

A Graphic Design Reading List

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BOOKS

(ALPHABETICAL BY AUTHOR)

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| <i>Notes on the Synthesis of Form</i>
Christopher Alexander | <i>Graphic Design for the 21st Century</i>
Fiell | <i>Robert Brownjohn: Sex And Typography</i>
Emily King |
| <i>Avant-Garde Page Design</i>
Jaroslav Andel | <i>The Art of Looking Sideways</i>
Alan Fletcher | <i>Micro- and Macroaesthetics</i>
Willi Kunz |
| <i>Inside the Word</i>
Phillipe Appeloig | <i>The Business Side of Creativity</i>
Cameron Foote | <i>Countersign</i>
Daniel Libeskind |
| <i>A Century of Graphic Design</i>
Jeremy Aynsley | <i>Working Title</i>
Piet Gerards | <i>The Space of Encounter</i>
Daniel Libeskind |
| <i>Camera Lucida</i>
Roland Barthes | <i>Blink</i>
Malcolm Gladwell | <i>Einstein's Dreams</i>
Allan Lightman |
| <i>Mythologies</i>
Roland Barthes | <i>Outliers</i>
Malcolm Gladwell | <i>El Lizzitsky</i>
Sofia Lizzitsky-Coopers |
| <i>The Work of Art in the Age
of Mechanical Reproduction</i>
Walter Benjamin | <i>The Tipping Point</i>
Malcolm Gladwell | <i>Thinking with Type</i>
Ellen Lupton |
| <i>79 Short Essays on Design</i>
Michael Bierut | <i>Visualizing Research</i>
Gray & Malins | <i>Ed Ruscha</i>
Richard Marshall |
| <i>Edward Fella: Letters on America</i>
Blackwell & Wild | <i>Designing Design</i>
Kenya Hara | <i>A Smile in the Mind</i>
Beryl McAlhone |
| <i>Labryinths</i>
Juan Luis Borges | <i>Design Literacy 1 + 2</i>
Stephen Heller | <i>Jan Tschichold: A Life in Typography</i>
Ruari McLean |
| <i>The Elements of Typographic Style</i>
Robert Bringhurst | <i>Graphic Design Manual</i>
Armin Hoffman | <i>Understanding Comics</i>
Scott McCloud |
| <i>A Short History of the Printed Word</i>
Robert Bringhurst | <i>Graphic Design A Concise History</i>
Hollis | <i>The Medium is the Massage</i>
Marshall McLuhan and Quentin Fiore |
| <i>The Solid Form of Language</i>
Robert Bringhurst | <i>Black & White Photography</i>
Henry Horenstein | <i>A History of Graphic Design</i>
Phillip Meggs |
| <i>History of the Poster</i>
Josef & Shizuko Brockman | <i>Chasing the Perfect</i>
Natalia Ilyin | <i>Design Writing Research</i>
Miller & Lupton |
| <i>136 Points of Reference</i>
Ellery Browns | <i>Essays on Design</i>
John Christopher Jones | <i>A Designers Perspective</i>
Bruno Monguzzi |
| <i>I Am Almost Always Hungry</i>
Cahan + Associates | <i>A Type Primer</i>
John Kane | <i>Vision & Motion</i>
László Moholy-Nagy |
| <i>Invisible Cities</i>
Italo Calvino | <i>Tellmewhy</i>
Karlssonwilker | <i>Morphosis Buildings and Projects</i>
Morphosis Architects |
| | <i>The Cheese Monkeys</i>
Chip Kidd | <i>Grid Systems in Graphic Design</i>
Josef Müller-Brockman |

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A History of Visual Communication
Josef Müller-Brockman

