

PANDEMIC



2023 prospectus



From Intima Press Fine Letterpress Editions, New York City

Pandemic is a diary-like unfolding of the events around the global spread of Covid-19. It chronicles the early days of the virus and the rising count of people who succumbed to it from March 2020 to May 2022, and includes pages on the lock-down in New York City and Black Lives Matter protests.



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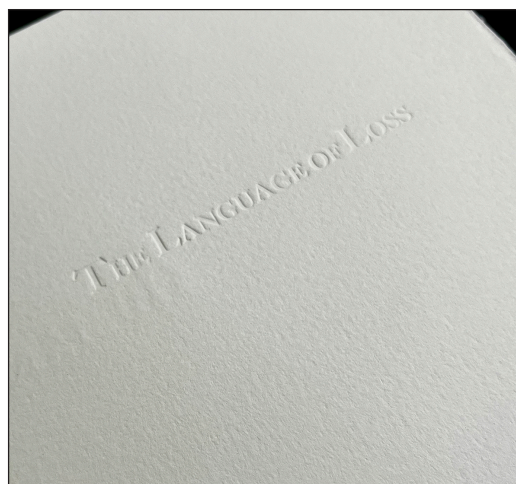
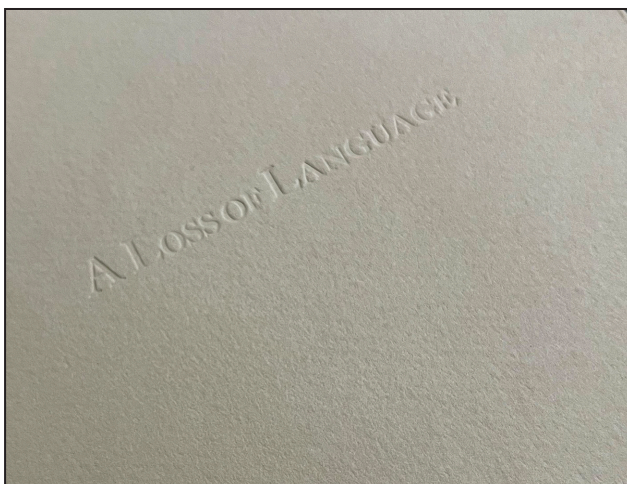
This book developed through the first six months of the coronavirus pandemic, beginning in March of 2020. The diary-like writings helped me process the overwhelming information in the news media about the global spread and daily death tolls from Covid-19.

There were many shifts and much to take in, as New York City was under a stay-in-place order, and schools pivoted from in-person learning to an on-line computer platform. My studio time was sporadic. When able to, I set metal type in Bodoni and used a variety of cotton rag paper off-cuts I had on hand for printing, most of which were Somerset and Arches. With limited time, I ran my press blind, without ink.

I had set the pages aside for many months while researching and printing my edition "Hester . Emma . Sonia." I completed this small edition in the Spring of 2022, printing the dates and short comments from photopolymer plates with grey ink, the color of the original pencil writing, and the virus images in gold ink.

As of the final printing, and even with the vaccine rolled out, there are over 1 million deaths in the U.S. and over 6 million deaths recorded worldwide.

- Mindy Belloff, 2022



Edition very Limited to 10

Fine letterpress printed edition very limited to only 10 copies + 1 AP.

Printed on a Vandercook Universal III Automatic A/B press.

Materials found around the studio were utilized for printing. The text was hand set in Bodoni and printed on a variety of thick cotton rag papers in white, tan and greys, including Somerset and Arches, printed blind emboss, which adds beauty and starkness to the page. Hand written text was printed from photopolymer plates with grey ink to mimic the original pencil writing. Images of the coronavirus molecules were letterpress printed with metallic gold ink from photopolymer plates. The book is coptic bound with letterpress printed book cloth and printed title label.

Letterpress printed on cotton rag papers, 7½ x 5½, 2022.

Numbered and signed by the artist, M. Belloff, Intima Press, New York, NY. price \$625.

