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The great painter Henri Matisse was also a great book illustrator. A pioneering member of the Fauves, a supreme colorist, a remarkable draftsman, and a creative genius: this is the Matisse known and admired by everyone with even a passing interest in modern art. But few know Matisse as an artist who designed and illustrated his own books. From 1912 until his death in 1954, he engaged in nearly fifty illustration projects, many of which rank among the greatest artists’ books of the twentieth century. A master printmaker, equally adept in various media, he ensured that his prints would appear to best advantage in conjunction with the printed page. He directly participated in page layout, typography, lettering, ornament, cover design, and even the choice of text. More than any others of his rank and stature, he knew the principles of visual communication and perceived the potential of letterpress printing.

Graphic Passion recounts the publication history of nearly fifty books illustrated by Matisse, including masterworks such as Lettres portugaises, Mallarmé’s Poésies, and his own Jazz. It is the first comprehensive in-depth analysis of his book-production ventures and the first systematic survey of this topic in English. Drawing on unpublished correspondence and business documents, it contains new information about his illustration methods, typographic precepts, literary sensibilities, and staunch opinions about the role of the artist in the publication process.

John Bidwell is Astor Curator and Department Head of Printed Books and Bindings at the Morgan Library and Museum.

“...This illuminating book considers Matisse’s illustrated books in admirable detail, giving unprecedented attention to the collaborative nature of Matisse’s book projects and to the relationship between their aesthetic qualities and the various technical factors that went into their production.”

—Jack Flam, author of Matisse: The Man and His Art, 1869–1918
Elephant House
Dick Blau and Nigel Rothfels

In Elephant House, photographer Dick Blau and historian Nigel Rothfels offer a thought-provoking study of the Oregon Zoo’s Asian Elephant Building and the daily routines of its residents—human and pachyderm alike. Without an agenda beyond a desire to build a deeper understanding of this enigmatic environment, Elephant House is the result of the authors’ unique creative collaboration and explores the relationships between captive elephants and their human caregivers.

Blau’s evocative photographs are complex and challenging, while Rothfels’s text offers a scholarly and personal response to the questions that surround elephants and captivity. Elephant House does not take sides in the debate over zoos but focuses instead on the bonds of attentiveness between the animals and their keepers. Accompanied by a foreword from retired elephant keeper Mike Keele, Elephant House is a frank, fascinating look at the evolving world of elephant husbandry.

Dick Blau, a photographer and filmmaker, is the author of Skyros Carnival, Bright Balkan Morning, and Polka Happiness, three photo-ethnographies that look at the transformative power of music and dance.

Nigel Rothfels is a historian of animals and culture. He is the author of Savages and Beasts: The Birth of the Modern Zoo, which examines the origins of naturalistic displays in zoos; the editor of Representing Animals, a foundational interdisciplinary collection in the field of animal studies; and the editor of Animalibus, Penn State Press’s scholarly series about animals and culture.

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General Interest/Photography/Animal Studies
“I shouldn’t say that I envy Marcus for his intimacy with hyenas, because intimacy is the world’s best way of gaining knowledge of an animal, and there’s no such thing as too much knowledge about hyenas. Instead, I should acknowledge the deep gratitude I feel, and that all of us should feel, about this work that he’s done and the possibilities it offers. If we knew all animals as he knows hyenas, we’d save the world.”

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“The inventive symbolism never overwhelms the emotional honesty grounding this compelling memoir, which also contributes to the burgeoning field of ‘graphic medicine’ by exploring in both frank and funny terms the complex impact of illness and death on a family.”

—Paul Gravett, Times Literary Supplement

Things to Do in a Retirement Home Trailer Park

. . . When You’re 29 and Unemployed

Aneurin Wright

“A work of unflinching reality and subtle beauty. . . . The graphic novel Aneurin Wright has created is beautifully illustrated and poetic in its phrasing. The ellipses are perfectly balanced with what he calls the ‘golden moments,’ the beats telling the story. With such a deft touch and the ability to soak so many complex emotions into each page, Wright’s Things to Do in a Retirement Home Trailer Park deserves a place next to the richest memoirs as well as the most vibrant fantasies.”

