

ILLUMINATED BREAD BOOK LAUNCH 2026



Welcome,

I am so excited to share the launch of my book '**Illuminated Bread**' with you. Thank you for being here and taking time to explore the deeper meaning behind this lovingly hand crafted edition.

Maria-Archiz

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ABOUT

From Surface To Interior



Like a second life emerging from the first, my book 'Illuminated Bread' grew organically from my earlier bread print series. The original bread works were created on carbon paper, an incredibly delicate material, which captured the direct impressions of bread. 'Illuminated Bread' was born from these original prints but it moves the conversation into another dimension. I began by placing the carbon paper prints on a lightbox, allowing light to travel through the paper surface. What once recorded pressure and contact, began to reveal translucency, depth and hidden textures. The work shifted from imprint to illumination and from surface to interior.

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INSPIRATION

Re-imaging Through Light & Photography



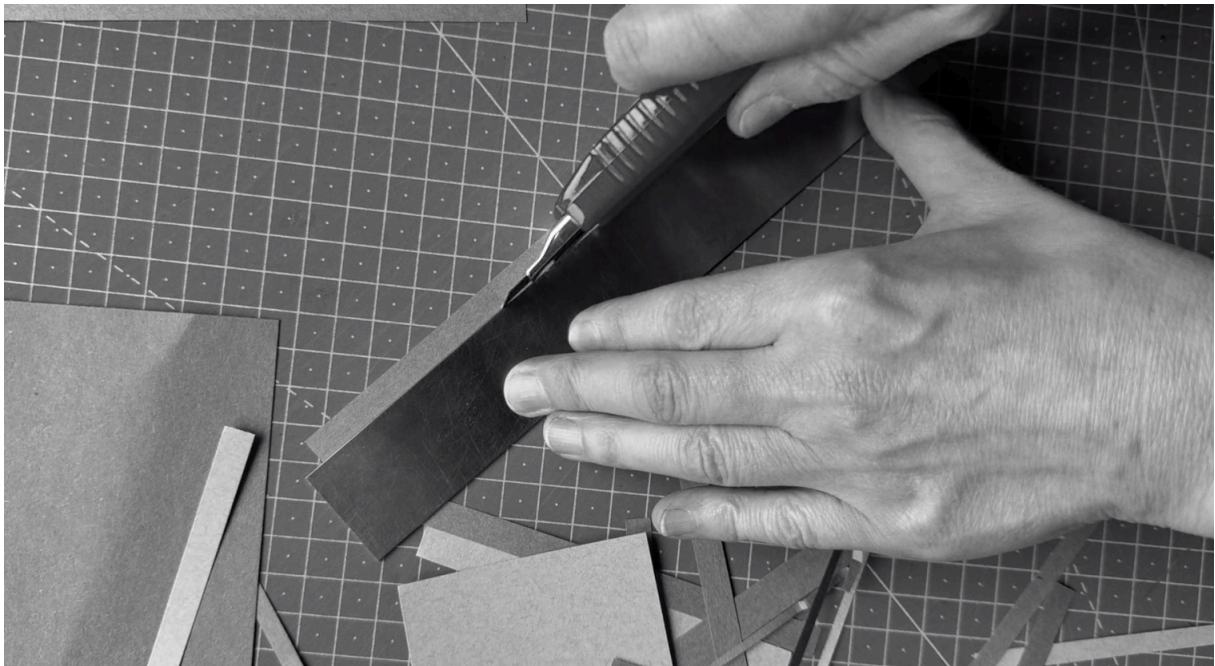
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This book is a collection of photographs with the visual qualities similar to back-lit negatives, their surfaces recalling the soft familiar grain of a Xerox print. Inserted in the final pages of the book is an original piece of carbon paper. This is the very material that inspired this edition. I feel it's important to share the experience of this delicate artefact, bearing the ghostly trace of an original bread test print embedded within. The custom made slipcase with its gold embellished edges and gold circle emphasises the spiritual significance of this sacred subject.

