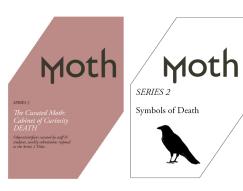
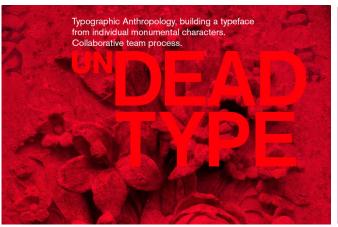


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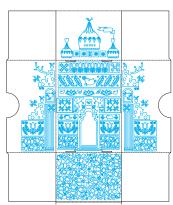


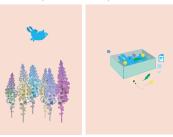














Artists and designers have the ability and the sensory vocabulary to express rather than explain. We, therefore, are in a position to engage with an audience on a very deep, essentially human level.

Designers are happy dealing with uncertainties. A rare skill which we definitely could make more use of for the improvement of our lives in the here and now.



'START A COLLECTION 20 objects / 2 days

Collection: A group of objects or an amount of material accumulated in one location, for some purpose or as a result of a process.

Classification: The act or process of dividing things into groups according to their type.

Curation: Gathers something together organises it, and selects for presentation.
The act of curing, or healing.

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The aesthetics of the Still life tradition, identity and legacy through collections. How objects have history, and how during stages of our lives we continue to search for objects that we can experience as both within and outside the self.

- _Facilitate problem solving
- _As triggers to creativity
- _Devices for narrative
- _Locus for chance
- _Metaphors
- _ Fragments and hybrids.

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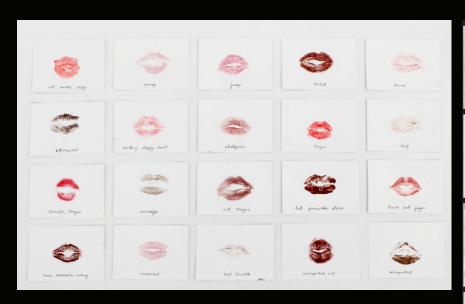






_Connor Edwards | Glove Compartment _Martha Galilee | Cigarette butts _Paul Merritt | Extended Family _Colette Slater Barrass | Lists _Danielle White | Seashells _Chiara Jutz | 20 Scars & Stories _Riina Vainiopaa. First Kiss

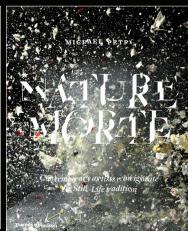
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A STILL LIFE IN 100 OBJECTS





We examined the aesthetics of the Still life tradition and explored identity and legacy through collections, classification & curatorship of objects. How objects have history, which shape us in particular ways and how during stages of our lives we continue to search for objects that we can experience as both within and outside the self.

Working with **Michael Petry**: artist, author, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) London, and a guest curator for the culture agency Futurecity. He has authored and co-authored a number of books including The Trouble With Michael, Artmedia Press 2001 and Nature Morte: Contemporary Artists Reinvigorate the Still-Life Tradition. Thames & Hudson, 2016.



A STILL LIFE IN 100 OBJECTS

Brief Creating an aesthetically interesting visual narrative of A STILL LIFE IN 100 OBJECTS.

Factual or fictional (or somewhere in between).

A graphic time capsule / a piece of graphic anthropology / a snapshot of a life now / a fictional future self.

The objects might not be physical artefacts but ideas or writing made visual. Metaphoric or poetic, epic, dull or completely negligible.

Objects which, comment on, or are a reflection of the political, social or cultural landscape.

Objects which might contextualize thinking, or rationalize decisions, objects which establish behaviour or reflect characteristic traits, needs, desires or fears.









