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Objective

The objective of Type II is to teach students, through research and ideation, how to create unique dynamic and expressive typographic solutions. Students will explore typographic voice and meaning for its ability to convey information as if letterforms were only shapes. Additionally, they will experiment with readability legibility and color to convey meaning and set tone.

Assignment

As part of a rerelease of international classic literature we are asked to resign the book cover which will first impression Americans will get of a classic French novel. As a typographic design, the solution should be expressive enough to attract and accurately depict the novel to its audience. Additionally we are put in charge of the release's promotional material including poster design and postcards featuring the chosen novel.

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Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette, was born in January 1873 in Saint-Sauveur-en-Puisaye France. There she had a happy childhood with her atheist father and feminist mother and grew to have a great respect for classic literature. In May 15, 1893 Colette married Henry Gauthier-Villars a writer who used the pen name Willy, and shortly move to Paris. Creatively stumped Colette's husband notices her gift for writing and encourages her to write for him to sign as his own. Her success is instant and he increasingly demands more and more from her eventually looking her in a room to force her to write. Eventually divorces him. Gigi is an unusual book for Colette due to its optimistic an lighthearted nature. It is particularly odd since it was written during one of the darkest times of her life, during the Nazi occupation of France when she was married to her 3rd and Jewish husband.

Gigi has been **groomed** her entire life for this moment. In hopes of her taking over the family business, her Grandmother and Great Aunt have taught her the social etiquette of high **society** guiding her along their plans. Now of age, it is time for her to be initiated into the world high class **courtesans**. **Innocent** to her guardians plans, she is introduced to Gaston, whom her Aunt and Grandmother hope is only the first in a long line of wealthy men. But even though they have taught her meticulously, **planning** out every aspect of her life, Gigi's obstinate reaction and **refusal** to fit in with proper society. **Rebelling** against her **birthright** she refuses to **conform** one way or another. She will not be the play thing to be used and discarded nor shall she be the wife to be forgotten or ignored. Gigi is writing her own story no longer living the **labels** that have been imprinted onto her entire life. She wants love and she has the knowhow to **manipulate** Gaston's **lust** into commitment.

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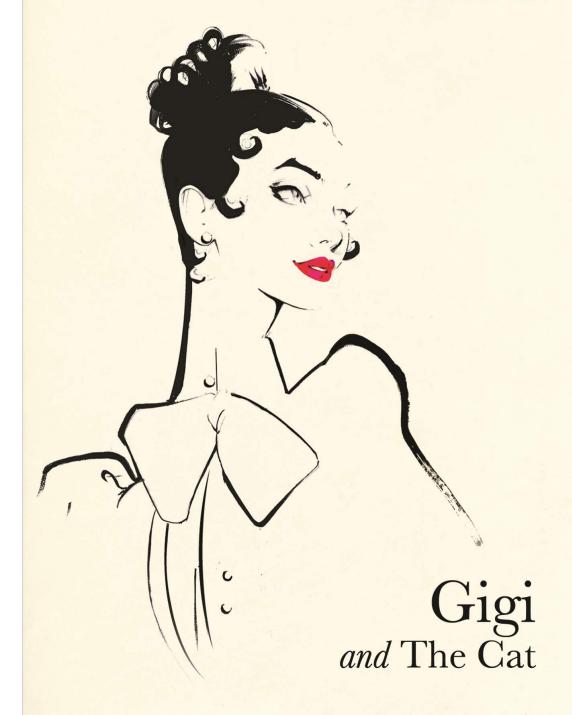