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MATERIALS

Exclusively Selected Papers



The images are printed on corn crush paper sourced through the food recycling processes of the corn industry. Brown baking paper 'Butterbrotpapier' gently divides the pages, adding a soft division between images. The black velvety book cover is wrapped in a soft translucent waxed paper. Every material within the book has been carefully chosen with intention, serving both as symbol and metaphor for the work itself. The original carbon paper prints provided the foundation; the illuminated photographs opened a new visual language. Together they form a dialogue between darkness and light, memory and revelation. This book is not only meant to be viewed - it is meant to be held and felt.

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EDITION

Book Specifications



- Handmade Artist Book & Custom Slipcase
- Limited Edition of 20
- 35 Pages featuring 21 Photographs
- Printed on corn crush paper
- Text typed by hand on vintage typewriter
- Inter-layered with brown baking paper
- Original carbon paper embedded in last page
- Book cover made with black Somerset paper
- Book jacket made with brown waxed opaque paper
- Custom slipcase with hand-painted gold edging
- Gold circle with my thumb print
- Overall size including slipcase 34 × 48 cm (13.1/4 × 18.3/4 in)
- Signed, numbered and dated

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KIND WORDS

What My Collectors Say

“To engage with Maria Aurelia and her work is a delight and an education, intellectually and soulfully. One feels as if one has entered a whole new realm of consciousness; familiar and yet interpreted so uniquely as to be entirely and compellingly mysterious.”

Willow Surbier (Artist & Collector)

“I think Maria Aurelia’s vision, methodology and the materials she uses as an artist, and as a bookmaker, are unique. I am inspired by the care that’s put into making the books and prints and the attention to detail is what makes her stand out. The paper used. The colours chosen. The subject matters are truly like nothing else I have seen.”

Roland Belgrave (Art Dealer Vintage Photography)

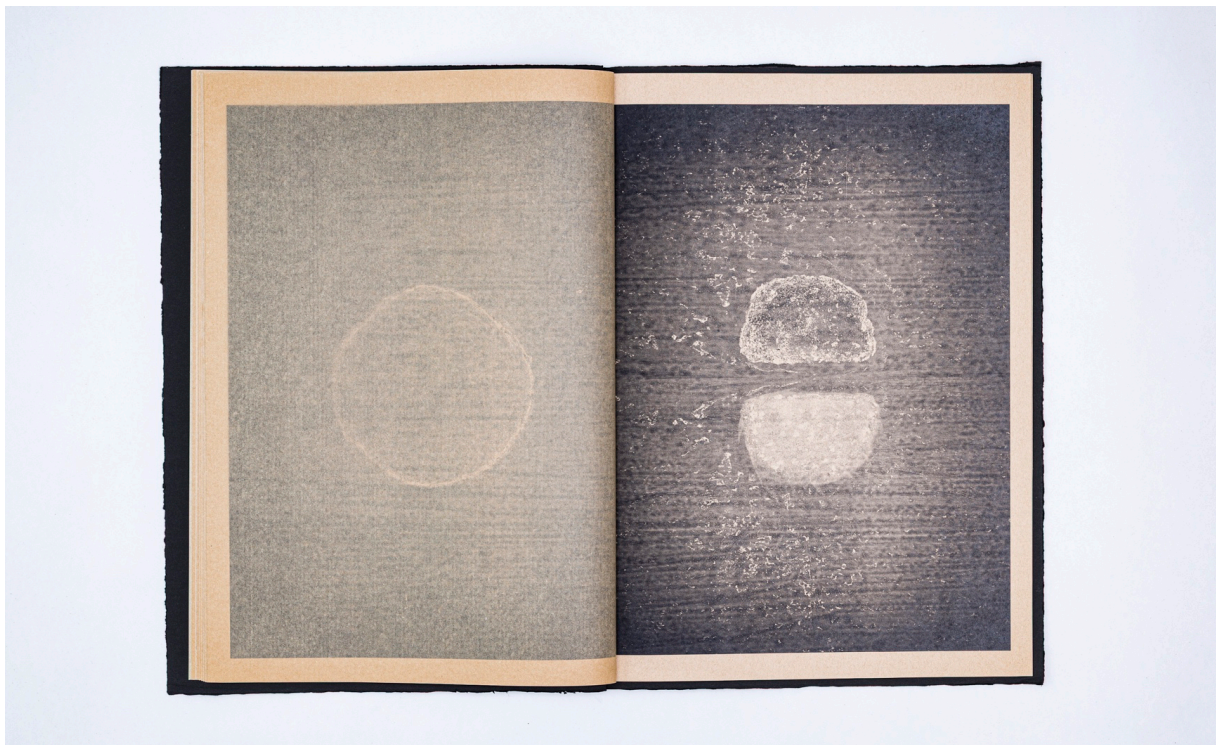
“When I look at Maria Aurelia’s work, something happens with my breathing. It seems I hold my breath, as though by holding it I can stay in that moment of pure sensitive wonderment. That is what art is, a mysterious but certainly beautiful moment of happiness, as Agnes Martin would say. This is what I experience when I look at Maria Aurelia’s work. I find some of her books of such extreme sensibility that I hold my breath. I am in awe of her work. And I am an artist, who travels the world going to every museum and taking in everything I can. I am grateful to own one of her books and grateful to know her.”

