#### Book Works celebrates 35 years

This special anniversary stands out in the organisation's history: 35 years of Book Works are marked by the stepping down of Jane Rolo, Director and co-founder of Book Works with Rob Hadrill, alongside three of their colleagues in 1984.

The chronological presentation of this special edition catalogue gives an overview of the range and breadth of Book Works' commissions over the past 35 years, from our latest publications back to our first book, *Very Food* by Silvia Ziranek, in 1987. As a summary of the artists' book projects, residencies, public events and special editions, it is a testament to the work and vision of the Director of Book Works (Publishing) and encapsulates the unique working relationships built between artists and Book Works, under Jane Rolo's leadership.

Jane pioneered a history of experimental thinking through the production of artists' books. She oversaw early publications by: Tacita Dean, Liam Gillick, Susan Hiller, Joseph Kosuth, Mike Nelson, Cornelia Parker, and Adrian Piper. More recently, artists working with Book Works under Jane's directorship include Hamja Ahsan, Helen Cammock, Ruth Ewan, Katrina Palmer, Laure Prouvost, Clunie Reid, and Slavs and Tatars

Jane's approach to commissioning has also long provided opportunities for curators and editors to create their own series, among them Mark Beasley, Maria Fusco, Matthew Higgs, Stewart Home, Stefan Kalmár, Nina Power, Lisa Panting, and Sara Wajid. Young, emerging and unknown artists and writers came to be commissioned through Jane's championing of open calls for proposals. This practice continues with the new *Contact* series of books commissioned by Hannah Black, a new issue of *The Happy Hypocrite* guest edited by Erica Scourti, and the forthcoming series *Interstices* guest edited by Bridget Penney.

Ten years ago, on the occasion of our 25th anniversary year, Liam Gillick reflected that: 'The importance of Book Works as a structure cannot be underestimated. It is to do with consistency of presence rather than continuity of practice. A Book Works production always sits in parallel to other structures in the art discourse as a separate yet crucial marker, shimmering between pure ongoing production and self-conscious artistic reflection.'

As the new Director of Publishing Gavin Everall takes on the incomparable legacy that Jane leaves behind he welcomes the challenge of moving the organisation forward, while keeping the production in the shimmering space Gillick describes. With this catalogue, we share new projects by Hamishi Farah, Derica Shields, Momtaza Mehri, Bridget Penney, Praneet Soi, Sarah Tripp and Nina Wakeford, along with our most recent special editions, publications and backlist.

We wish to count you among our valued readers, as we at Book Works send Jane the best of luck with her future plans.

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## About

The leading contemporary arts organisation with a unique role as makers and publishers of books.

Established in 1984, we are dedicated to supporting new work by emerging artists, and our projects are initiated by invitation, open submission, and through guest-curated projects. Book Works consists of a publishing and commissioning department; and a studio specialising in binding, box-making and multiples.

Our activities include publishing, a lecture and seminar programme, exhibitions, the development of an online archive, and artists' surgeries and workshops held by both the publishing department and the studio.



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People don't seem to understand this in relation to books or, 'what we should be doing' as a publisher. There is confusion about why, if you produce artists' books, you are doing exhibitions, or spoken word or performance.

#### JR

It does free you up in terms of the opportunities you can offer artists. Sometimes it might not be appropriate to do a book, but it might be better to do a spoken word performance, or an intervention of some sort. And it's through those different types of projects that you get to know an artist better, and you build a confidence on both sides that allows you to perhaps do another project, perhaps a book, in the future.

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Was this approach there at the start of Book Works?

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One of the first models for Book Works came from visiting the Center for Book Arts in New York. They had an exhibition space, as well as a large workshop space where they offered different types of practical print and bookmaking workshops and classes. They didn't have a bookshop, but

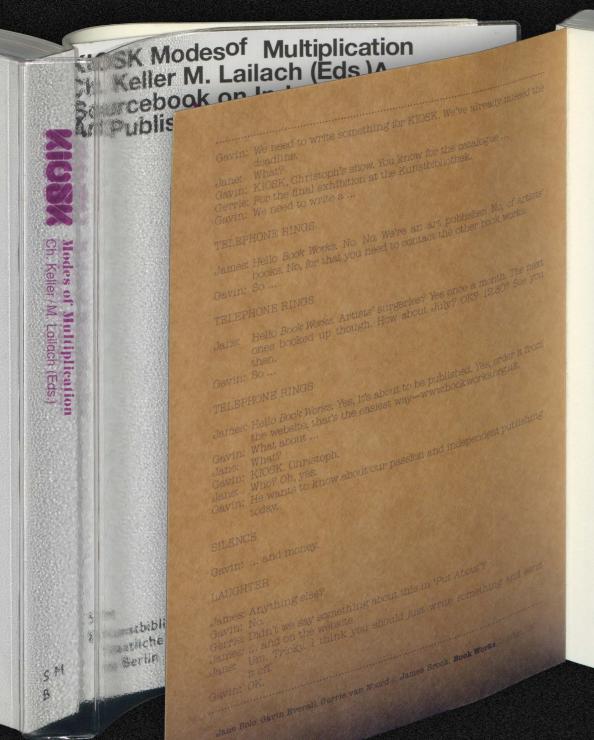
- 2 Book Works was founded in 1984, by the current Directors Rob Hadrill and Jane Rolo, with Pella Erskine Tulloch, Vanessa Marshall and Jen Lindsay. It was based at Arch No. 3, Green Dragon Court, Borough Market, London SE1.
- 3 Book Works Film, directed and produced by hijack and Book Works, 2009.
- 4 Brian Catling and Iain Sinclair, Several Clouds Colliding, co-published by Book Works and the Swedenborg Archive, London, 2012.
- 5 Other equally important influences, based in New York at the time, were the artists' bookshop, Printed Matter, and the archive and performance space, Franklin Furnace.

