

## No More Rules Graphic Design And Postmodernism Mini

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The graphic design equivalent to Strunk & White's *The Elements of Style* This book is simply the most compact and lucid handbook available outlining the basic principles of layout, typography, color usage, and space. Being a creative designer is often about coming up with unique design solutions. Unfortunately, when the basic rules of design are ignored in an effort to be distinctive, design becomes useless. In language, a departure from the rules is only appreciated as great literature if recognition of the rules underlies the text. Graphic design is a "visual language," and brilliance is recognized in designers whose work seems to break all the rules, yet communicates its messages clearly. This book is a fun and accessible handbook that presents the fundamentals of design in lists, tips, brief text, and examples. Chapters include *Graphic Design: What It Is; What Are They and What Do They Do?*; *20 Basic Rules of Good Design*; *Form and Space-The Basics*; *Color Fundamentals*; *Choosing and Using Type*; *The World of Imagery*; *Putting it All Together? Essential Layout Concepts*; *The Right Design Choices: 20 Reminders for Working Designers*; and *Breaking the Rules: When and Why to Challenge all the Rules of this Book*.

Selected poems, some in free verse, some in the style of cowboy poetry, by Stephen Sanders, a previously unpublished poet from Beaumont, Texas. Read the story of a young man who meets a retired Buffalo Soldier and has his life changed forever. Or learn the lesson that one trailhand teaches another about finding the perfect woman. Read about love and life and new beginnings after long days of hardship. And read about the homecoming of a pirate that brings new life to his entire hometown!

The final installment in this acclaimed series offers astute and controversial discussions on contemporary graphic design from 2001 to 2005. This collection of essays takes stock of the quality and profundity of graphic design writing published in professional and general interest design magazines, as well as on blogs and Internet journals. Prominent contributors include Milton Glaser, Maud Lavin, Ellen Lupton, Victor Margolin, Mr. Keedy, David Jury, Alice Twemlow, Steven Heller, Jessica Helfand, William Drenttel, Michael Bierut, Michael Dooley, Nick Curry, Emily King, and more. Among the important themes discussed: design as popular culture, design as art, politics, aesthetics, social responsibility, typography, the future of design, and more. Students, graphic designers beginning their careers, and veterans seeking fresh perspective will savor this anthology gathered from some of today's top graphic design writers and practitioners, as well as commentators from outside the profession. From the series that helped launch the design criticism movement and was the first to anthologize graphic design criticism from key sources, this volume promises to be the most provocative of all! Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a *New York Times* bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

This is the first and most complete handbook for the aspiring graphic designer. Fully illustrated with both contemporary and historical references, this book provides up and coming designers with all the practical insight they need to make it in the world of graphic design. From how to be more creative and how to stay on top creatively to the ins and outs of running a design business to the challenges of working in-house, this book will help anyone interested in graphic design decide on the right path for their career and give them the tools to make it into the career they want. The book provides inspiration from the top designers in the world on how they do what they do so well and also provides a complete reference of all the top design schools worldwide.

An in-depth survey on progressive contemporary graphic design.

Protégé of design legend Massimo Vignelli and partner in the New York office of the international design firm Pentagram, Michael Bierut has had one of the most varied careers of any living graphic designer. The projects he presents in this book illustrate the breadth of activity that graphic design encompasses today, his goal being to demonstrate not a single ideology, but the enthusiastically eclectic approach that has been a hallmark of his career. Each project is told in Bierut's own entertaining voice and shown through historic images, preliminary drawings (including full-size reproductions of the notebooks he has maintained for over thirty-five years), working models and rejected alternatives, as well as the finished work. Along the way, he provides insights into the creative process, his working life, his relationship with clients, and the struggles that any design professional faces in bringing innovative ideas to the world today. This revised and expanded edition of Bierut's bestselling monograph features new projects for major clients, such as Mastercard and The Poetry Foundation. Inspiring, informative and authoritative, *How to...* is a bible of graphic design ideas.

