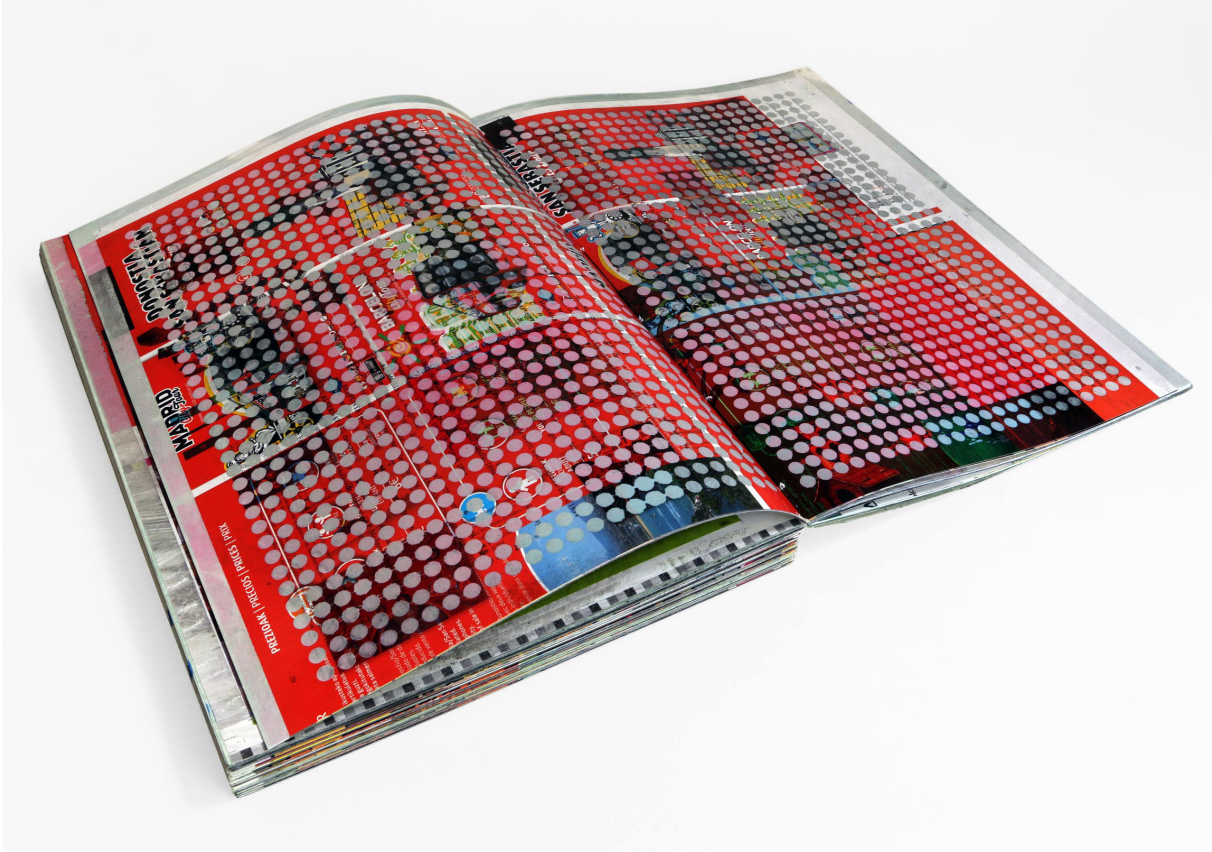


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TEMPLATE — book

2014

Three Star Books



TEMPLATE is a book whose information emerges under programmatic erasure. Or perhaps it is better said that the book is one form for a program that recursively thins reading material. The protocol for these pages is a reversal of the printing process. Here's how the script runs:

1 – Give a commercial offset printer one sheaf of standard B1 poster paper for 'make-readies' (the results of preparing ink levels and impression strength for the jobs that pass through the press).

2 – Turn each printed sheet into a template for stripping areas of its ink-saturated surface using a UV coating.

3 – Erase the uncoated areas with paint thinner.

4 – Fold, bind, chop etc.

Soccer stadiums, children's books, tour guides, the coast of Spain, etc., are wiped down to the white of the pages that bear their layered images. City stuff and bedside matter receive the same treatment. Each particular instance becomes its own rule: every sheet of paper cannibalizes the content it supports, yet the tooth of the page lights up the peculiar details that flood it.

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Edition of 6 copies

Each book is signed and numbered by the artist

Description:

Format: 33 x 23 cm - 12.9 x 9 in.

320 Pages

Offset print on paper, silkscreened varnish and solvent + fluorescent color silkscreen

Perfect bound