Flavia Souza (Artist & Collector)

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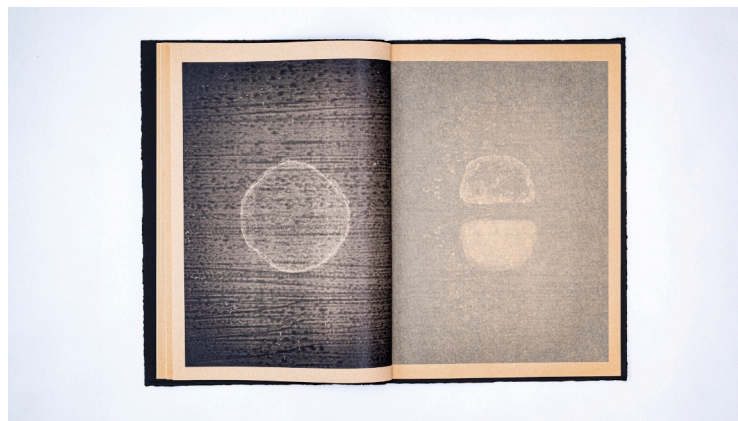
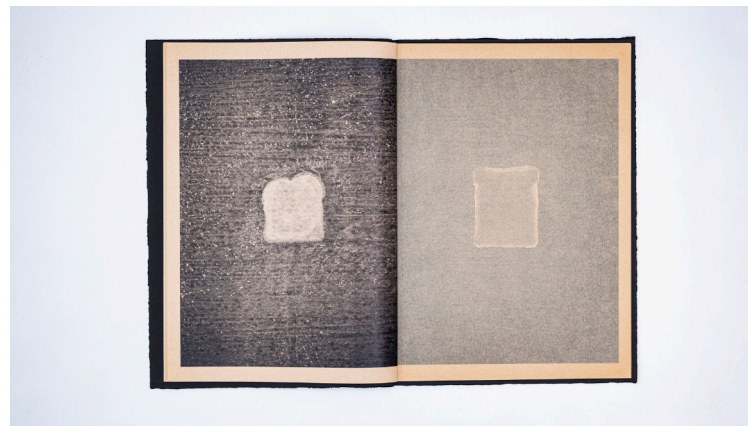