For a great foundation as a graphic design student, look no further than Aaris Sherin's *Introduction to Graphic Design*. Sherin will introduce you to the formal structure of graphic design, so you can understand and utilize the main techniques of your chosen profession, and learn how they apply to print and screen-based projects. Whether you need to conceptualise a new poster, develop an exciting advertisement, structure an app or create eye-catching signage, chapters can be read in any order you choose, depending on which area you wish to concentrate. Whatever your approach, you'll be encouraged to use critical thinking, visual exploration and understand the special relationship graphic designers have to creative problem solving. There are also chapters devoted to imagery, color, and typography, using a thematic approach to creative problem-solving. With over 500 images showing examples from international designers, helpful diagrams, highlighted key terms and concepts, *Design in Action* case studies, exercises and chapter-by-chapter Dos and Don'ts, *Introduction to Graphic Design* will give newcomers to graphic design the confidence to give visual form to concepts and ideas.

*Bibliographic: 100 Classic Graphic Design Books* is a compilation of the best design books of the last 100 years. It covers a huge range of material historic titles from pioneering type foundries to the best of recent monographs from today's leading studios and provides a unique insight into the evolution of graphic design in the twentieth century.

A guide to the practice of researching for graphic design projects. It explains key theories; examines the importance of audience, communication theory, semiotics and semantics.

"Thinking with Type is to typography what Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time* is to physics."—*I Love Typography* The best-selling *Thinking with Type* in a revised and expanded second edition: *Thinking with Type* is the definitive guide to using typography in visual communication. Ellen Lupton provides clear and focused guidance on how letters, words, and paragraphs should be aligned, spaced, ordered, and shaped. The book covers all typography essentials, from typefaces and type families, to kerning and tracking, to using a grid. Visual examples show how to be inventive within systems of typographic form, including what the rules are, and how to break them. This revised edition includes forty-eight pages of new content with the latest information on: • style sheets for print and the web • the use of ornaments and captions • lining and non-lining numerals • the use of small caps and enlarged capitals • mixing typefaces • font formats and font licensing Plus, new eye-opening demonstrations of basic typography design with letters, helpful exercises, and dozens of additional illustrations. *Thinking with Type* is the typography book for everyone: designers, writers, editors, students, and anyone else who works with words. If you love font and lettering books, Ellen Lupton's guide reveals the way typefaces are constructed and how to use them most effectively. Fans of *Thinking with Type* will love Ellen Lupton's new book *Extra Bold: A Feminist, Inclusive, Anti-racist, Nonbinary Field Guide for Graphic Designers*.

Author and design expert Steven Heller has revisited and revised the popular classic *Design Literacy* by revising many of the thoughtful

essays from the original and mixing in thirty-two new works. Each essay offers a taste of the aesthetic, political, historical, and personal issues that have engaged designers from the late nineteenth century to the present—from the ubiquitous (the swastika, antiwar posters) to the whimsical (MAD magazine parodies). The essays are organized into eight thematic categories—persuasion, mass media, language, identity, information, iconography, style, and commerce. This revised edition also highlights recent trends in graphic design such as aesthetic changes in typography in the digital age and the nexus between graphic design and wired culture. This is an eclectic look at how, why, and if graphic design influences our ever-evolving, diverse world. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

The design industry has evolved rapidly over the past decade. Effective and successful designers no longer need to just “make things,” they need to be curious thinkers who understand how to solve problems that have a true impact on the world we live in and how to show the power of designing for social good. Now more than ever, the graphic design industry needs a book that teaches the foundations and theories of design while simultaneously speaking to the topics of history, ethics, and accessibility in order to make designs that are the most effective for all people.