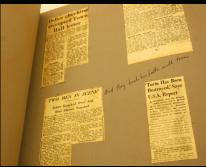


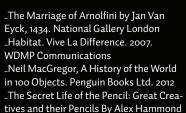














Dave Eggers / Celia Birtwell
_Stacy Greene. Lipsticks 1992.
Carolina / Roberta
_The Voyager Golden Record. 1977. NASA
_Mark Menjivar Refrigerators. markmenjivar.com
_The Shining Scrap book. Stanley



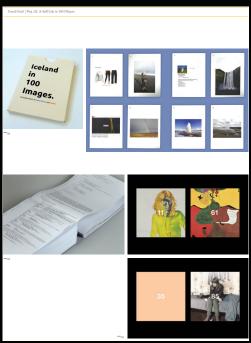
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_Joni Mabe, Elvis Scrap book, 1982. Georgia music.org _Klauspichler, DUST. 2015. Dressmaker https://darkroom.ribaj.com/700/9ac54d847dfa1277390d38ba332635fb:1b1af4203467931408c8da3277c6e9de/goldhammer-mausoleum-in-highgate-cemetery-by-craig-ham

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A Still Life in 100 Objects





If you were a lion would you just starve? Is having a pet wrong? Doesn't everyone eat spiders in their sleep? Are your clothes made out of hemp? Wasn't Hitler vegetarian? Can you still collect nectar points? Do you think I am a murderer? Do you believe in breast feeding? Are you only friends with other wierdos? Can you eat prawns? Why aren't you skinny? Do you only date grass eaters? Are you ever full? Are you sure you are OK

Would you eat a burger for £5000?



_Danielle White | A Still Life in 100

_Annie Arnold | A holiday in Iceland: trip

- _Ed Austin | 100 hours to learn to code
- _Paul Merritt | 100
- _Martha Galilee | I am a Vegan
- _Tom Benford | 16 Marlborough Crescent.

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I'd call that a driving beer. It'd 'gone up' she said.



It's £6 now, for a kiss and a stroke.

_Connor Edwards. 'What's so Funny?'
Web site.
_Will Lonsdale. Cyclical Patterns', visually
explores the social cycle theory,

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Working with, **Charlotte Heal**: a Graphic designer and Art Director, her portfolio is mainly populated with art, fashion and editorial projects for clients including Kinfolk, Lula, Love magazine, V&A publishing and Random House among others.



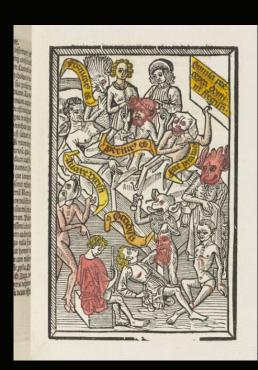
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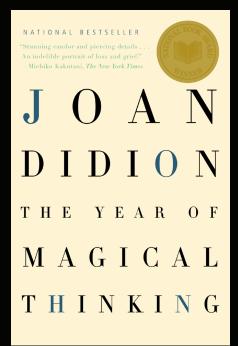
How can design create opportunities: services, products, platforms, innovation/future thinking, to re-consider and re-cast conventions?

Investigating the benefits of externalizing grief to aid the transitional process of mourning.

Back ground to the brief:

- _Historical context around mourning & grief
- _Societal issues and ethics
- _Collective grief
- _Aesthetic legacy
- -Commodification of death





_The Ars Moriendi, or "art of dying," is a body of Christian literature that provided practical guidance for the dying and those attending them. These manuals informed the dying about what to expect, and prescribed prayers, actions, and attitudes that would lead to a "good death" and salvation.

William Caxton. The Art and craft to know well to die (S. Seld. d.n(1)). http://digital.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/terms. html com/A-Bi/Ars-Moriendi.html

_The Year of Magical Thinking, (published by Knopf, 2005),



The Year of Magical Thinking (a title which takes its inspiration from the anthropological use of the term "magical thinking", by which catastrophic events can be averted) is simply the rollercoaster of Didion's grief in the aftermath of Dunne's death. Didion reports several examples of her own "magical thinking", particularly the way in which she cannot give away her husband's shoes, because, she thought, he would need them when he returned.



Displays of mourning and the contemplation of death were once critical components of public life. Today fewer people belong to a particular faith and many of us are left to confront death alone without the rituals and reassurances of community.





_Anish Kapoor and Zaha Hadid Architects.