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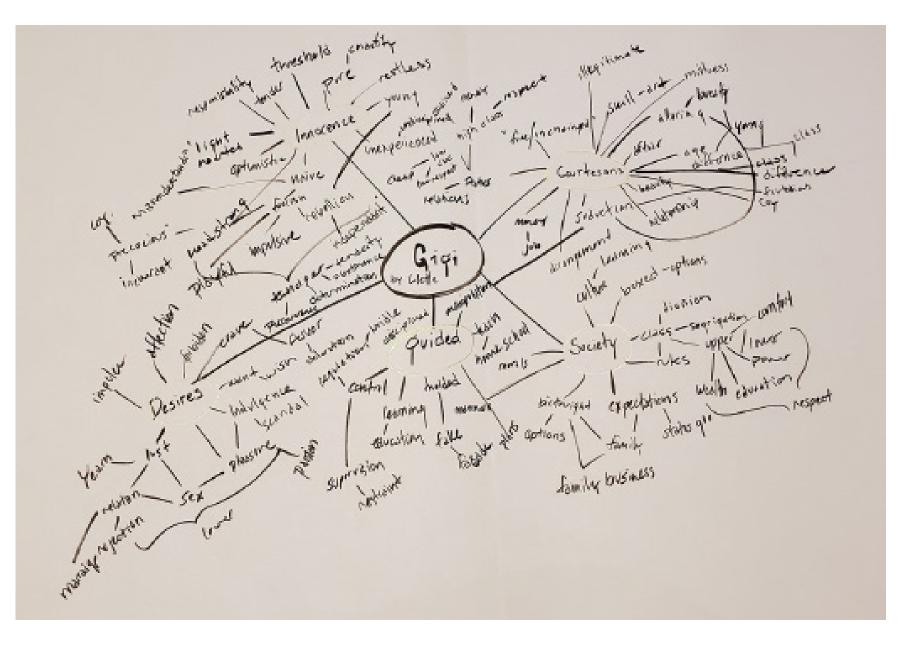
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Obstinate stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so.

Coy making a pretense of shyness or modesty which is intended to be alluring.

Nonconforming refusal to adhere with prevailing norms, standards, or customs

Rebellious opposition towards authority in hopes of breaking free.

Lust intense or unbridled sexual desire or intense longing.

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Gigi by COLETTE

It doesn't take long to discover what the story is about. Throughout the story there are many other things we may think this story is about, such as love or how to be a courtesan. Although if we take a step back and look, Gigi is at the center of it all. She is the spirit which enraptures all of us dancing lithely around what's expected from her so we are totally focused on her alone.

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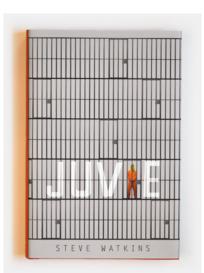
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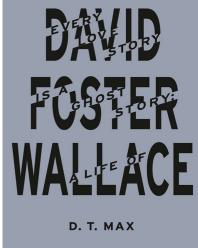
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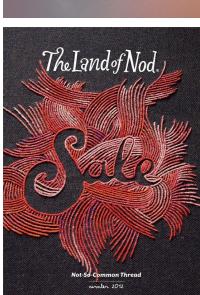
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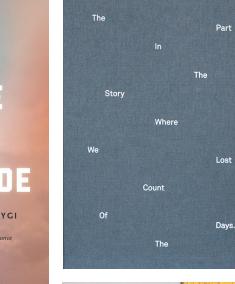


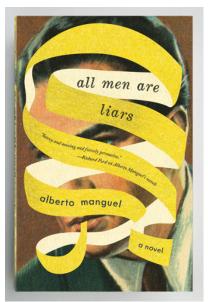
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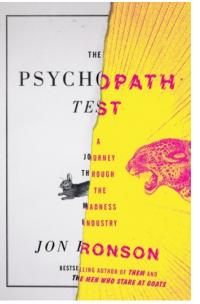


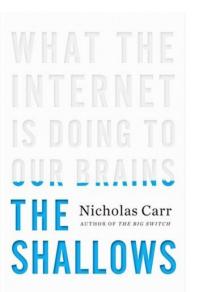












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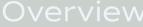
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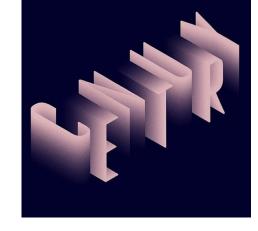






