Friends."

Unconventional and radical, Wilkinson is regarded as one of the first transgender religious voices in Western culture. Herbert A. Wisbey Jr.'s biography is the authoritative account of her life, times, and ideals of both mystery and religious mysticism and fundamental feminism.