

Nate Lippens Top Ten

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***THING* (PRIMARY INFORMATION, 2025)**

The saints at Primary Information recently published all ten issues of *Thing*—a groundbreaking zine that chronicled the queer Black music and art scenes in Chicago and beyond—into one gorgeous volume (the magazine started in 1989 and ran until 1993, when its founder, Robert Ford, died from AIDS). I used to get it, along with the latest issues of *High Performance* (the Los Angeles–based performance art journal, not the car mag) and *Honcho*, at Pic-a-Book in downtown Madison, Wisconsin, where I lived after I’d fled my hometown. Reading this zine made me feel closer to Chicago, which felt like another planet, a seductive one, especially for a teenage queen. I was beguiled by *Thing*’s tagline: “She knows who she is.”