In *Powered by Design*, educator, designer, and public speaker Renee Stevens brings a truly up to date and thoughtful approach to an introduction to graphic design. As Assistant Professor at the S.I. Newhouse School of Communication at Syracuse University, Stevens created this book to be at home equally in academia and outside of the school setting. With a conversational and approachable tone, Stevens' book is for anyone who wants to gain a more practical understanding of what graphic design is today, and the power and potential it has: from students to novice graphic designers to anyone who wants to build a solid foundation of design skills so that they can work more effectively with professional designers. Stevens covers topics such as:

- Choosing the right typeface
- Hierarchy and visual weight
- Creating design systems
- Balancing tension
- Visualizing data
- Understanding color and mood
- Defining a story structure
- User testing and critique
- Immersive design (designing for all the senses)
- Determining when a design is finished
- How to make a living with design

Woven throughout is the crucial idea that you must embrace empathy in everything you design in order to create work that is the most inclusive. Design has the power and potential to make real impact in our everyday lives, and this book will show you how to do that starting with your first design experience.

*White Space Is Not Your Enemy* is a practical graphic design and layout guide that introduces concepts and practices necessary for producing effective visual communication across a variety of formats—from web to print. Sections on Gestalt theory, color theory, and WET layout are expanded to offer more in-depth content on those topics. This new edition features new covering current trends in web design—Mobile-first, UI/UX design, and web typography—and how they affect a designer's approach to a project. The entire book will receive an update using new examples and images that show a more diverse set of graphics that go beyond print and web and focus on tablet, mobile and advertising designs.

A comprehensive introduction to graphic design covers the basics of design and design principles and furnishes detailed instruction on how to apply them to a range of projects--ranging from business cards to T-shirts--offering helpful information on art supplies, software, concept development, and reproduction requirements. Original.

This accessible book demonstrates how ideas influenced and defined graphic design. Lavishly illustrated, it is both a great source of inspiration and a provocative record of some of the best examples of graphic design from the last hundred years. The entries, arranged broadly in chronological order, range from technical (overprinting, rub-on designs, split fountain); to stylistic (swashes on caps, loud typography, and white space); to objects (dust jackets, design handbooks); and methods (paper cut-outs, pixelation).

Featuring 75 of the world's most influential designers, this book presents the story of graphic design through the fascinating personal stories and significant works that have shaped the field. Arranged in chronological order, the book shows the development of design, from early innovators such as Edward McKnight Kauffer and Alexey Brodovitch to key figures of mid-century Swiss Design and corporate American branding. The book profiles masters of typography, such as Wim Crowel and Neville Brody; visionary magazine designers, such as Leo Lionni and Cipe Pineles; designers who influenced the world of film, such as Saul Bass and Robert Brownjohn; and the creators of iconic poster work, such as Armin Hofmann, Rogério Duarte and Yusaku Kamekura. Combining insightful text and key visual examples, this is a dynamic and richly illustrated guide to the individuals whose vision has defined the world of graphic design.

According to the cliché, California is the place where anything goes and everyone does their own thing. Maybe that's because everyone

knows that in California there's no terra firma: earthquakes, mudslides, fires, and the occasional civil uprising cause constant upheaval and change. It is also legendary as fertile ground for creativity, freedom, and social consciousness, where the status quo undergoes constant renovation. This book is the first to capture the enormous body of distinctive and visually ecstatic graphic design that emanated from this great state throughout most of the twentieth century. Edited and designed by graphic designer Louise Sandhaus, this raucous gathering of smart, offbeat, groundbreaking graphic design from the Left Coast will amaze readers with its breadth and richness.