Again, A Time Machine: from distribution to archive

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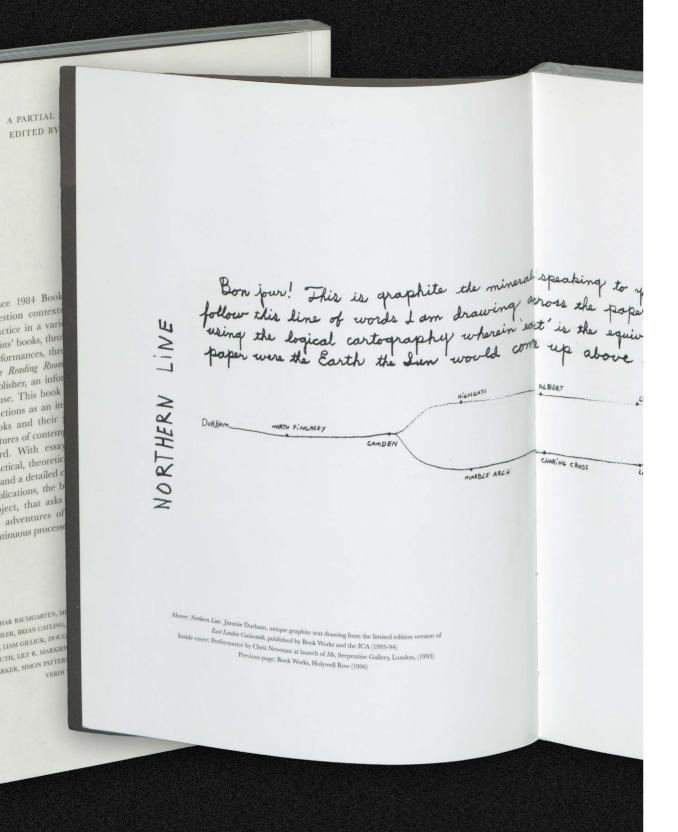
"Why artists' books? Paintings are too big, sculpture is too heavy or needs to be plugged in. Performances and installations are too ephemeral. Books are the right size, the right price and they don't soil your hands. You can take them on the plane without crating them. And if you're sitting next to someone you don't want to talk to on the plane, you can always try pulling out an artist's book, which may dissuade them immediately."

Glenn O'Brien, 'Artists' Books: Making Literacy Pay', ARTIST/AUTHOR CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS' BOOKS, 1998

There is of course a history, a progression to what goes to make up Book Works — our programme of publishing and commissioning new work, studio production and resources and distribution networks. It is now quite a long story — we began twenty years ago — when conversations and ideas turned into something real. We started at a time when there was an energy, a new 'do-it-yourself attitude' in the air in London, with the emergence of artist-run spaces etc. and we were keen to create something independent, that centred on the importance of the artist's book and its relevance within the contemporary art scene.

However what has really shaped us over the years is not so much an independent but rather a collaborative spirit, which has allowed us to produce some wonderful books and other projects with artists. To begin with, we concentrated on exhibitions, installations and events that focused on printed matter and text in artists' work. Then we realised that by commissioning artists to make new work we could be more closely involved with the creative process itself as well as presenting and distributing the artists' projects.

Commissioning new work has not only been about producing a list of artists' publications, but looking at the larger picture whether it be site-specific installations informed by concepts around reading (THE READING ROOM, 1994), exploring 'viral' connections between the written and spoken word (INFRA THIN PROJECTS, curated for Book Works by Mark Beasley, 2004) or providing a context for independent publishing (as with this book, PUT ABOUT and the related symposium at Tate Modern, 2004). It is about opening up possibilities not only for artists, but also for writers, graphic designers, curators and editors, being receptive to different ideas rather than having a house-style. This coincides with a time when the successive blurring of boundaries between artistic media has met with widespread interest in how we actually absorb cultural products. Book Works is interested in how 'niche' publishing can be brought to the attention of an audience beyond the confines of the art world, to contribute to the public's



# Extract from an unpublished interview with Jane Rolo, conducted 2019 by Francesco Pedraglio

Francesco Pedraglio (FP) Jane Rolo (JR)

#### FΡ

In a previous interview, Michael Bracewell stated that when he first worked with you (in the mid-1990s), he was coming from the literary world and felt the art world was 'the place' for the avant-garde. I lived in London for a decade, from about 2006 to 2016, a period where art writing and more generally writing by artists felt very much present in the art scene. I'm aware that ideas and fashions are cyclical, but I wonder if you could say that now, after so many years and so many books published, art is still the place for the avant-garde?

#### JR:

I guess writing and fiction in general changed a lot since the nineties. Consequently, some publishers had to do more to be less conservative. I saw this with poetry. I always felt with poetry books, because they often used to be the tucked away in some dusty corner of a bookshop... they were the books that nobody bought, and few people identified with. But now those shorter forms of expression, whether in poetry or short stories, have become much more fashionable and much more visible in bookshops... it seems to suit the world of online readers. So, you get this interest that, if not really avant-garde, still underlines a new focus on a specific form of expression. And precisely this kind of writing has entered the art world, even if sideways, for example: small white monkeys, 2017 by Sophie Collins, and go to reception and ask for Sara in red felt tip, 2015 by Holly Pester — both published by Book Works. These writers seem to be interested more than seduced by the art world, maybe freer to break with the conventions of more literary publishers. An interest that suggests respect.

#### P:

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Exactly. I wonder if, looking back at the 35 years of work, you can clearly see recurrences in the art produced around you? Do things happen cyclically?