This Romy River:
Vaughn Oliver and Graphic Works 1988-94
Vaughn Oliver

Invisible Monsters
Chuck Palahniuk

Production for Graphic Designers
Alan Pipes

Jan Van Toorn: Critical Practice
Rick Poynor

*No More Rules: Graphic Design
and Postmodernism*
Rick Poynor

A Designers Art
Paul Rand

100 Pictures
Gerhard Richter

Typography
Emil Ruder

The Soul of a Chef
Michael Ruhlman

Wooden Boats
Michael Ruhlman

The Situationist City
Simon Sadler

Designed by Peter Saville
Peter Saville

*How to be a Graphic Designer
Without Losing Your Soul*
Adrian Shaunessy

Type, Image, Message
Nancy Skolos and Thomas Wedell

On Photography
Susan Sontag

*Stop Stealing Sheep & Find Out How
Type Works*
Erik Spiekermann

The Creative Habit
Twyla Tharp

washsoakrinsespin
Tolleson Design

Vas: An Opera in Flatland
Steve Tomasulla

Bareback: A Tomato Project
Tomato

Process: A Tomato Project
Tomato

*Type Design: Radical Innovations
and Experiments*
Triggs

New Typography
Jan Tschichold

Envisioning Information
Edward Tufte

It Is Beautiful — Then Gone
Martin Venezky

*Complexity and Contradiction in
Architecture*
Robert Venturi

The Floating World; Ukiyo-e
John Warwicker

Paperwork + More Paperwork
Nancy Williams

FILMS (DIRECTOR)

24 Hour Party People
Michael Winterbottom, 2002

*8 1/2 **
Federico Fellini, 1963

Adaptation
Spike Jonze, 2002

Blade Runner (Director's Cut)
Ridley Scott, 1982

Barton Fink
The Coen Brothers, 1991

*Basquiat **
Julian Schnabel, 2001

Be Kind Rewind
Michel Gondry, 2008

The Big Lebowski
The Coen Brothers, 1998

Blow-Up
Michelangelo Antonioni, 1966

Brazil
Terry Gilliam, 1985

*Brick **
Rian Johnson, 2005

Chinatown
Roman Polanski, 1974

City of God
Fernando Meirelles, 2002

The Conformist
Bernardo Bertolucci, 1970

*The Conversation **
Francis Ford Coppola, 1974

Dark City
Alex Proyas, 1998

The Diving Bell & The Butterfly
Julian Schnabel, 2008

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Encounters at the End of The World *
Werner Herzog, 2007

Exit Through the Gift Shop *
Banksy, 2010

Enter the Void *
Gaspar Noé, 2009

Fantastic Mr. Fox
Wes Anderson, 2009

The Five Obstructions
Lars von Trier & Jørgen Leth, 2003

Helvetica *
Gary Hustwit, 2007

Idiocracy
Mike Judge, 2006

It Might Get Loud
Davis Guggenheim, 2009

Joy Division
Grant Gee, 2007

The Kid Stays in the Picture *
Burststein & Morgen, 2002

Koyaanisqatsi: Life Out Of Balance
Godfrey Reggio, 1982

Man On Wire *
James Marsh, 2008

Pi
Darren Aaronofsky, 1998

Playtime
Jacques Tati, 1967

*Phantom Museums:
The Short Films of the Quay Brothers* *
Stephen & Timothy Quay, 2007

Pulp Fiction *
Quentin Tarantino, 1994

Requiem for a Dream
Darren Aaronofsky, 2000

Rushmore
Wes Anderson, 1998

Slacker *
Richard Linklater, 1991

Talking Heads: Stop Making Sense
Johnathan Demme, 1984

Trainspotting *
Danny Boyle, 1998

Underworld Live: Everything, Everything
Tomato, 2000

Waking Life
Richard Linklater, 2001

The Work of Director Michel Gondry
Michel Gondry, 2003

The Work of Director Spike Jonze
Spike Jonze, 2003

* on Netflix streaming as of August, 2011

PERIODICALS

Print

Eye

Baseline

Graphis

INTERNET

balladora.blogspot.com

bitique.co.uk

fastcodesign.com

daringfireball.net

dezeen.com

watchthetitles.com

underconsideration.com/fpo

blog.frankchimero.com

ilovetypography.com

laborandcurse.com

lineandunlined.com

manystuff.org

mrgan.tumblr.com

thenewgraphic.com

todayandtomorrow.net

thoughtcatalog.com

visualnews.com