—Gavin Ritchie, Arts Journal

Aneurin (Nye) Wright hasn’t been on good terms with his father for a long time. When he receives a call on his birthday from his father, Neil, he isn’t quite sure how to react. Neil has been diagnosed with emphysema and is “certified for hospice,” a six-month death sentence. He needs help. Newly unemployed, Nye is free to move into the trailer park where his father lives and assume the role of caregiver. Neither Nye nor Neil is particularly enthralled by the situation.

Things to Do in a Retirement Home Trailer Park documents Nye’s reconciliation with his father as he cares for him in hospice. Their daily schedule of pill counting and medical checks unfolds in an extraordinary world where the protagonist is a minotaur and his father a rhinoceros, social workers are sea turtles, and mobile homes move atop gigantic elephants. Curious neighbors and medical and social care workers—whether man or beast—become their friends, and the family comes together once more. Nye and his father become more intimate as they reveal more and more of their emotions to each other. As the old man battles against emphysema, his shortness of breath becomes more evident until his speech bubbles, previously charged with pithy comment, are mostly filled with pauses. Graphic artist Aneurin Wright’s unforgettable debut is a universal tale of love and loss told in a wholly original way.

Aneurin Wright earned a BA in English Literature from Yale and a BFA in Illustration and Communication Design from the Pratt Institute. He was the lead animator for the Short History of the United States cartoon sequence in Michael Moore’s Academy Award–winning documentary Bowling for Columbine. He lives in Brighton, England, with his graphic-designer wife, Lyndsay.

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Graphic Medicine Series
Graphic Studies/General Interest
“I could have recommended Peter Dunlap-Shohl’s book because it brings attention to a great purpose. Or because it is brave and honest work. Or even simply to acknowledge an achievement of this magnitude created under physical, psychological, and emotional circumstances that most of us will never understand.

“But I’m not endorsing Peter’s graphic novel for any of those reasons. I’m doing so because this is a damn fine work of art, by a damn fine artist.”

—Nick Galifianakis, Washington Post cartoonist

My Degeneration
A Journey Through Parkinson’s
Peter Dunlap-Shohl

How does one deal with a diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease at the age of forty-three? My Degeneration, by former Anchorage Daily News staff cartoonist Peter Dunlap-Shohl, answers the question with humor and passion, recounting the author’s attempt to come to grips with the “malicious whimsy” of this chronic, progressive, and disabling disease. This graphic novel tracks Dunlap-Shohl’s journey through depression, the worsening symptoms of the disease, the juggling of medications and their side effects, the impact on relations with family and community, and the raft of mental and physical changes wrought by the malady.

My Degeneration examines the current state of Parkinson’s care, including doctor/patient relations and the repercussions of a disease that, among other things, impairs movement, can rob patients of their ability to speak or write, degrades sufferers’ ability to deal with complexity, and interferes with the sense of balance. Readers learn what it’s like to undergo a dramatic, demanding, and audacious bit of high-tech brain surgery that can mysteriously restore much of a patient’s control over symptoms. But My Degeneration is more than a Parkinson’s memoir. Dunlap-Shohl gives the person newly diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease the information necessary to cope with it on a day-to-day basis. He chronicles the changes that life with the disease can bring to the way one sees the world and the way one is seen by the wider community. Dunlap-Shohl imparts a realistic basis for hope—hope not only to carry on, but to enjoy a decent quality of life.

Peter Dunlap-Shohl worked as a cartoonist for the Anchorage Daily News for 25 years. He has won various prizes, including the First Amendment Award from the Alaska Press Club. His blogs are Frozen Grin and Off & On, the Alaska PD Rag, about living with Parkinson’s disease.