#### JR:

I think they definitely do. Thinking what might have been truly cyclical... well, the *New Writings* series (1996–2003), guest edited by Michael Bracewell, and the *Semina* series (2008–2018), guest edited by Stewart Home, definitely share some common ground. And funnily enough I knew Stewart and his work from the very beginning of Book Works, from the eighties. I had been to some of his readings/performances and collected his books. When he came up with the idea for the *Semina* series ('where the novel has a nervous breakdown') he told me how finally, on the back of being a guest editor of the series, he would get a book published by us (*Blood Rites of the Bourgeoisie*, 2010)! Michael had also worked with us previously on a large multi–sited project *The Reading Room*, that commissioned a mixture of artists and writers.

I can't tell you if a specific series sticks in people's mind more than a single publication... or if one resonates with the other. But what I do feel is that *Semina* was very exciting because we came across a lot of

artists and writers we'd never heard about before — through the open call process. Jarett Kobek (HOE #999: Decennial Appreciation and Celebratory Analysis, 2010) for instance, who has gone on to publish guite a few other books since then, with his Semina publication being one of the first. Or Katrina Palmer (The Dark Object, 2010) who was fresh out of the Royal College of Art, and has since published a further two books with us. So yes, it was very exciting. And in terms of cyclicality, Bridget Penney who was another Semina commissioned writer has just come back to us with a new book. It's going to be the first publication of a new series actually, and she will be the quest editor. And it also echoes with a publication by one of the New Writing contributors — Deborah Levy. She was already guite well known, but she published Diary of a Steak, 1997 with us, as this was a text that wasn't suitable to submit to her literary publisher at the time as it wasn't really fiction and was too short... it wasn't really any form of writing anyone else would have gone for.

#### FP:

Well, for me *Semina* was an important series. It was very impressive to see such a list of names, a lot of them unknown to me, a lot of them artists, to come out with books with such characteristics... books that could have been published by an established literary publisher but that were more experimental.

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Special Editions

Francesco Pedraglio is an artist, writer and curator. He was one of the founding directors of FormContent, a fellow of Henry Moore Institute, and recently established the publishing project Juan de la Cosa. His involvement with Book Works includes commissioning *The Known Unknowns* cycle of readings as part of *The Happy Hypocrite's Volatile Dispersal Festival of Art Writing*, and editing *Time Machine*, a series of experimental books, with Alex Cecchetti, Mark Geffriaud and Kit Poulson. He also contributed to events in the touring exhibition *Again A Time Machine*, and to a series of workshops, *Why Edit?* In 2014, Book Works published Francesco's first novel, *A man in a room spray-painting a fly...* (or at least trying to...).



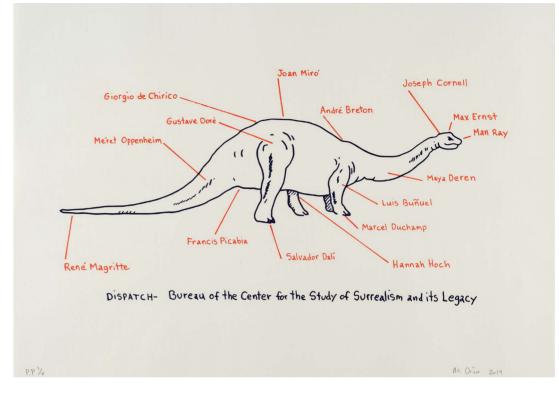
The octopus image for Laure Prouvost's Legsicon Drawing was originally produced for the cover of her book Legsicon (2019). Printed in an edition of 100, with 10 A/Ps, signed and numbered by the artist, it is a Digital Pigment Print by K2 Screen Ltd., London, printed on Somerset Photo Satin 300gsm. Print paper size 210 × 297mm.

This print has been generously donated by new Artist Patron Laure Prouvost as part of Book Works 35th anniversary programme of support towards new commissions.

Laure Prouvost lives and works in Antwerp, Belgium. She makes videos, sounds, objects and installations, tea bags and wet floors. The artist was recipient of the Max Mara Prize in 2012 and the Turner Prize in 2013. In 2019, she represents France at the 58th Venice Biennale.

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A special edition of Mark Dion's book *The Bureau* of the Centre for the Study of Surrealism and its Legacy, accompanied by a limited edition print of a new drawing by Mark Dion.

Designed by Axis Graphic Design, each book is housed in a slip case, with a two colour relief print, produced and printed by Book Works Studio. Published in an edition of 30, plus 10 A/Ps, signed and numbered by the artist.

Mark Dion was born in 1961 in New Bedford,
Massachusetts and currently lives with his wife and
regular collaborator, Dana Sherwood, in Copake New
York. Dion has exhibited internationally, including:
'Mark Dion: Follies', at Storm King Sculpture Park,
New Windsor, New York (2019), 'Theatre of the
Natural World' at the Whitechapel Gallery, London
(2018), 'Mark Dion: The Academy of Things' at The
Academy of Fine Arts Design in Dresden, Germany
(2014), 'Systema Metropolis' at Natural History
Museum, London (2007), 'Rescue Archaeology',
a project for the Museum of Modern Art New York
(2004), and his renowned 'Tate Thames Dig' at the
Tate Gallery in London (1999).



The Watchie, 2019 is launched alongside a new publication, The Bitter Cup by Joanne Tatham and Tom O'Sullivan, published by Book Works in association with Hospitalfield in an edition of 15, with 5 A/Ps, signed and numbered by the artists. It is a Digital Pigment Print by K2 Screen Ltd., London, printed on Satin 300gsm. Print paper size 210 × 297mm.

