

ABC: An Artists' Book Abecedarium

Artists use the form and concept of the book as a means of expression in a three-dimensional object, combining a variety of artistic and literary disciplines. Experimentation with paper, binding, page layout, typography, and structure adds aesthetic expression to a five thousand year-old form of communication and new vision to the building blocks of the written word. From simple to exaggerated, alphabet books prove that basics are as meaningful as they are complex.

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