A toolkit for visual literacy in the 21st century A New Program for Graphic Design is the first communication-design textbook expressly of and for the 21st century. Three courses--Typography, Gestalt and Interface--provide the foundation of this book. Through a series of in-depth historical case studies (from Benjamin Franklin to the Macintosh computer) and assignments that progressively build in complexity, A New Program for Graphic Design serves as a practical guide both for designers and for undergraduate students coming from a range of other disciplines. Synthesizing the pragmatic with the experimental, and drawing on the work of Max Bill, György Kepes, Bruno Munari and Stewart Brand (among many others), it builds upon mid- to late-20th-century pedagogical models to convey contemporary design principles in an understandable form for students of all levels--treating graphic design as a liberal art that informs the dissemination of knowledge across all disciplines. For those seeking to understand and shape our increasingly networked world of information, this guide to visual literacy is an indispensable tool. David Reinfurt (born 1971), a graphic designer, writer and educator, reestablished the Typography Studio at Princeton University and introduced the study of graphic design. Previously, he held positions at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Rhode Island School of Design and Yale University School of Art. As a cofounder of O-R-G inc. (2000), Dexter Sinister (2006) and the Serving Library (2012), Reinfurt has been involved in several studios that have reimagined graphic design, publishing and archiving in the 21st century. He was the lead designer for the New York City MTA Metrocard vending machine interface, still in use today. His work is included in the collections of the Walker Art Center, Whitney Museum of American Art, Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum and the Museum of Modern Art. He is the co-author of Muriel Cooper (MIT Press, 2017), a book about the pioneering designer. 'The Language of Graphic Design' provides graphic design students and practitioners with an in-depth understanding of the fundamental elements and principles of their language, what they are, why they are important and how to use them effectively.

Kenneth FitzGerald proposes that the objective of design, to create a class of expert professional practitioners, can - and should - only lead to its demise as a specialist profession. Lorraine Wild and Sam Potts respond, separately, to the publication of Rick Poynor's recent book "No More Rules: Graphic Design and Postmodernism." Eric Heiman urges designers to "think wrong" and refocus their creative energies to solving non-commercial, more socially motivated problems. Jeffery Keedy gives us a list of some of the most popular but dumb ideas in design. Ben Hagon warns that without a significant change in the method by which we create work, Joe Client will, in time, do our graphic design work for us. Kali Nikitas and Louise Sandhaus respond to the criticism levelled at their conversation "Visitations" which was published in Emigre #64. And Emigre interviews Armin Vit, the founder of Speak Up, design's most successful blog, and David Cabianca who discusses the value of design theory and criticism. Plus, the Readers Respond, featuring letters from around the world in response to past issues of Emigre magazine.

With the international take-up of new technology in the 1990s, designers and typographers reassessed their roles and jettisoned existing rules in an explosion of creativity in graphic design. This book tells that story in detail, defining and illustrating key developments and themes from 1980-2000.

"Forget how good design is supposed to look. What you think is good design, is what other designers think is good design too. That's why design is in a rut. And that's not good. That's boring. This book is about how to get out of that rut; how to take an ordinary graphic problem and turn it into an original graphic solution. The 146 examples of the wit and imagination of Gill's solutions to the graphic problems in this unique collection are remarkable. But the most remarkable thing is that although 30 years of his work is represented here, you won't be able to tell Gill's early designs from his most recent ones."--Jacket.

In Obey the Giant, design writer Rick Poynor exposes the ambivalent reality beneath the seductive surface of contemporary visual culture. Ranging across design, advertising, photography, publishing and art, these essays challenge received wisdom, dismiss sacred cows and pose challenging questions about key issues and trends - from graphic memes and the poverty of 'cool' to culture jamming, designer sex and death, and the pleasure of imperfection. An inspiring call to action, Obey the Giant shows how designers and image-makers both collude with, and resist, corporate control of the image world.

Creatives are taught the rules of design by mentors and professors. We are told what to do and how to do it. "Follow the rules and color within the lines," they say. "Only use two fonts on a page and don't make your logo too complicated," they say. It's time for us to tell them to shove it. Creative Anarchy explains and explores both rule-following and rule-breaking design. It includes tips to throw design caution to the wind, designers' stories with galleries of work, and creative exercises to help push your designs to the next level. Creative Anarchy is about great design and awesome ideas. You'll find sections specifically devoted to designing logos, posters, websites, publications, advertising and more.