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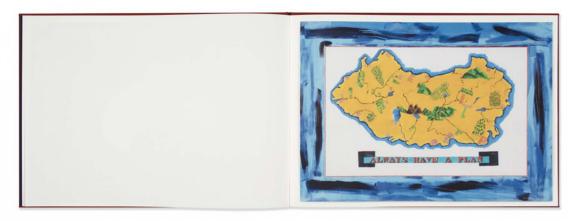
Joanne Tatham and Tom O'Sullivan are based between Newcastle and London, and have been working together in a collaborative art practice since meeting on the MFA programme at Glasgow School of Art. They have since had solo exhibitions at Tramway, Glasgow (2014), Chapter, Cardiff (2012), Studio Voltaire, London; Eastside Projects, Birmingham (2009); and Turner Contemporary, Margate (2018), among many others.



A special hardback edition book, *Teignmouth Electron*, originally co-published by Book Works and Steidl, printed offset, full colour, with blind embossing on the front cover, and presented in a dark blue slipcase. The book is 72 pages,  $250 \times 200$  mm, designed by Martyn Ridgewell, with this special edition produced by Book Works Studio. The special edition book is presented with a photographic print *Teignmouth Electron*, location photograph 1999/2009 (paper size  $405 \times 500$  mm, image size  $240 \times 300$  mm). It is published in a limited edition of 100, with both the special edition book and print, signed and numbered by the artist.

Tacita Dean is a British visual artist working primarily in film. Born in Canterbury in 1965, Dean works majorly in film and drawing, and has won numerous awards for her work, including the Kurt Schwitters Prize (2009) and The Hugo Boss Prize (2006). Dean participated in The Venice Biennale in 2003 and 2005, and was nominated for the Turner Prize in 1998.







Published and produced by Book Works, this special edition book contains images from Himid's original Kanga paintings, accompanied by texts written by the artist.

Designed and produced by Book Works Studio, and commissioned as part of *Beyond Words* by the Freedom Festival Arts Trust, Hull Culture and Leisure Library Services and Book Works, in association with Hull History Centre, Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, funded by James Reckitt Library Trust and Arts Council England. Published in a special limited edition of 30, (size 360mm × 515mm) each signed and numbered by the artist.

Winner of the Turner Prize (2017), Lubaina Himid, born 1954 in Zanzibar, Tanzania, is a contemporary African artist and Professor of Contemporary Art at the University of Central Lancashire. Her art focuses on themes of cultural history and reclaiming identities. She was one of the first artists involved in the Black Art movement in the 1980s and continues to create activist art which is shown in galleries in Britain, as well as worldwide.



15 Youth Administrator was created for the exhibition Dr Sinclair's Drawer, curated by Katrina Palmer at Flat Time House in 2014, and published as a limited edition ink jet print, with holographic foil deboss on 180gsm uncoated paper.

Co-published by Book Works and Flat Time House in an edition of 25, plus 5 A/Ps, each signed and numbered on the back of the print by the artist. Print size 482 × 680mm, image size: 430 × 600mm.

Sarah Tripp is an artist and writer. Her works include: 24 stops, Camden Arts Centre, London (2013), Why I disappeared, Cove Park, Argyll and Bute (2013), Swallowing Incoherence, Collective Gallery, Edinburgh (2012), You Are Of Vital Importance To The Art Community, Centre for Contemporary Arts, Glasgow (2012), and Why I Can't Eat at Asia Style, 2HB, Glasgow (2009). She co-produces the pamphlet Gnommero. Her work Aide-Mémoires: As if was published in The Happy Hypocrite: What Am I?, issue 5 (2010). You are of Vital Importance was published by Book Works in 2014.

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# Airport Love Theme

Hamishi Farah

Airport Love Theme is a graphic novel set on two airplanes and in detention at LAX, Los Angeles International Airport, recalling the absurd exchanges — about love and sex, celebrity, food and family — that once took place between US border security officers, an artist held and interrogated under suspicion while travelling to an art fair, and fellow passenger-detainees.

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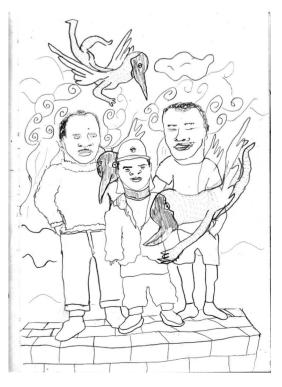
Farah's debut book explores the promise of mobility offered by the international art world, and how that promise can fail outrageously. Suspense and disorientation play out in subtle ways, encouraging self-questioning on the part of readers given joint responsibility for making sense of troubling events. The novel's structure is linear, but also echoes the tendency of traumatic experience to produce indelible scenes that repeat and return.

Published by Book Works as part of *Contact*, guest edited by Hannah Black in an edition of 1,000; designed by Claude d'Avoine.

Hamishi Farah is a Somali artist living in Australia while retired from Australian art. States have edges, like words. Infants begin to see by noticing the edge of things. How do they know an edge is an edge? By passionately wanting it not to be. When not examining contemporary white lack through the edgelessnesses of Niggadom, Hamishi paints. Hamishi is represented by Arcadia Missa in London and Chateau Shatto in Los Angeles. Hamishi is also a member of family rap ensemble, Fanau Spa.

#### Related Titles:

The *Contact* series also features *Doomsday Gossip* by Momtaza Mehri, and *Bad Practice* by Derica Shields



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Momtaza Mehri

vaa land of my landing vaa everything I will always make excuses for yaa jewelled armpit of memory vaa banana & rice yaa kufi caps & reddened beards yaa vintage reels of the lost decades I could never finish without crying vaa satellite dish crackle yaa distinguished in the art of never getting our shit together vaa the child I could have become the other version of me with a split-lip & a longer hit-list

Doomsday Gossip considers moments of interaction that are overdetermined by the history of past contact/s. From the origin myths of national identity (within an African context) created in the aftermath of loss — of friends, generations, imaginations and epistemes, Mehri explores the nodes she inhabits, through various accidents of geography, empathy, history, social position, familial relations, and past and present loves. This debut solo authored book theorises movement, translating and elaborating through poetry and prose what it might mean to make peace with errantry that has not been chosen but rather imposed.

