THINKING ABOUT BOOKS

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Look for the connection between the structure, the message and the visual presentation. Books are *read in sequence*. There is a *progression* to the unfolding or opening of a book. Turning to the first page of any book is a ritual act imbued with a magical anticipation. Consider the concept that the book is a container of ideas, of knowledge, of human imagination:

> "An object of art becomes a shrine when we make it a box...but it is a box in which a spirit may take up residence. It's where we may find the interior world, the microcosm, that we're all looking for."

> > -Thomas Moore, The Reenchantment of Everyday Life

A BOOK. .

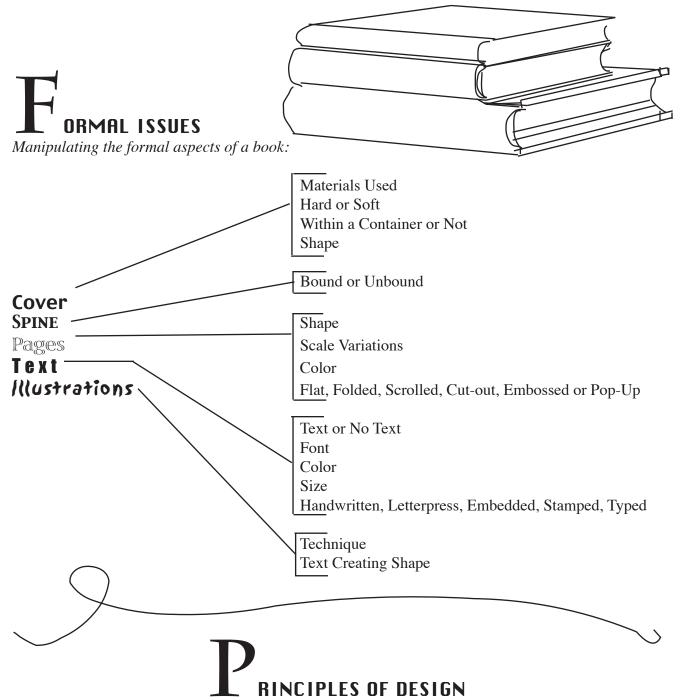
- opens/closes
- is enclosed/contained
- progresses: the viewer "reads" the order of the:

-words -color -texture (2D & 3D) -unfolding movement

- incorporates a "story" whether visual or with words
- is designed to be read on different levels

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Unifying the final product is done through emphasizing and designing while keeping an eye to a number of principles of design:

Rhythm	Repetition
Contrast	Balance
Dominance	Emphasis
Unity	Variety
Economy	Movement