"The past twenty years have seen profound changes in the field of graphic communication. One by one, old certainties about the techniques and purposes of graphic design have been questioned and collapsed. No More Rules is the first critical survey to offer a complete overview of the graphic revolution during the postmodern period." "According to design critic Rick Poynor, changes in graphic work were already well underway by the early 1980s, even before the computer became a ubiquitous tool. With the international embrace of new electronic technologies in the 1990s, these developments began to accelerate. An explosion of creativity in graphic design took place as designers and typographers reassessed their roles, jettisoned existing rules, and forged experimental new approaches. Graphic work became more self-expressive, idiosyncratic, and occasionally extreme." "Poynor tells this story in detail, breaking down a broad, multifaceted, and sometimes confusing field of graphic design activity into key developments and themes: the origins of postmodern design; deconstructionist design and theory; issues of appropriation; the revolution in digital type; questions of authorship; and critiques of postmodern graphic design. Each theme is illustrated by spectacular and significant examples of work produced between 1980 and 2000 that have changed the way in which designers and their audiences think about graphic communication. This generously illustrated book is a vital reference for design professionals and educators as well as for students of graphic design, image-making, advertising, and the visual arts."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

The Graphic Design Reference & Specification Book should always be next to a designer's computer. Completely practical with only the most needed information, this valuable book provides designers with all the little details that can make or break a design, such as how much space to leave in the gutter when designing barrel folds, how to layout a template for a box, and the ratios of each part, as well as metric conversion charts, standard envelope sizes in the USA, Europe, Canada and Asia, and much more. This hardworking handbook is compact and accessible and is a must-have for any graphic designer.

DON'T use comic sans (except ironically!) but DO worship the classic typefaces like Helvetica and Garamond. Graphic Design Rules is a handy guide for professional graphic designers, students, and laymen who incorporate graphic design into their job or

small business. Packed with practical advice, this spirited collection of design dos and don'ts takes readers through 365 rules like knowing when to use a modular grid—and when to throw the grid out the window. All designers will appreciate tips and lessons from these highly accomplished authors, who draw on years of experience to help you create good design.

How do designers get ideas? Many spend their time searching for clever combinations of forms, fonts, and colors inside the design annuals and monographs of other designers' work. For those looking to challenge the cut-and-paste mentality there are few resources that are both informative and inspirational. In *Graphic Design: The New Basics*, Ellen Lupton, best-selling author of such books as *Thinking with Type* and *Design It Yourself*, and design educator Jennifer Cole Phillips refocus design instruction on the study of the fundamentals of form in a critical, rigorous way informed by contemporary media, theory, and software systems. *Graphic Design Theory* is organized in three sections: "Creating the Field" traces the evolution of graphic design over the course of the early 1900s, including influential avant-garde ideas of futurism, constructivism, and the Bauhaus; "Building on Success" covers the mid- to late twentieth century and considers the International Style, modernism, and postmodernism; and "Mapping the Future" opens at the end of the last century and includes current discussions on legibility, social responsibility, and new media. Striking color images illustrate each of the movements discussed and demonstrate the ongoing relationship between theory and practice. A brief commentary prefaces each text, providing a cultural and historical framework through which the work can be evaluated. Authors include such influential designers as Herbert Bayer, L'szlo Moholy-Nagy, Karl Gerstner, Katherine McCoy, Michael Rock, Lev Manovich, Ellen Lupton, and Lorraine Wild. Additional features include a timeline, glossary, and bibliography for further reading. A must-have survey for graduate and undergraduate courses in design history, theory, and contemporary issues, *Graphic Design Theory* invites designers and interested readers of all levels to plunge into the world of design discourse.

This book is practical and immediate, without being condescending or overly technical. It is like having a graphic design mentor who will help you come up with ideas, develop your concepts, and implement them in a way that is engaging and humorous. It gives readers the experience and ability that normally comes from years of on-the-job training. All of the essential techniques of graphic design and its digital implementation are covered. Read this book and gain 25 years of experience in how to think like a creative, act like a businessman and design like a god. This book is designed like a notebook, with all the authors' tips and knowledge already inside. However, it also includes blank pages that allow the user to personalize this reference book with specific notes that are relevant to his or her studio, suppliers or clients.

A unique look at how popular music and culture have influenced the evolution of British design.

