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with a widely eclectic variety of protest art in mediums such as relief lithography collagraph and photography this major collection of contemporary politically engaged printmaking showcases art that uses themes of social justice and global equity to engage community members in conversation based on an art exhibition that has traveled to more than a dozen cities in north america and including many do it yourself samples this eye opening book contains works from more than 200 international artists from the well established sue coe swoon carlos cortez to street artists rock poster makers and up and comers such as favianna rodriguez and chris stain this diverse collection is the work of artists who felt the need to respond to the monumental trends and events of modern politics

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research that explores printmaking with pre teens combined with a focus on social engagement is scarce current literature focuses almost exclusively on printmaking projects involving high school or college students or on printmaking tutorials this action research project investigated what occurred when pre teens participated in a socially engaged printmaking experience centered on their community it examined how students reinterpreted existing images in visual culture and how personal meaning was constructed via this process consequently i learned about facilitating a critical meaningful and engaging art making experience that reflected youth voice onto the community in which these students live and learn i facilitated a printmaking workshop in autumn of 2011 with 118 6th grade students from two middle schools in oak park illinois the project occurred in five classrooms over five weeks and yielded a small edition of screen prints from each participant the methodology was informed by postmodern principles and constructivist theories of art education student understanding of civic participation investigation of social issues and individual and group authorship were essential to the project data collection included student writing and reflections drawing and prints documentary photographs and my written reflections following each work session throughout the process the students became creators of their knowledge they gained awareness of the possibilities of personal creative production aimed at provoking social interactions and change students were challenged to collaborate to determine themes for the work and constructively critique peer work as a means to better understand interpret and add to visual culture the repeated process of discussion making and reflection created an engaged learning experience and sense of ownership over project results drawing on bishop s 2006 writing this project sought original and distinctive voices in creating socially

engaged art to gauge student involvement not just creativity while these students were involved in creatively exploring a personal meaning making process they were sometimes limited by acceptable social issues krensky and lowe steffen 2009 that recalls themes and subject matter they had presumably been exposed to in the past this project encourages teaching artists to investigate collaborative learning processes as ways of connecting pre teens and visual culture with their own community it suggests potentials for exchanging visual production between divergent groups as a means of creating meaningful social connections and engagement and it lays the groundwork of investigation for teaching artists who wish to facilitate meaningful links between pre teens their communities and visual culture authorship

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this anthology the first of its kind presents thirty two texts on contemporary prints and printmaking written from the mid 1980s to the present by authors from across the world the texts range from history and criticism to creative writing more than a general survey they provide a critical topography of artistic printmaking during the period the book is directed at an audience of international stakeholders in the field of contemporary print printmaking and printmedia including art students practising artists museum curators critics educationalists print publishers and print scholars it expands debate in the field and will act as a starting point for further research

the occupy movement and the arab spring have brought global attention to the potential of social media for empowering otherwise marginalized groups this book addresses questions like what happens after the moment of protest and global visibility and whether social media can also help sustain civic engagement beyond protest

this book is a blueprint for artists looking to engage with activist movements with a persistent longevity and a reminder that art has the

power to be more dangerous than words front lines a lifetime of drawing resistance is susan simensky bietila s story of her six decades as a movement artist and activist and a lifetime of artistic collaborations rooted in her activist experience growing up during mccarthyism she rejected the nationalist masculinity of elite art and conformist culture and found feminism and collectivism as new forms of resistance she became an artist in the new left creating illustrations for radical underground publications including rat subterranean news and comics for the anarchic world war 3 illustrated with more than one hundred images front lines documents her art on the page and in action featuring protest banners and giant puppets of birds and fish carried in the streets masks of notorious dictators for street theater posters pasted on walls and hung in radical spaces community art builds and more visual storytelling and detailed captions contextualize and bring to life her work with movements including antiwar protests during the viet nam era indigenous led antimine and antipipeline struggles water protection immigrant rights anticorporate globalization convening protests against the state and capital palestinian liberation actions and collaborations with groups throughout the great lakes region and beyond she agitates from the roots and the front lines to this day

consisting of ten collaborative picture essays that weave cindy milstein's poetic words within erik ruin's intricate yet bold paper cut and scratch board images paths toward utopia suggests some of the here and now practices that prefigure however imperfectly the self organization that would be commonplace in an egalitarian society the book mines what we do in our daily lives for the already existent gems of a freer future premised on anarchistic ethics like cooperation and direct democracy its pages depict everything from seemingly ordinary activities like using parks as our commons to grandiose occupations of public space that construct do it ourselves communities if only temporarily including pieces such as the gift borrowing from the library solidarity is a pizza and waking to revolution the aim is to supply hints of what it routinely would be like to live every day in a world created from below where coercion and hierarchy are largely vestiges of the past paths toward utopia is not a rosy eyed stroll though the book retains the tensions in present day attempts to model horizontal institutions and relationships of mutual aid under increasingly vertical exploitative and alienated conditions it tries to walk the line between potholes and potential yet if anarchist and other autonomist efforts are to serve as a clarion call to action they must illuminate how people qualitatively consensually and ecologically shape their needs as well as desires they must offer stepping stones toward emancipation this can only happen through experimentation by us all with diverse forms of self determination and self governance even if riddled with contradictions in this contemporary moment as the title piece to this book steadfastly asserts the

