

A COMPENDIUM OF MEDIA that I find inspire me as a designer, illustrator + professor.

My attempts to directly relate all books, films, periodicals + websites on this list to visual art do not belie the validity of some media. You will find something that applies to or enriches your understanding of art + design in each of these items.

I do solemnly swear to keep this list as up-to-date as I, a human, possibly can.

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BOOKS + ARTIST BOOKS

The Maker's Hand
Ken Campbell

The Red Square
El Lizistky

Bon Bon Mots
Julie Chen

Entropy and Art
Rudolph Arnheim

Mythologies: The Complete Edition, in a New Translation
by Roland Barthes

Camera Lucida: Reflections on Photography
by Roland Barthes

On Photography
Susan Sontag

Practices of Looking: An Introduction to Visual Culture
Sturken & Cartwright

Things I have learned in my life so far
Sagmeister

The Education of an Illustrator
Arisman, Heller

Making and Breaking the Grid: A graphic Design Layout Workshop
Samara

Grid Systems in Graphic Design
Josef Muller-Brockmann

Dieter Rams: As Little Design as Possible
Lovell, Kemp, Ive

Designing Design
Hara

Visible Signs
Crow

Massive Change
Mau

Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature
Benyus

Force of Nature: Site Installations by Ten Japanese Artists
Mark Sloan, Brad Thomas

Creative Confidence
Kelley, Kelley

Visual Intelligence
Barry

Designing Type
Cheng

Chasing the Perfect
Ilyin

Don't Make Me Think
Krug

Everything is Illuminated
Foer

Crisp: Universal Traveler
Koberg, Bagnall

Brand Thinking
Millman

Outliers
Gladwell

Paper Prototyping
Snyder

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants
Gladwell

Thinking in Systems
Meadows, Wright

Unjustified Texts
Kinross

The Artists' + Writers' Cookbook
Beryl and Barbara Turner Sachs Barr

The Futurist Cookbook
F. T. Marinetti

The Fundamentals of Illustration
Lawrence Zeegan

Thinking with Type
Lupton

The Elements of Typographic Style
Robert Bringhurst

Robert Brownjohn: Sex And Typography
Emily King

Typography: Macro- and Microaesthetics
Willi Kunz

Graphic Design Manual
Armin Hofmann

How Music Works
David Byrne

Understanding Comics
Scott McCloud

The Medium is the Massage
Marshall McLuhan and Quentin Fiore

A History of Graphic Design
Philip B. Meggs

Process: A Tomato Project
Tomato

Stop Stealing Sheep & Find Out How Type Works
Erik Spiekermann

Design As Art
Bruno Munari

Design without Boundaries: Visual Communication in Transition
Rick Poynor

Vas: An Opera in Flatland
Steve Tomasulla

Dear Mili
Wilhelm Grimm, Maurice Sendak

Scary Stroies to Tell In The Dark
Schwartz

Grimm's Fairytales
Book by Wilhelm Grimm and Jacob Grimm

POETRY

Annabel Lee
Poe

The Sonnets
Wm. Shakespeare

A Light In The Attic
Where the Sidewalk Ends
Different Dances
Shel Silverstein

The Bell Jar
Sylvia Plath

Soldier: A Poet's Childhood
June Jordan

The Essential Rumi
Rumi

Aesop's Fables
Aesop

FILMS

Big Fish
Tim Burton

Pulp Fiction
Kill Bill vol. 1 + 2
Quentin Tarentino

Moulin Rouge

The Royal Tenenbaums
Wes Anderson

Casino
Martin Scorsese

PERSEPOLIS
Marjane Satrapi

PERIODICALS

3 x 3
juxtapoz
baseline
graphis
eye
varoom!
applied arts
communication arts
how
print

INTERNET

design*sponge
designsponge.com

lovely package
lovelypackage.com

typografika + ficciones typografika
typografika.com
ficciones-typografika.tumblr.com

prêt à voyager
pret-a-voyager.com

the society of illustrators
societyofillustrators.org

dutch design news website
design.nl

how stuff works
howstuffworks.com

burningsettlerscabin.com

99percentinvisible.org

typostrate.com

brainpickings.org

adcglobel.org/i-wish-i-knew-that-before-i-created-
my-portfolio

designlovest.com

thisiscolossal.com

linedandunlined.com

watchthetitles.com

bencollette.com/productbyprocess/

balladora.blogspot.com

bitique.co.uk

fastcodesign.com

daringfireball.net

designarchives.aiga.org

dezeen.com

dutchprofiles.com/video

septemberindustry.co.uk

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