Shortlisted to design the UK's National Holocaust

Memorial in London. Meteorites, mountains and stones are
often at the centre of places of reflection, especially in the
Jewish tradition. They call on the vastness of nature to be a
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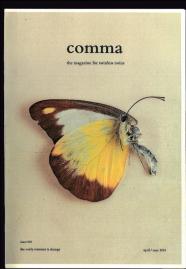
_Memory Wound'. Jonas Dahlberg's proposed design for the Utøya Memorial. (2011 attacks)



To be truly human is to bear the burden of our own mortality and to strive, in grace, to help others carry theirs; sometimes lightly, sometimes courageously. In communally accepting death into our lives through the Irish wake we are all able to relearn the first and oldest lessons of humanity. How to be brave in irreversible sorrow. How to reach out to the dying, the dead and the bereaved. How to go on living no matter how great the rupture or loss.

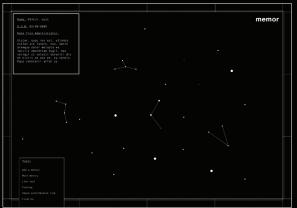
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_Colette Salter Barrass. Comma Magazine, for the Lone Twin Network _ Oliver Sproston & Steven Redwood. 21 grams. (Experiment, Duncan MacDou-

gall, 1907)

_Danielle White. Memor _Sorby Brown & Lucas Ritchie. KAIROS. Kairos is the Ancient Greek word meaning the right, critical, or opportune moment. In Greek mythology, Kairos was the personification of favourable moments.

_Connor Edwards & Paul Merritt. A Good Cry. Film

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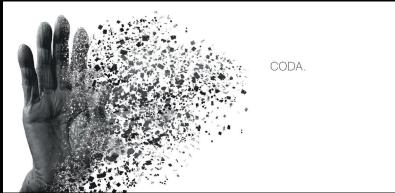
Kuinka A kuolla Beautiful kauniisti. Death.













_Colette Slater Barrass & Riina Vainiopaa. Image Magazine. Kalevala Day, 28th of February, Finland. Kalevala, Elias Lönnrot, 1835.

_Will Lonsdale. Coda: the relationship between accounts of Near Death Experience coupled with the theory that at the end of our life, the moment before we

die, our last sensory experience to leave us is our sense of hearing. The musical definition of Coda is 'the concluding passage of a piece or movement'. Digital sound







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AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE Food, Funerals & Magical Thinking.

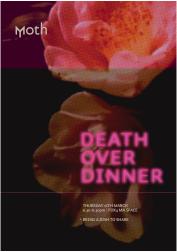
How can we positively impact and disseminate creative exchange around bereavement and grief through meaningful conversation, communication and connection with food and funeral feasting rituals?



The dinner table is the most forgiving place for difficult conversation. The ritual of breaking bread creates warmth and connection, and puts us in touch with our humanity.









DEATH OVER DINNER

Do you think it's important to think about death or is it just a waste of living time?

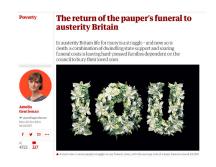
Would you like to be immortal? What are the benefits?

What do you believe happens when we die:
The soul remains?
Resurrection?
We cease to be - nothingness?
What are the problems?

Have you had a conversation with someone about what they might want at the end of their life? Would you feel comfortable with this or able to initiate a conversation of this sort? If so with whom?

_Death Over Dinner: University of Washington graduate course called Let's Have Dinner and Talk About Death, taught by Michael Hebb and Scott Macklin. _David Lang. death speaks. Cantaloupe Music, 2013.

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Unlike other great events in life, like birth and marriage, with death we feel less empowered to take control and create the best and most personal goodbye.



Food and feasting is important at every event and milestone in life, making food and the act of sitting and eating together can help to heal, resolve and share experience. It can nourish us emotionally as well as physically, it can be symbolic, evoke memory, draw on historical, cultural and traditional sources to help us find meaning and come to terms with life and death events.

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Funeral feast -making it personal. Experiential, Editorial, Digital Archive/Depository



