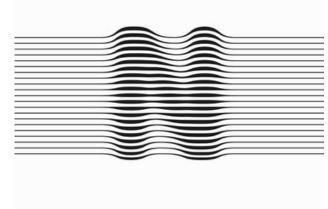












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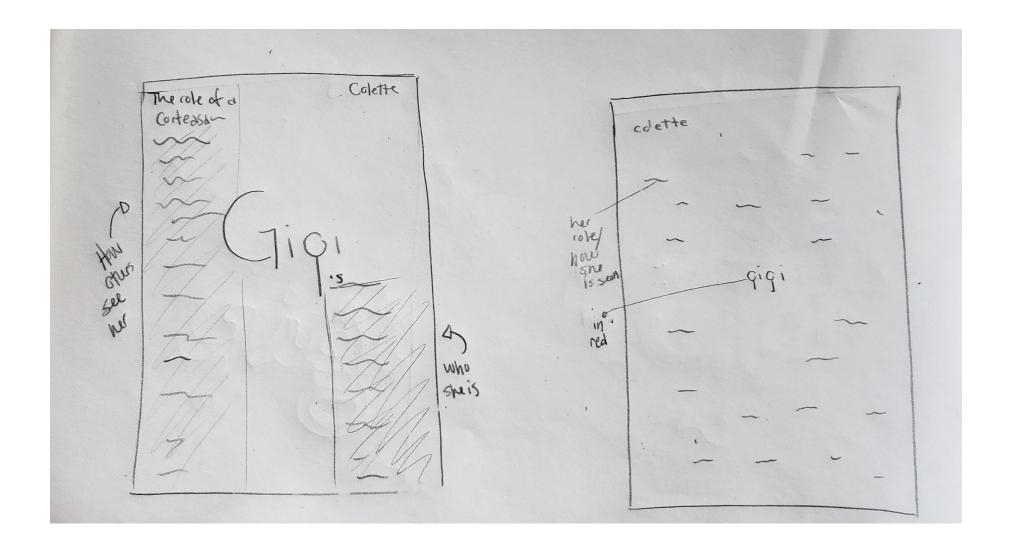
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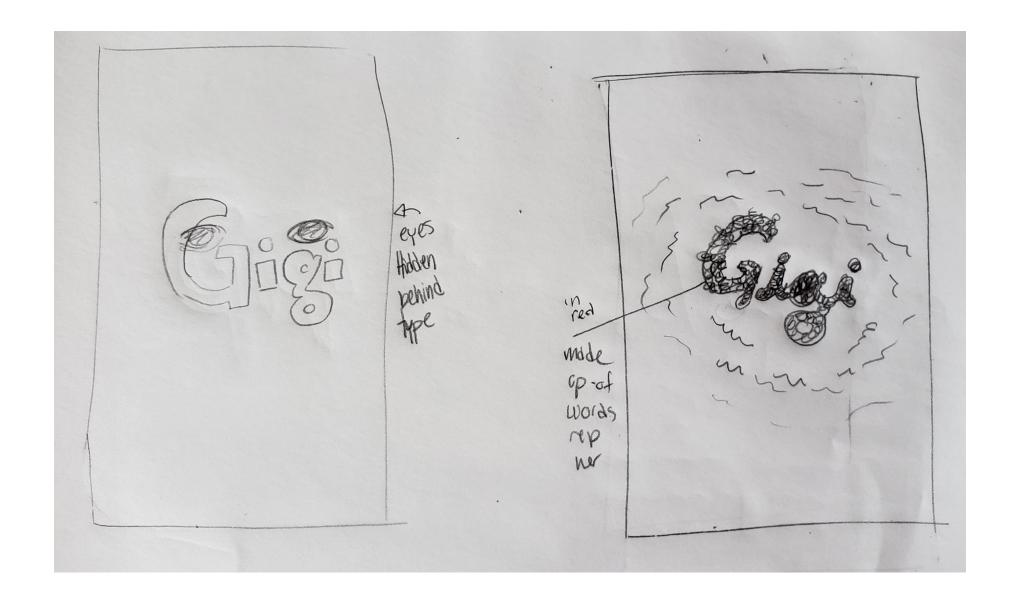
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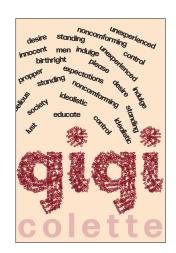
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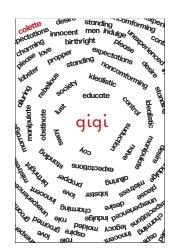


