Cool Things We’ve Cataloged

“Cartonera Books”

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Background

- 12 artists’ books purchased for Special Collections Department in 2015
- 10 books are called “Cartonera books"
- “Carton” means “Cardboard”, “Cartonero” means “Cardboard picker”
- Cartonera books are made from cardboard bought from Cartoneros
- Cartonera publishing began in Argentina in 2003 in response to an economic crisis
- Cartonera books are works of literature
- A creative way to help the community and promote literature
They look like this:
Trova Suriana
varios autores

Compilador
Victor Hugo Sánchez Reséndiz

Ilustraciones
Alejandro Aranda

La Cartonera
Cuernavaca, Morelos, México, 2011
Stories written long before my time
and I see nothing has changed that much.

Is that enough? She rose
and let the veil fall
across her dissolving face,
started to turn in resignation or disgust.
But maybe it was something in my eyes.
We were two women talking,
unperturbed by the distance
that separates her time from mine;
roles of historian and informant
long forgotten.

She offered one last smile
and I saw a glimmer
of sympathy
as if I was the twisted legend
and she the poet
designed to set the record straight.
Before she disappeared for good
among the oak and fruitless mahogany
she touched my hand.

Maybe in another hundred years, she said,
if our Mother hasn’t drowned us all
and spit us back to space by then.
Cataloging Cartonera Books

- Copy cataloging
- Subject headings:
  - 650 0 $a Cartonera books $z [country] $v Specimens.
  - 650 0 $a Small presses $z [country] $v Specimens.
  - 650 0 $a Artists' books $z [country] $v Specimens.
- Genre form headings:
  - 655 7 $a Corrugated board bindings (Binding) $2 rbbin
  - 655 7 $a Artists' books $z [country] $y 21st century. $2 rbgenr
- Added relevant topical heading if can be determined.
- Added copy specific note locally.
- Classification number:
  - N7433.35.A-Z
List of Our Cartonera Books


Tzoc, Manuel. (2012). *Gay (o)*. Milena Caserola. OCLC# 809207850

Notes

- University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries’ Cartonera Publishers Database
  [https://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/cartoneras/cartonerasUW](https://researchguides.library.wisc.edu/cartoneras/cartonerasUW)
- Cartonera Publishing. (2019, January 28). *Cartoneras: A documentary on cardboard publishing in Latin America* [Video]. YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzZESHygabI&t=147s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzZESHygabI&t=147s)
Thank you!

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