Published by Book Works as part of Contact, guest edited by Hannah Black in an edition of 1,000; designed by Fraser Muggeridge.

Momtaza Mehri is a poet and essavist. She is a co-winner of the 2018 Brunel International African Poetry Prize, Young People's Laureate for London 2018-19, and won third prize in the 2017 National Poetry Competition. Her work has been featured in Artforum, The Poetry Review, BBC Radio 4, Real Life Mag and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art's Open Space, where she was Columnist in Residence: Summer 2018. Doing the Most with the Least is new in The Goldsmiths Shorts pamphlet series, 2019, and her chapbook sugah.lump.praver was published as part of the New Generation African Poets series, edited by Kwame Dawes and Chris Abani, in 2017. Her poems also feature in Ten: Poets of the New Generation (2017).

#### Related Titles:

The Contact series also features Airport Love Theme by Hamishi Farah, and Bad Practice by Derica Shields

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Bad Practice takes the form of a set of broken essays and text/image interventions circling Black failure. All of these pieces, the author hopes, will be helpfully incommensurate to the subject: the notion of Black failure came out of Shields's frustration with Black excellence, as a vision long dependent on antiblack and white supremacist, heteropatriarchal and acquisitive markers of achievement.

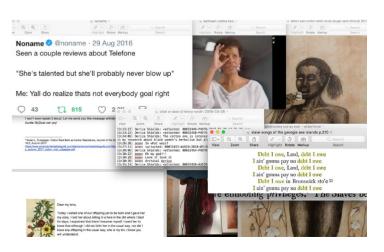
Among the subjects elaborated through experimental writing, conversations and annotations, are Black people's herbal practices, including the use of cotton root bark by enslaved people administering their own abortions, refusing productivity within chattel slavery. Further sections include an immersive lecture cycle on abolition, and a new expanded edit of 'Bodied', a text moving through selected 1990s U.S. visual and political history, with Missy Elliott, Anita Hill, Desiree Washington, Bill Clinton, Ronald Reagan, and The Welfare Queen.

Published by Book Works as part of Contact, quest edited by Hannah Black in an edition of 1,000; designed by Rose Nordin.

Derica Shields is a writer, researcher and cultural worker from London. As part of a 2017 Triple Canopy commission, she is completing an oral history project around Black people's accounts of the UK welfare state.

#### Related Titles:

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**Guitar!**Sarah Tripp

In June 2019, Praneet Soi travelled across the occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel. Beginning in Haifa, he drove up to the occupied Golan Heights and from there down to Bethlehem, Battir, Hebron, Jericho, Nablus, Jenin, Salfit, and Ramallah before driving back up to Haifa, Akka and Tel Aviv. Looking for alternative representations of a land under occupation, his aim was to experience the country through facets of its landscape and to visit, enroute. farms, workshops and factories, to engage

with productivity, entrepreneurship, and minutiae

of everyday life for people in Palestine.

At the beginning of August, while Soi was developing this work, the Indian state of Kashmir had its autonomous relationship with India revoked. It was split into two parts along religious lines (Muslim and Buddhist) and its statehood was terminated. Kashmir has long identified itself with the Palestinian struggle. 1947 marked Indian independence from British rule, and the beginning of Kashmir's quest for autonomy. In that same year, the UN voted to end the British Mandate in Palestine, leading to an event called Nakba, or 'The Catastrophe' by Palestinians, and the founding of the State of Israel in 1948.

In this book, through film stills, collage, drawing, notes and sketches, Soi draws on the work made in Palestine, and hints at this link to Kashmir, to explore the distortions caused by these disturbed political climates.

Co-published by Book Works and The Mosaic Rooms, A.M. Qattan Foundation, as part of Co-Series No. 18, with an introduction by Rachael Jarvis, in an edition of 1,000.

Praneet Soi was born 1971, Kolkata, West Bengal, India. Following studies in India and the USA, Soi moved to the Netherlands in 2002, and divides his time between Amsterdam and Kolkata. His work is internationally recognised for his explorations of socio-political nuances and media representations. His practice incorporates traditional methods of miniature painting and sculpture, as well as time-based media such as video and sound. Recent solo exhibitions include 'Third Factory — From Kashmir to Lisbon via Caldas', at Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon (2018), 'Notes on Labour' at Dr Bhau Daji Lad Museum, Mumbai (2017), and 'Srinagar' at the Van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven (2016).

Related Titles:

The Tempest Society by Bouchra Khalili

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'Guitar!' means, 'Hello!' 'Guitar?' means, 'Will a guitar turn up in this story?' A ripe pear is, 'Guitar!' I am learning to speak again. This is not a question of words but of love.

Guitar! is composed from five nested conversations beginning with an infant uttering their first word, 'Guitar!' Guitar! is wood, strings and a Spanish mouth. Guitar! is a broom. Guitar! is an upturned hull of a boat. Guitar! is a wooden clock shaped like a teardrop on the wall above the cashier in the post office. Vivian is Guitar! If Vivian sleeps, his mother writes down the noise she does not make. Guitar! is arrhythmia trapped in the fabric of an antique sound booth. Guitar! asks, What is music? What is dance? Guitar! is the only word two strangers have to converse with. How we learn, or unlearn to speak, and why speak at all are evinced by the possibilities of the word 'guitar' in this work of prose fiction.

Published by Book Works in association with The Common Guild, Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop and The Tetley, in an edition of 1,000. Sarah Tripp is an artist and writer living and working in Glasgow. She is preoccupied with unstructuring structured activity, the translation of bodily experience and making people up. She works with anecdotes, interviews, transcription and miscommunication, rooting her practice in observation and experience. Her works are marked by the use of multiple perspective, unstructured time and suspended denouement.