precarious passage itself is our road map to a liberatory society

a radical feminist history and street art resource for inspired readers this book combines short biographies with striking and usable stencil images of thirty women activists anarchists feminists freedom fighters and visionaries it offers a subversive portrait history which refuses to belittle the military prowess and revolutionary drive of women whose violent resolves often shatter the archetype of woman as nurturer it is also a celebration of some extremely brave women who have spent their lives fighting for what they believe in and rallying supporters in climates where a woman s authority is never taken as seriously as a man s the text also shares some of each woman s ideologies philosophies struggles and quiet humanity with quotes from their writings or speeches the women featured are harriet tubman louise michel vera zasulich emma goldman qiu jin nora connolly o brien lucia sanchez saornil angela davis leila khaled comandante ramona phoolan devi ani pachen anna mae aquash hannie schaft rosa luxemburg brigitte mohnhaupt lolita lebron djamila bouhired malalai joya vandana shiva olive morris assata shakur sylvia rivera haydée santamaría marie equi mother jones doria shafik ondina peteani whina cooper and lucy parsons

signal is an ongoing book series dedicated to documenting and sharing compelling graphics art projects and cultural movements of international resistance and liberation struggles artists and cultural workers have been at the center of upheavals and revolts the world over from the painters and poets in the paris commune to the poster makers and street theatre performers of the recent occupy movement signal will bring these artists and their work to a new audience digging deep through our common history to unearth their images and stories we have no doubt that signal will come to serve as a unique and irreplaceable resource for activist artists and academic researchers as well as an active forum for critique of the role of art in revolution highlights of the first volume of signal include the future of xicana printmaking alec dunn and josh macphee interview the taller tupac amaru favianna rodriguez melanic cervantes and jesus barraza the adventures of red rat alec dunn interviews johannes van de weert hard travelin a photo essay with impeach early 20th century anarchist imprints mexico 68 the graphic production of a movement santiago armengod interviews felipe hernandez moreno adventure playgrounds a photo essay designing anarchy dan poyner interviews rufus segar in the us there is a tendency to focus only on the artworks produced within our shores or from english speaking producers signal reaches beyond those bounds bringing material produced the world over translated from dozens of languages and collected from both the present and decades past though it is a full color printed publication signal is not limited to the graphic arts within its pages you will find political posters and fine arts comics

and murals street art site specific works zines art collectives documentation of performance and articles on the often overlooked but essential role all of these have played in struggles around the world

welcoming women blacks and immigrants long before most other unions the wobblies from the start were labor s outstanding pioneers and innovators unionizing hundreds of thousands of workers previously regarded as unorganizable wobblies organized the first sit down strike at general electric schenectady 1906 the first major auto strike 6 000 studebaker workers detroit 1911 the first strike to shut down all three coalfields in colorado 1927 and the first no fare transit workers job action cleveland 1944 with their imaginative colorful and world famous strikes and free speech fights the iww wrote many of the brightest pages in the annals of working class emancipation wobblies also made immense and invaluable contributions to workers culture all but a few of america s most popular labor songs are wobbly songs iww cartoons have long been recognized as labor s finest and funniest the impact of the iww has reverberated far beyond the ranks of organized labor an important influence on the 1960s new left the wobbly theory and practice of direct action solidarity and class war humor have inspired several generations of civil rights and antiwar activists and are a major source of ideas and inspiration for today s radicals indeed virtually every movement seeking to make this planet a good place to live to quote an old wobbly slogan has drawn on the iww s incomparable experience originally published in 1964 and long out of print rebel voices remains by far the biggest and best source on iww history fiction songs art and lore this new edition includes 40 pages of additional material from the 1998 charles h kerr edition from fred thompson and franklin rosemont and a new preface by wobbly organizer daniel gross

the housing monster is a scathing illustrated essay that takes one seemingly simple everyday thing a house and looks at the social relations that surround it moving from intensely personal thoughts and interactions to large scale political and economic forces it reads alternately like a worker's diary a short story a psychology of everyday life a historical account an introduction to marxist critique of political economy and an angry flyer someone would pass you on the street starting with the construction site and the physical building of houses the book slowly builds and links more and more issues together from gentrification and city politics to gender roles and identity politics from subcontracting and speculation to union contracts and negotiation from individual belief suffering and resistance to structural division necessity and instability what starts as a look at housing broadens into a critique of capitalism as a whole the text is accompanied by clean black and white illustrations that are mocking beautiful and bleak

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summary between 1910 and 1920 mexico was convulsed by socialist revolution from which emerged a strong left wing government that laid great stress on art as a vehicle for promoting revolutionary values this led to a pioneering programme to cover the walls of public buildings with vast murals and later to setting up print workshops to produce works for mass distribution and education this book is published to accompany the first ever exhibition on this period to be held in europe on view at the british museum from 27 october 28 february 2010 it will feature approximately 130 prints by over 40 artists including the three great men of mexican art of the period diego rivera josé clemente orozco and david alfaro siqueiros a fascinating range of material includes not only single sheet artists prints but also large posters with designs in woodcut or lithography as well as illustrated books on many different themes also included are earlier works by the popular engraver josé guadalupe posada adopted by the revolutionaries as the archetypal printmaker working for the

people and whose macabre dances of skeletons have always fascinated europeans essays by alison mcclean and dawn ades will set mexican printmaking in its artistic and political context the book will also contain concise biographies of all the artists featured

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