Artist Books

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Abstract

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Artists’ books (or book arts) are works of art that utilize the form of the book. They are often published in small ions, though they are sometimes produced as one-of-a-kind objects. Contents. Artists’ books are books or book-like objects over the final appearance of which an artist has had a high degree of control; where the book is intended as a work of art in itself. — Stephen Bury[1]. Artists’ books are made for a variety of reasons. Artists’ books are books made or conceived by artists. There are fine artists who make books and book artists who produce work exclusively in that medium, as well as illustrators, typographers, writers, poets, book binders, printers and many others who work collaboratively or alone to produce artists’ books. Contemporary artists’ books are noteworthy for their many different forms and perhaps because of this they have an equally large number of precursors and influences.