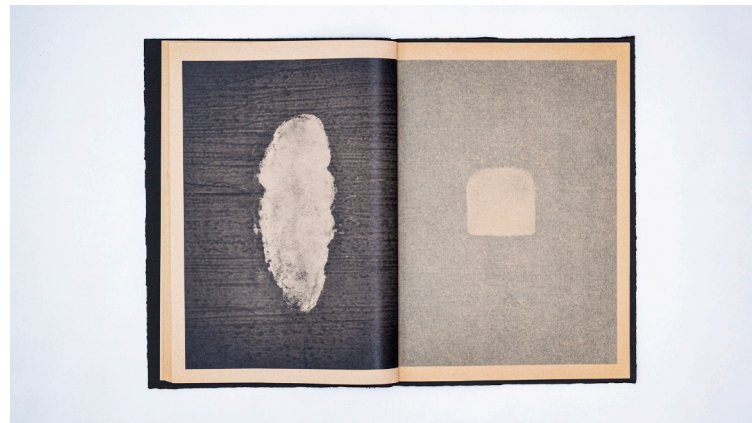
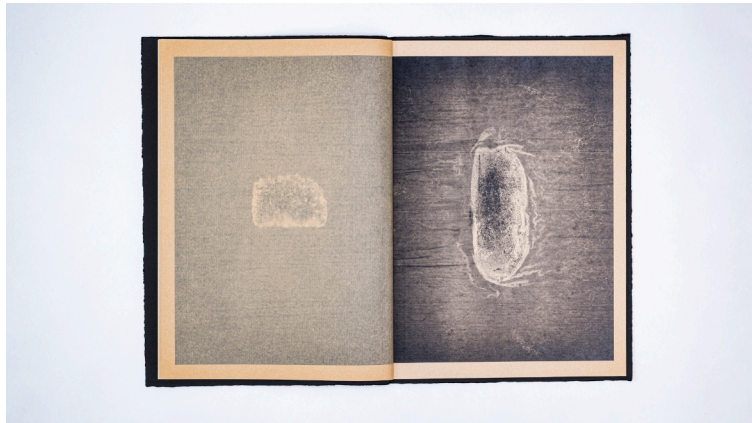
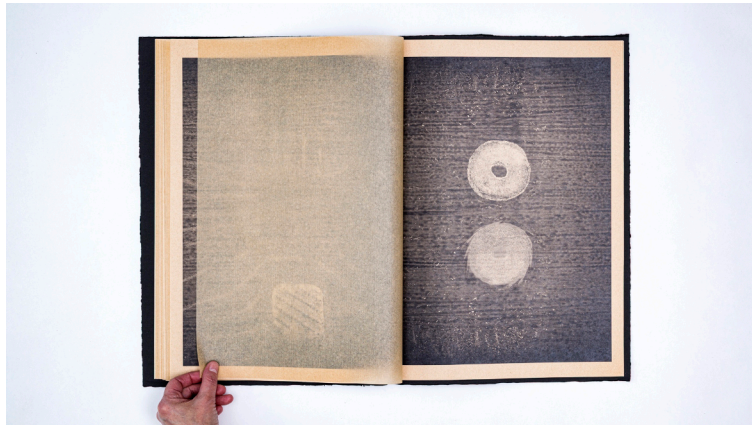
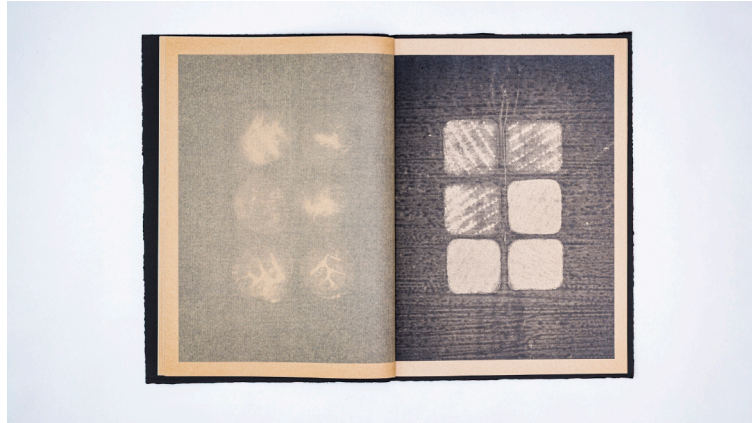
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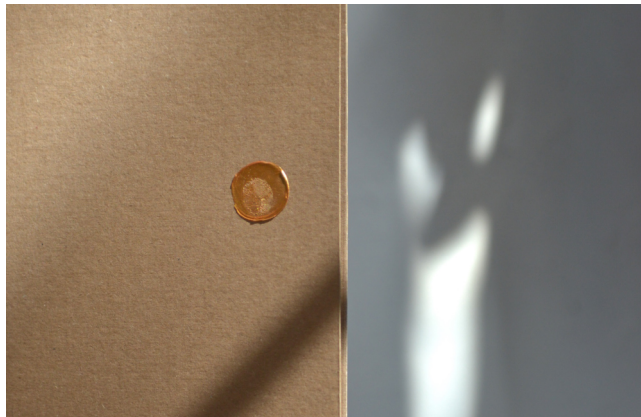
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