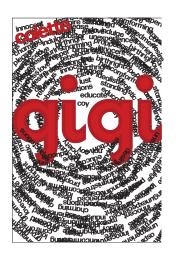
















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Design Concept

The concept behind the Design One revolves around the idea that Gigi has been labeled and constricted by a corset of social and familial expectations. She yearns to break free from the rules confining her and show her true vibrant spirit. Here she is breaking free to find love and independence simultaneously and on her own terms. She is gigi, bold beautiful and refusing to conform any longer.

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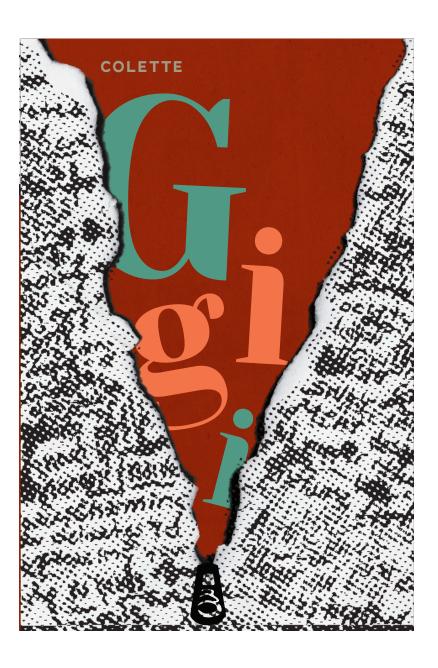
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Cover

Gigi has been labeled and constricted by a corset of social and familial expectations. The cover reflects her spirit to break out and reveal her true self.

The colors indicate her clash and bold personality through an almost romantic shades of red and orange – pink, combined with a split compliment pale teal. The letters are jumbled, cascading out of the corset showing her playfulness and youth, but are partially hidden to suggest she has not yet escaped or that she is play coyly behind her façade.

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Spine

The spine was designed to leap out at the viewer when pressed amongst the various other works within any given bookcase. With bold and simple graphics, it grabs your attention while retaining the feel and playfulness of the cover and keeping within the set color pallet.



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Back Cover

The back cover is designed to to explore the playfulness of the novella as well as reflect Gigi's resistance to conformity. Using a staggered alinement, it breaks the rigidity of the grid and allows the eye to follow along more relaxed. The dots are added as a playful nod to the dot pattern on the paper but also to provide some structure as to the alinement along the grid.

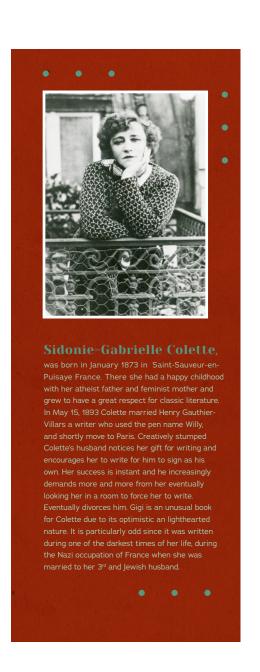
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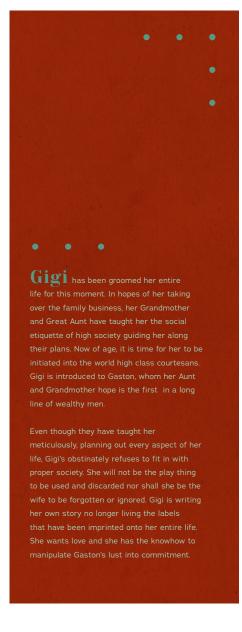
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Front and Back Flaps

The layout of the front and back flaps were designed so that they would not distract from the text. Instead of the whimsically detailed cover layout they were designed with an emphasis on hiarcy leading you into the reading. Detailed simply with a change in scale and type treatment; the name at the beginning of either paragraph stands out and draw the eye into what could be an otherwise intimating block of text. In addition, the dots are again added as a non-distracting nod to the rest of the layout.

