

On the first anniversary of September 11th, a fellow artist in NYC sent me an email she received about taking a quiet action to commemorate all those lost in the attacks. The action was to leave a book that impacted you for someone else to find.

The email stated simply that those who attacked us that day were against makes us human- our freedoms, our basic human rights, our ideas/critical thinking, civil and equal rights, democracy, education, and all culture and art. By leaving a book for someone else to find was both a way to commemorate and also a quiet act of defiance.

On this tenth anniversary of 9/11, I left 10 books by American authors for people to find. These were some of the books that have moved me, opened my eyes and heart, and many on this list have caused me to think outside of my comfort zone.

On October 7, 2011, the 10 year anniversary of the start of the Afghanistan War/Operation Enduring Freedom and the War on Terror, I left 10 books behind that I have read in an effort to better educate myself on the causes/issues surrounding these wars.

If you are one of the people who found one of these 20 books, I hope that after you read it, that you share it with others.

Safe passage.

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There is an edition of three works and one Artist's Proof that reference two performative actions that Bitetti did anonymously on September 11, 2011 and October 7, 2011 in Boston, MA. Those who purchase one of the three works will receive the list of the 20 books as well as the log of where all the books were left in Boston.

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Safe Passage 2011
Work on paper (8 1/2"x11"), documentation, book, handmade bookmark
Edition of 3, and One Artist's Proof*

For the edition, Bitetti picked three works by British authors that have impacted her:

Lord of the Flies- William Golding

Frankenstein- Mary Shelley

Macbeth- William Shakespeare

The Artist's Proof book choice:

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States- With an Introduction by Pauline Maier