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Cover Page Footnote

The individual pieces which make up 47 Dreams can be seen here: <http://nsuworks.nova.edu/quad-47-dreams/>



About the Author

Tennille Shuster, M.F.A., is an assistant professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Performing and Visual Arts at Nova Southeastern University. Her artist's book and installations have been presented in solo and group shows throughout the United States, including the Bienes Museum of the Modern Book, Fort Lauderdale; Center for Book Arts, New York; Utah Museum of Fine Arts; and the Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection, Yale Center for British Art, Connecticut. Her work has also been shown internationally in Croatia, Japan, Poland, and England. Shuster is the recipient of several awards, including the 2005 Florida Artists Book Prize. Her work has been featured in numerous publications, including *American Craft* magazine and *Time Out New York*. Shuster earned her B.F.A. at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and earned her M.F.A. at Florida Atlantic University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In addition to being a book artist, Shuster is also an award-winning illustrator and graphic designer.

47 Dreams

by **Tennille Shuster**

This book structure communicates 47 different dreams that Shuster recorded over a three-month period of time. This installation explores issues of authority in graphic design by functioning as an interactive, self-referential book form, which communicates Shuster's personal experiences without fulfilling any commercial tasks. The piece is created from a variety of handmade papers, adhered together to create a paper quilt, displayed on a twin bed frame. An accompanying paper pillowcase functions as a dream index. Each of the 47 quilt squares encloses a booklet that can be removed for reading by the viewer. Each booklet consists of four panels, in an accordion-folded format. The four panels consist of 1) notes from what Shuster can remember of her dream, 2) an analysis of that dream, 3) illustrations of some aspect of the dream and 4) her personal interpretation of the analysis. The cover of each booklet has been letterpress printed with a number corresponding to the dream index, allowing the viewer to pick by title the dream(s) they wish to learn more about.



Figure 1 - Original "47 Dreams" Installation

Click on the quilt squares below to access the "47 Dreams" in digital format, or use the dream index below.





The Dream Index

1. Tipped Elevator

2. Near Miss

17. Babies with Guns

18. Cash Poor

33. Sex with a Stranger

34. Bogus Deal

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| 3. Golf Lesson | 19. Old House | 35. Returns |
| 4. Forgotten Class | 20. Elevator Doors | 36. Signing Octopus |
| 5. Trip to Dubai | 21. Monster Farts | 37. Champagne on Ice |
| 6. Daughter Dolls | 22. Shattered Glass | 38. Gift Money |
| 7. No Visibility | 23. Secret Shopping | 39. New Penis |
| 8. Graveyard | 24. Bladder Infection | 40. Flying |
| 9. Minnesota Move | 25. First Dance | 41. My Time |
| 10. Doggie Door | 26. Crazy on the Lawn | 42. Bucket Trucks |
| 11. Kira's Bug | 27. Found Money | 43. Canceled Class |
| 12. Taste Test | 28. Bread and Water | 44. Mending a Quilt |
| 13. Confrontational Woman | 29. Jumping Princess | 45. Huevos Rancheros |
| 14. Record Store | 30. Winning Ticket | 46. Incinerated Car |
| 15. Dirty Bedroom | 31. Carolina | 47. Wedding at Work |
| 16. Training | 32. Gassing Up | |