Related Titles: You are of vital importance and Youth Administrator (Limited Edition Print), both by Sarah Tripp





Sad Sack Sophia Al-Maria

Drawing together communiqués, covert interviews, oral and underground history of introvert struggles (Introfada), here for the first time is a detailed documentation of the political demands of shy people.

Radicalised against the imperial domination of globalised PR projectionism, extrovert poise and loudness, the Shy Radicals and their querrilla wing the Shy Underground are a vanguard movement intent on trans-rupting consensus extrovertsupremacist politics and assertiveness culture of the twenty-first century. The movement aims to establish an independent homeland — Aspergistan, a utopian state for introverted people, run according to Shyria Law and underpinned by Pan-Shyist ideology, protecting the rights of the oppressed quiet and shy people.

Shy Radicals are the Black Panther Party of the introvert class, and this anti-systemic manifesto is a quiet and thoughtful polemic, a satire that uses anti-colonial theory to build a critique of dominant culture and Islamophobia.

Published by Book Works, as part of Common Objectives, quest edited by Nina Power, in an edition of 1.000 (third edition); soft cover: 164pp; black and white throughout; 133mm × 179mm; designed by Rose Nordin.

Hamja Ahsan is an artist, curator and activist based in London. He is the Free Talha Ahsan campaign organiser, co-founder of the DIY Cultures Festival (2013), and winner of the Grand Prize at The Thirty-

#### Related Titles:

The Common Objectives series also features The Counsel of Spent by Inventory. Even the Dead Rise Up by Francis McKee, After the Night by Everyone Agrees, Move...ment by Federica Bueti (ed.), Pre-Enactments by Victoria Halford and Steve Beard

Third Ljubljana Biennial of Graphic Arts (2019).

This book of collected writings draws together gloom laden visions of our current climate and future, along with poetry, cultural commentary, and a series of 'mini-mega narratives' that innovate the personal essay form. Introduced by Taylor Le Melle, Sad Sack also includes a conversation with Abdullah Al-Mutairi, and a selection of 'carrier objects' - hats, letters, laughing gas canisters and other receptacles gathered by Al-Maria and photographed by Laura Cugusi.

Soft cover, with spot gloss and emboss: 192pp: black and white on green stock throughout; 200mm x 130mm; designed by Tiffany Malakooti.

'We've heard all about all the sticks and spears and swords... but we have not heard about the thing to put things in, the container for the thing contained.'

- Ursula K. Le Guin. 'The Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction'

I'm an extinction emo, and a real sad sack. So for me, this book is a bag. A single-use carrier to collect my writing. Like any single-use carrier bag, I disapprove. It shouldn't exist, it pollutes, and should be banned. Yes. Books like this should be banned. Yet I make it, in the hope that this waste product might be useful, edible, or beautiful to somebody. Please don't choke on it.

and was nominated for Film London's Jarman Award. 'Beast Type Song' is Al-Maria's Art Now commission at Tate Britain, 2019-20. In 2018 she was Writer in Residence at Whitechapel Gallery, London. Related Titles: The Happy Hypocrite: Fresh Hell, issue 8 (2015)

Sophia Al-Maria (ed.)

Sophia Al-Maria is a Qatari-American artist and

writer living in London, UK. Her memoir, The Girl Who Fell to Earth (2012), was published in Arabic

by Bloomsbury Qatar (2015). Her short stories have

been published in various collections including *The* Diinn Falls in Love (2017). In 2015 she was selected

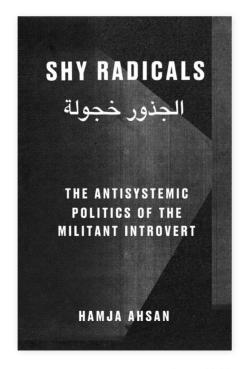
presented 'Black Friday', her first US solo show at

the Whitney Museum of American Art. New York.

to participate as a fellow in the Sundance Labs with her unfinished feature Beretta. In 2016 she

Published by Book Works, in an edition of 1,000;





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**Licorice**Bridget Penney

Gathering together interviews, essays, rare archival material, and translations, The Tempest Society revisits and resuscitates the forgotten heritage of 'Al Assifa' — a politicised theatre group that was born out of the struggles of the Mouvement des travailleurs arabes (MTA). Palestine, anticolonialism, and workers and immigrant labour rights. Contributors explore the legacy of the group—placing this history in the context of the European economic crisis and its effect on Greece, contemporary migration and the conditions of immigrant workers and refugees — and in conversations with the artist, participants and collaborators in the film, the potential of politicised art that moves between the street and the factory in contemporary culture today.

As with the original video installation commissioned for documenta 14, taking Athens as a site to reflect on democracy and theatre, the book reflects on the specific history, the archive, and the ongoing resonance of the agit–prop theatre group 'Al–Assifa' in the context of urgent economic, political and humanitarian upheaval.

With contributions from Abdelalli Hajjat, Hendrik Tolkerts, Pothiti Hantzaroula, and interviews with surviving member of Al Assifa Philippe Tancelin, Bouchra Khalili, Omar Berrada, and the actors in 'The Tempest Society'.

Published by Book Works in an edition of 1,500; soft cover with a dust jacket; 200pp; full colour throughout; full colour; 170 mm  $\times$  245 mm; designed by A Practice for Everyday Life.

Bouchra Khalili is a Moroccan-French visual artist. Raised between Morocco and France, she studied Film at Sorbonne Nouvelle and Fine Arts at École Nationale Supérieure d'Arts de Paris-Cergy. In 2018 her exhibitions included solo shows at Jeu de Paume, Paris, Sessession Vienna, and MFA Boston. In 2018 she was shortlisted for the Hugo Boss Prize and the Artes Mundi Prize. She currently lives in Berlin.