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Graphic Studies/General Interest
From Giotto to Botticelli
The Artistic Patronage of the Humiliati in Florence
Julia I. Miller and Laurie Taylor-Mitchell

"From Giotto to Botticelli presents a comprehensive study of the Church of the Ognissanti in Florence as a way to better understand the ideology and interests of the Humiliati, a religious order whose art patronage has been unjustly neglected. This fascinating study sheds new light on how the Humiliati shaped art to suit their changing goals as they moved from poverty and humility to secular pleasures and wealth. Sumptuously illustrated, thoroughly researched, and well written, this book convinces the reader of the critical importance of an order whose patronage was momentous for the history of art."

—Diane Wolfthal, Rice University

In From Giotto to Botticelli, Julia Miller and Laurie Taylor-Mitchell explore the three-hundred-year rise and fall of the Humiliati (“Humbled Ones”), a religious order infamous for its attempt to assassinate Saint Carlo Borromeo and ultimately suppressed, by papal bull, in 1571. This book focuses on the order’s artistic patronage and considers the major works by artists such as Giotto, Donatello, Botticelli, and Ghirlandaio that the Humiliati commissioned for the Church of the Ognissanti in Florence. Miller and Taylor-Mitchell reveal how the Humiliati promoted their public image through the visual arts and examine the themes and ideas in these works. The Humiliati have received remarkably little scholarly attention to date, in part because of their suppression and eradication by the Church. This is one of the first comprehensive historical studies of this important religious order and the central role the Humiliati played in the history of Italian art. From Giotto to Botticelli will appeal not only to art historians but also to scholars of history, religion, and cultural studies, as well as to members of the general public.

Julia I. Miller is Professor of Art History at the California State University, Long Beach.

Laurie Taylor-Mitchell was Associate Professor of Art History at Hood College. She is currently an engaged activist for public education in Baltimore County.

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Art History/Medieval and Early Modern Studies

Piranesi’s Lost Words
Heather Hyde Minor

“Heather Hyde Minor has written an entirely new kind of book about Piranesi. Here we can assess Piranesi not primarily as an architect or as an engraver but as a maker of books. Minor gives emphasis to Piranesi’s words and how they amplify the long-recognized originality of his images. She also gives us an immediate feeling for Piranesi the obstinate, sometimes disputatious scholar-artist who did not shrink from debate with the socially mighty among his foreign patrons.”

—Alden R. Gordon, Trinity College

Giovanni Battista Piranesi was one of the most important artists eighteenth-century Europe produced. But Piranesi was more than an artist; he was an engraver and printmaker, architect, antiquities dealer, archaeologist, draftsman, publisher, bookseller, and author. In Piranesi’s Lost Words, Heather Hyde Minor considers Piranesi the author and publisher, focusing on his major publications from 1756 to his death in 1778. Piranesi designed and manufactured twelve beautiful, large-format books combining visual and verbal content over the course of his lifetime. While the images from these books have been widely studied, they are usually considered in isolation from the texts in which they originally appeared. This study reunifies Piranesi’s texts and images, interpreting them in conjunction as composite art. Minor shows how this composite art demonstrates Piranesi’s gift for interpreting the classical world and its remains—and how his books offer a critique of both the Enlightenment project of creating an epistemology of the classical past and how eighteenth-century scholars explicated this past. Piranesi’s books, Minor argues, were integral to the emergence of the modern discipline of art history. Using new, previously unpublished archival material, Piranesi’s Lost Words refines our understanding of Piranesi’s works and the eighteenth-century context in which they were created.

Heather Hyde Minor is Associate Professor of Art History at the University of Notre Dame. She is the author of The Culture of Architecture in Enlightenment Rome (Penn State, 2006).

