

7 Books We're Looking Forward to in January

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New year, new books. Want to set a Goodreads goal or stave off SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder)? The seven fresh, art-related tomes below can help.

Otherhow: Essays and Documents on Art and Disability 1985–2024

Primary Information

by Joseph Grigely

This collection of writing on art and disability spans forty years, which means it predates both the Americans with Disabilities Act and the movement now known as disability arts. Grigely, a deaf artist, is not only a trailblazer, but also someone who is intensely attentive to language; much of his work centers on communication and miscommunication while exploring what language looks like (rather than what it sounds like). He also holds a PhD from Oxford and is among today's most articulate artists. Oh, and the book is pretty funny, too.