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Chalk, gorse, old coppice, redundant dew ponds, a crossroads formed by the intersection of a B road and an ancient fisherman's track. It's August. The rain shows no sign of stopping. Licorice, a reclusive middle-aged filmmaker, has only a brief window of opportunity to realise her long-cherished film project about the story of Nan Kemp. A grisly story of infanticide, cannibalism and rough justice remembered on the map: local kids have dared and scared each other to run round 'the witch's grave' since way back when. The rebuilt windmill provides a hypothetical link between the time from which Nan's 'story' springs and the present.

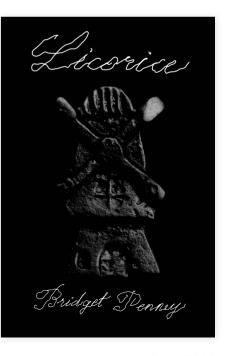
For Angie, Licorice herself is something of a legend. Angie's ex-lover Roy sees Licorice as a bully and potential rival. Pete, co-directing the film, is consumed with unrequited lust for Angie... While Angie and Roy are definitively not speaking to each other, Pete and Licorice argue endlessly over how to shoot scenes and the direction the film is going to take. But Licorice has a secret only Pete knows.

Well-worn tropes lifted from films such as *The Mask of Satan*, *The Blair Witch Project* and *Irma Vep* give this narrative about failing to create a narrative its shape. The idea of folk horror intrigues Licorice. As events spiral out of control, and growing mistrust and exhaustion take their toll on all four filmmakers, the horror tropes they're working with contextualise an immediate, inescapable sense of unease.

Licorice is the first title in the forthcoming Interstices series of books guest edited by Bridget Penney. Published by Book Works in an edition of 1,000; soft cover with emboss; black and white throughout; 144pp; 115 mm × 180 mm; designed by James Langdon.

Bridget Penney is a writer based in Brighton. Her previous books are *Honeymoon with Death and Other Stories* (1991), and *Index*, published by Book Works (2008, second edition, 2015) as the opening entry in the *Semina* series of experimental novels, guest edited by Stewart Home. Her stories and non-fiction have appeared in magazines and online.

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Erica Scourti (Ed.)

Playful, serious, bodily and absurd, *Legsicon* is a major new publication by Laure Prouvost, delving into the philosophical depths of the artist's practice, through the familiar, if transformed, format of a lexicon.

Deviating from a typical monograph, *Legsicon* functions as a sort of dictionary, exploring and expanding on thirty-six notions in Prouvost's work — including Boobs, Dream, Grandad, Octopus, Misunderstanding, Raspberries and Dust — with each incorporating a commissioned text, new drawings created by the artist and selected documentation of related works.

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Laure Prouvost lives and works in Antwerp, Belgium. She makes videos, sounds, objects and installations, tea bags and wet floors. The artist was recipient of the Max Mara Prize in 2012 and the Turner Prize in 2013. In 2019, she represents France at the 58th Venice Biennale.

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LAURE PROUVOST

As her blood boils, she can't take any more
Of them selling her kind for nothing
She dances zeibekiko on the tables barefoot
A sharpened axe
In her bruised, swollen hands
Loneliness,
Our loneliness,
It's our loneliness I'm talking about
Held in our hands, it's an axe
Above your heads, always circling, circling, circling

— Katerina Gogou, lyrics translated by Erica Scourti, from the end of 'I Monaxia' (Loneliness), in *Idionimo*, 1981.

The Happy Hypocrite: Silver Bandage gathers together new kinds of writing about 'vibes', those often unspoken energies of desire and aversion that move between people, palpable but traceless, hard to prove. The messages sent by your gut that you can't always interpret, beyond an urge. What is intangible — vibes, feelings and reflexive responses like blushes, fidgets, slumps in posture, fluctuations in voice — is now targeted by invasive technologies of affective measurement. How can writing resist this regime of quantification?

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Erica Scourti is an artist and writer, born in Athens and now based mostly in London, whose work explores biographical writing and bodily inscription in the performance of subjectivity. Her writing has been published in *Spells* (Ignota, 2018) and *Fiction as Method* (Sternberg, 2017), among others.

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This book is called *Much Obliged* for two reasons. The first is that it is what Stephen's dad says when he has been served in shops. The second is because Stephen has noticed that he only does things to stop himself letting people down.

Joe Brainard's *I Remember* is the inspiration for Stephen Sutcliffe's similarly constructed assemblage of loosely connected reminiscences, each containing a reference to 'Stephen'. John Ashbery described Brainard's writing as 'humane smut', and, drawing on the comedy of childhood, experience of work, and school friends, as well as family snapshots and Stephen's own collages, *Much Obliged* finds a similar tone, firmly rooted in class, the challenge to authority, self-doubt and self-deprecation.

Published by Book Works in an edition of 1,000; soft cover; 144pp; colour throughout; 135mm × 195mm; designed by James Brook.

Stephen Sutcliffe was born in Harrogate in 1968 and studied at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee and Glasgow School of Art/Cal Arts Valencia, California. He now lives and works in Glasgow. Best known for his video collage work, Sutcliffe has been awarded the Contemporary Art Society Annual Award (2015) and the Margaret Tait Award (2012). Recent solo exhibitions include: 'High Windows, Dead Birds', Künstlerhaus Stuttgart (2019); 'Sex Symbols in Sandwich Signs', Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh (2017); 'Twixt Cup and Life', the Hepworth, Wakefield (2016); 'Going Over', Rob Tufnell, London (2015) and 'Outwork and Workings Out', Tramway, Glasgow (2013).