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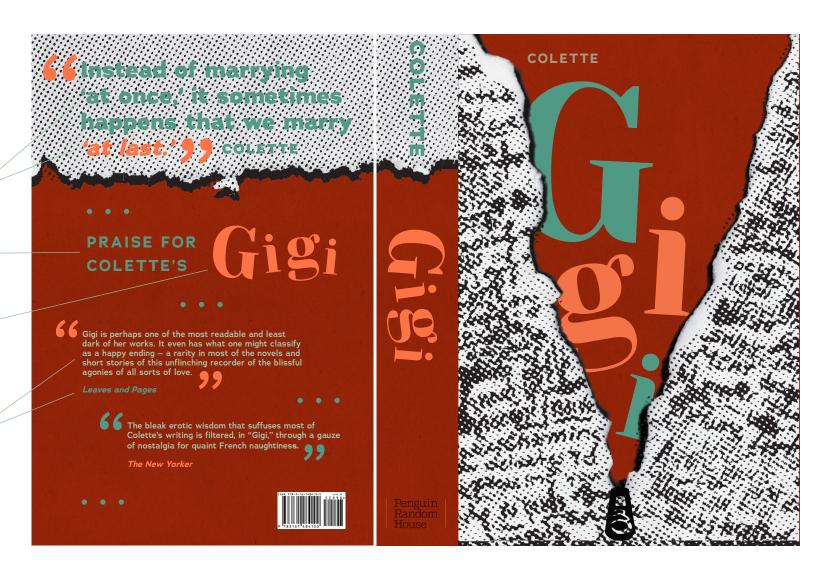
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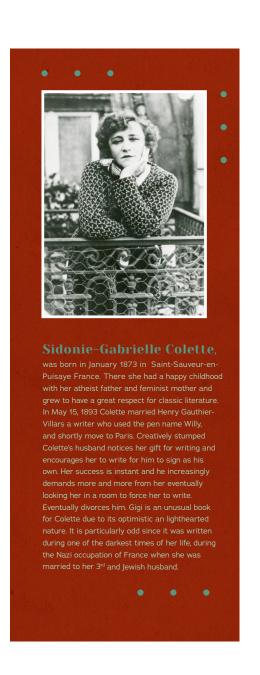
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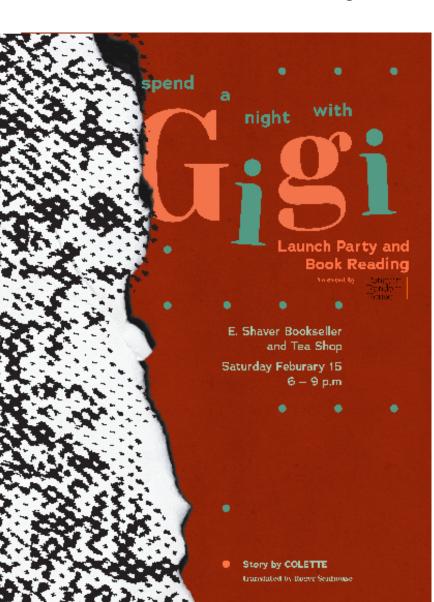
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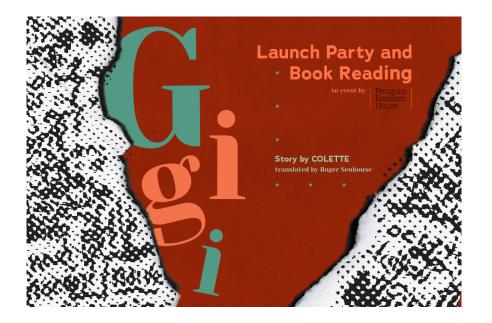
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