*History of Illustration* covers image-making and print history from around the world, spanning from the ancient to the modern. Hundreds of color images show illustrations within their social, cultural, and technical context, while they are ordered from the past to the present. Readers will be able to analyze images for their displayed techniques, cultural standards, and ideas to appreciate the art form. This essential guide is the first history of illustration written by an international team of illustration historians, practitioners, and educators.

Do you need to design things, but have no background in graphic design theory? Would you like to learn the main graphic design principles and create visuals that effectively communicate your message? If you lack a degree in art but need to make social media posts and ads, business cards, flyers, brochures, or any other visuals, buy this book and read it. It won't substitute studying in a design school but will give you a vocabulary of the basic design and composition principles, color theory, and typography. This book will serve as your starting point if you want to create eye-catching visuals and never again make amateur mistakes. Read the book "*Graphic Design for Beginners*" and you will learn how to: use the main principles of professionally-looking designs create a composition and use visual weight, balance, and flow to emphasize your message recognize the difference between the optical and geographic center and why the first one is important use the science behind the good looking color schemes combine typefaces and use contrast in a sophisticated way use more than 20 FREE resources and tools for creating your designs In short, after reading this book you will know how to apply the same graphic design principles every professional designer knows and uses. Recommended especially for non-designers this book will change the way you look at graphic designs around you. Get it now!

An entertaining and highly original introduction to graphic design, this beautifully designed book uses puzzles and visual challenges to demonstrate how typography, signage, posters, and branding work. Through a series of games and activities, including spot the difference, matching games, drawing, and dot-to-dot, readers are introduced to concepts and techniques in an engaging and interactive way. Further explanation and information is provided by solution pages and a glossary, and a loose-leaf section contains stickers, die-cut templates, and colored paper to help readers complete the activities. Illustrated with typefaces, posters, and pictograms by distinguished designers including Otl Aicher, Pierre Di Sciullo, Otto Neurath and Gerd Arntz, the book will be enjoyed both by graphic designers, and anyone interested in finding out more about visual communication.

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The last thirty-five years have seen profound upheavals in the field of graphic communication. One by one, the old certainties about the techniques and purposes of graphic design have been questioned and torn apart. Jettisoning rules that no longer seemed relevant in the postmodern era, designers and typographers have reassessed their roles and forged experimental new approaches. *No More Rules* is the first wide-ranging critical survey to attempt to make sense of these international developments. Each of the book's key themes—origins, deconstruction, appropriation, technology, authorship, and opposition—is illuminated by stunning examples of work that has changed the way in which designers and their audiences think about graphic communication. The famous Italian designer Massimo Vignelli allows us a glimpse of his understanding of good design in this book, its rules and criteria. He uses numerous examples to convey applications in practice - from product design via signaletics and graphic design to Corporate Design. By doing this he is making an important manual available to young designers that in its clarity both in terms of subject matter and visually is entirely committed to Vignelli's modern design.

This very popular design book has been wholly revised and expanded to feature a new dimension of inspiring and counterintuitive ideas to thinking about graphic design relationships. *The Elements of Graphic Design, Second Edition* is now in full color in a larger, 8 x 10-inch trim size, and contains 40 percent more content and over 750 images to enhance and better clarify the concepts in this thought-provoking resource. The second edition also includes a new section on Web design; new discussions of modularity, framing, motion and time, rules of randomness, and numerous quotes supported by images and biographies. This pioneering work provides designers, art directors, and students--regardless of experience--with a unique approach to successful design. Veteran designer and educator Alex. W. White has assembled a wealth of information and examples in his exploration of

what makes visual design stunning and easy to read. Readers will discover White's four elements of graphic design, including how to: define and reveal dominant images, words, and concepts; use scale, color, and position to guide the viewer through levels of importance; employ white space as a significant component of design and not merely as background; and use display and text type for maximum comprehension and value to the reader. Offering a new way to think about and use the four design elements, this book is certain to inspire better design. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

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