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Much Obliged
Stephen
Sutcliffe

I am Evie and I have fallen in love again.

The Watchie stands on a small headland, set somewhat apart from the cottages lining the clifftop that together make up most of the small Aberdeenshire village of Catterline. Lil Neilson first came to Catterline as an art student in the early 1960s. She'd met painter Joan Eardley at a summer school at Hospitalfield House in Arbroath and Joan had invited her to work alongside her in the Watchie.

The Bitter Cup is a novelistic response to the archive of paintings and sketchbooks left behind by Lil Neilson upon her death in 1998, and the encounter experienced by Joanne Tatham and Tom O'Sullivan of this work, the landscape and their formative art experiences. Neilson's work is framed in a fiction, which locates itself in the historical moment that the landscape of Scottish art was radically transformed – through a process that was dubbed 'the Glasgow Miracle'. The story moves between the geographical specificity of the East and Catterline, and a mystical recollection of the West, and Glasgow in this period. A single image, Ouroboro, a painting by Lil Neilson set against the Watchie garden and the sea, interrupts the text and acts as a premonition of the stories that follow. Evie, the main protagonist. is positioned in this shift, articulating the conflicts and antagonisms, desires and sexuality of her own, and the authors' imaginary.

Published by Book Works in association with Hospitalfield, and with the kind support of Ann Steed an edition of 1,000; soft cover with dustjacket; 112pp; black and white with full colour image insert; 130mm × 206mmm; designed by Modern Activity.

Joanne Tatham and Tom O'Sullivan have been working together in a collaborative art practice since meeting on the MFA programme at Glasgow School of Art

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Before I transcribed them, the voices that I had accumulated lived in my headphones and as sound waves on an editing screen, and were released as I re-spoke them into the tunnels. Trying to repeat voices heard through an earpiece often made me stumble, as questions, responses. anecdotes and banter advanced faster than I could process them. Afterwards I began to type out the words of the engineers and rail 'gangs'. as well as the architect, flower sellers, market porters, lesbian and gay DJs, Northern line Tube drivers... Some of them overlapped in the Market Tavern, back in the day. Others will drive passengers along the new track.

Our Pink Depot proposes the whole of the new Northern Line Extension tunnels (NLE), which ioin the current line at Kennington station, as a 'pink depot' for London Underground. The book is a collection of annotated accounts derived from conversations with those working on the NLE, around which are gathered stories from LGBT staff that will operate the new line, and those who frequented the Market Tavern, a pub formerly located at 1 Nine Elms Lane. The Market Tayern was intended to serve Flower Market traders and porters but by the late 1970s also became a venue for LGBT clubbing. Memories of both populations are gathered in the book, which also includes photographs found in drivers' and DJs' personal collections and the Covent Garden Market Authority archive. The book also documents a 'Historic Trackwalk' which permitted LGBT+ staff to be the first drivers down the new NLE tunnels, in recognition of the local history above ground.

The book follows a two-year study of the Vauxhall and Nine Elms area by the artist commissioned by Art on the Underground and follows the format developed in Wakeford's previous work which brings together speech and song to accompany historical and contemporary material, including artworks shown at the Barbican, Glasgow International, Focal Point Gallery, British Film Institute, and Wellcome Collection Lates.

Our Pink Depot is published by Book Works with Art on the Underground, in an edition of 1.000: soft cover with foil blocking; 156pp; black and white and colour images throughout; designed by Fraser Muggeridge Studio.

Nina Wakeford is an artist, and Senior Tutor in Contemporary Art Practice and Reader in Contemporary Art at the Royal College of Art. Wakeford's practice begins with what she considers the unfinished business of past social movements, and the challenges of revisiting the demands and energies that these movements created. She is the co-editor of *Inventive Methods: The Happening* of the Social (Routledge, 2012) a collection that explores, among other things, how research might better work with openness and ambiguity.

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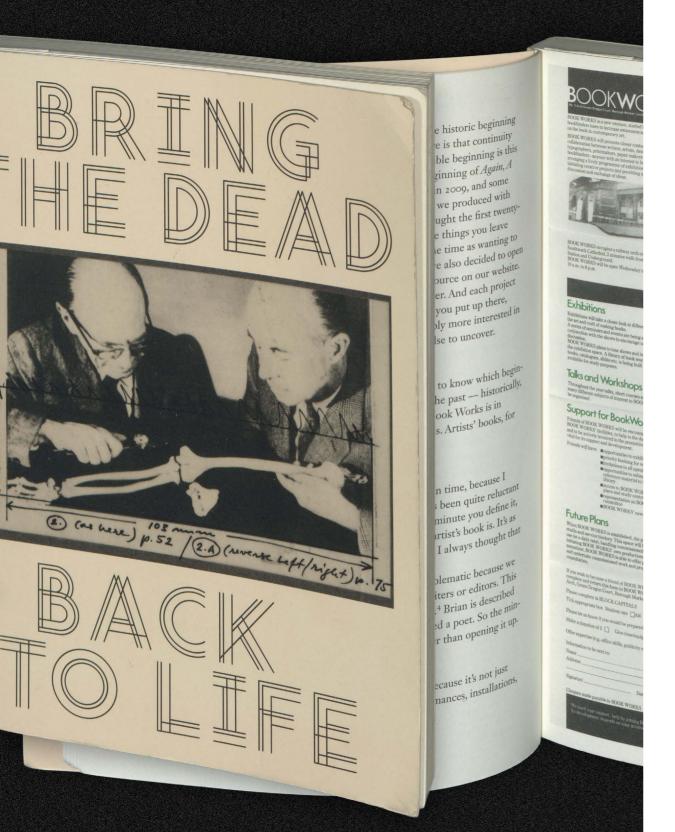
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