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## Medusa Yoyo Munk

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9780903696661 Hurtwood Press Ltd Hardback USA & Canada 8.25 in x 9.5 in 324 Pages 250 color, 90 b&w A Tin Drum Production \$70.00

- The first artist's book by Yoyo Munk, Director of Medusa and Chief Science Officer of Tin Drum, features original essays, imagery of the installation, digital renders and photography
- Includes contributions from James Bridle, author of Ways of Being; Veronica Strang, cultural anthropologist and recipient of UNESCO's Water Prize; and Seirian Sumner, behavioral ecologist and author of Endless Forms: The Secret World of Wasps, alongside a dazzling poetic contribution by Octavia Bright, the poet, academic and author of Ragged Grace: A Memoir of Recovery and Renewal
- A beautiful and sustainable design object, which speaks to the themes of the book. It employs multiple inks and recycled papers, including some made of algae

As a species, we have grown comfortable eradicating ecosystems to architect spaces, cordoning ourselves off from the natural world. Taking inspiration from nature, the mixed reality Medusa installation began with the questions: is there even such a thing as non-physical architecture? What is the function of architecture without physical form? It headlined the London Design Festival in 2021 at the Victoria & Albert Museum. Yoyo's first book is an exploration into Medusa's themes, ruminating on our changing relationship with architecture within the context of rapidly advancing technology and ongoing mass extinction. With a highly conceptual design embodying the book's concept, it is an art object, employing multiple inks and papers and processes. Medusa includes fascinating conversations between Yoyo and James Bridle, artist and author of Ways of Being; Veronica Strang, cultural anthropologist and recipient of UNESCO's Water Prize; and Seirian Sumner, behavioral ecologist and author of Endless Forms: The Secret World of Wasps. With a poetic contribution from Octavia Bright, poet, academic and author of Ragged Grace: A Memoir of Recovery and Renewal. Featuring shots of the installation and full of beautiful imagery, Medusa is a timely and moving artist's book about climate grief.

Yoyo Munk is a trained biologist and Chief Science Officer of Tin Drum, a collective of artists, engineers, designers, and technologists. They produce content for wearable augmented and mixed reality devices, often collaborating with exceptional artists including Marina Abramović. After a career in academia, Yoyo was the Lead Perception Scientist at Magic Leap, where they focused on questions around accommodation-vergence mismatch in human perception. Yoyo is the Director of the Medusa installation, Tin Drum's exploration into our relationship with nature and architecture informed by their deep engagement with climate change.