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Art History/Book History
Raphael’s Ostrich
Una Roman D’Elia

“Raphael’s Ostrich is a learned, ambitious, and very original
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ing generally credited to Raphael, it throws new light on
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—Charles Hope,
The Warburg Institute, University of London

Raphael’s Ostrich begins with a little-studied aspect of
Raphael’s painting—the ostrich, which appears as an at-
ttribute of Justice, painted in the Sala di Costantino in the
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Egyptian hieroglyphs to the menageries and grotesque
ornaments of sixteenth-century Italy. Following the
complex history of shifting interpretations given to the
ostrich in scientific, literary, religious, poetic, and satirical
texts and images, D’Elia demonstrates the rich variety of
ways in which people made sense of this living “monster,”
which was depicted as the embodiment of heresy, stupidity,
perseverance, justice, fortune, gluttony, and other virtues
and vices. Because Raphael was revered as a god of art, artists
imitated and competed with his ostrich, while religious
and cultural critics complained about the potential for
misinterpreting such obscure imagery. This book not only
considers the history of the ostrich but also explores how
Raphael’s painting forced viewers to question how mean-
ing is attributed to the natural world, a debate of central
importance in early modern Europe at a time when the
disciplines of modern art history and natural history were
developing. The strangeness of Raphael’s ostrich, situated
at the crossroads of art, religion, myth, and natural history,
both reveals lesser-known sides of Raphael’s painting and
illuminates major cultural shifts in attitudes toward nature
and images in the Renaissance. More than simply an
examination of a single artist or a single subject, Raphael’s
Ostrich offers an accessible, erudite, and charming alterna-
tive to Vasari’s pervasive model of the history of sixteenth-
century Italian art.

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Art History/Medieval and Early Modern Studies
“Dabakis builds a vital context for how the work of these artists also served as pointed and particular responses to issues at home, such as the Civil War, abolitionism, Reconstruction, and suffrage. As Dabakis elucidates, their work and their careers served as inspiration and models for a younger generation of women artists at a time when ‘genius’ was a quality reserved primarily for men.”

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“A Sisterhood of Sculptors is a good example of how an author can blend scholarly research on multiple disciplines with clear, concise writing that is both informative and appealing to a wide audience. Drawing on personal records, correspondence, and previous scholarship on the topic, Dabakis adroitly balances social, cultural, and political history with vivid personal portraits of the artists. . . . The thoughtfully chosen photographic illustrations provide further evidence of each sculptor’s skills which equaled, if not rivaled, those of male sculptors of the era. The reader emerges with a clearer picture of each artist’s personality, as well as a greater understanding of their creative processes and of their significance to the history of American art.”

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Melissa Dabakis is Professor of Art History at Kenyon College.

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Toledo Cathedral is a new book in the Art History Publication Initiative (AHPI), a collaborative grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Thanks to the AHPI grant, this book will be available in popular e-book formats.

Tom Nickson is Lecturer in Medieval Art and Architecture at Courtauld Institute of Art, London.

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Art History/Architecture/Medieval and Early Modern Studies

“Rage and Denials combines an exhaustive historical survey with philosophical acumen to provide an impassioned statement about the ethics of historiography.” —Ian Verstegen, University of Pennsylvania

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Branko Mitrović is Professor at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He is the author of Philosophy for Architects (2011).

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Art History/Philosophy
“Jolles discusses the Surrealists’ own exhibitions, with which writers and artists possessing no formal curatorial training attempted to wrest control back from the high art establishment, with wild results. Exhibitions centered on Surrealism are currently having a moment, making it the perfect time to look at the way these artists displayed their own art.”
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All too often, the historical avant-garde is taken to be incommensurate with and antithetical to the world inhabited by the museum. In The Curatorial Avant-Garde, by contrast, Adam Jolles demonstrates the surrealists’ radical transformation of the ways in which spectators encountered works of art between the wars. From their introduction in Paris in 1925, surrealist exhibitions dissolved the conventional boundaries between visual media, language, and the space of public display. This intrusion—by a group of amateur curators, with neither formal training nor professional experience in museums or galleries—ultimately altered the way in which surrealists made, displayed, and promoted their own art. Through interdisciplinary analyses of particular exhibitions and works of art in relation to the manner in which they were displayed, Jolles addresses this public face of surrealism. He directs attention to the venues, the contemporary debates those venues engendered, and the critical discourses in which they participated. In so doing, he shines new light on the movement’s artistic and intellectual development, revealing both the political stakes attached to surrealism within the historical context of interwar Europe and the movement’s instrumental role in the trajectory of modernism.

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Carolyne R. Larson is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Wyoming.

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Joseph Cornell and Surrealism
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Joseph Cornell (1903–1972), the American pioneer of collage, montage, and assemblage art, is sometimes regarded as a solitary star within the constellation of great surrealists. The essays in Joseph Cornell and Surrealism consider connections between Cornell and the surrealist group during the 1930s and 1940s, during Cornell’s artistic development and the heyday of surrealism in the United States. He shared with the surrealists his basic conception of the visual image as the product of poetic juxtaposition. In his best-known works—the collages, small constructions of found objects, and classic shadow boxes—he took key surrealist methods in new directions. The essays also examine Cornell’s achievement in other formats, including his ground-breaking collage film and the open-ended and nonlinear archives of printed materials that he called “explorations,” as well as the art, literature, music, and dance that nourished his unconventional artistic output.

The essays in this volume were commissioned for the catalogue Joseph Cornell et les surréalistes à New York, published to accompany the exhibition of the same name that was co-organized by the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon and The Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia.

Aside from the editors, the contributors are Stephen Bann, Emmanuel Guigon, Lynda Roscoe Hartigan, Jodi Hauptman, Howard Hussey, Ségolène Le Men, Camille Lévêque-Claudet, François-René Martin, Patrick Mauriès, and Anne Morra.

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Each of the five volumes in the Stone Art Theory Institutes series, and the seminars on which they are based, brings together a range of scholars who are not always directly familiar with one another’s work. The outcome of each of these convergences is an extensive and “unpredictable conversation” on knotty and provocative issues about art. This third volume in the series, What Do Artists Know?, is about the education of artists. The MFA degree is notoriously poorly conceptualized, and now it is giving way to the PhD in art practice. Meanwhile, conversations on freshman courses in studio art continue to be bogged down by conflicting agendas. This book is about the theories that underwrite art education at all levels, the pertinent history of art education, and the most promising current conceptualizations.

James Elkins is E. C. Chadbourne Professor in the Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He coedited the previous volumes in the series, Art and Globalization (Penn State, 2010) and What Is an Image? (Penn State, 2011).

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The contributors are Stéphanie Benzaquen, J. M. Bernstein, Karen Busk-Jepsen, Luis Camnitzer, Diarmuid Costello, Joanna Cunha Leal, Angela Dimitrakaki, Alexander Dumbadze, T. Brandon Evans, Geng Youzhuang, Boris Groys, Beáta Hock, Gordon Hughes, Michael Kelly, Grant Kester, Meredith Kooi, Cary Levine, Sunil Manghani, William Mazzarella, Justin McKeown, Andrew McNamara, Eve Meltzer, Nadja Millner-Larsen, Maria Filomena Molder, Carrie Noland, Gary Peters, Aaron Richmond, Lauren Ross, Toni Ross, Eva Schürmann, Gregory Sholette, Noah Simblist, Jon Simons, Robert Storr, Martin Sundberg, Timotheus Vermeulen, and Rebecca Zorach.

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James Elkins is E. C. Chadbourne Professor in the Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Gustav Frank is Professor of German at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

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Aside from the editor, the contributors are Harvey J. Hames, Frank Klaassen, Katelyn Mesler, Sophie Page, Jan R. Veenstra, Julien Véronèse, Nicolas Weill-Parot, and Elliot R. Wolfson.

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Mita Choudhury is Professor of History at Vassar College.

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Along with the editor, the contributors are Claudia Anguiano, Karina R. Chávez, Terence Check, Jay P. Childers, J. David Cisneros, Lisa M. Corrigan, D. Robert DeChaine, Anne Teresa Demo, Dina Gavrilos, Emily Ironside, Christine Jasken, Yazmin Lazcano-Pry, Michael Lechuga, and Alessandra B. Von Burg.

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