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Life Signs began as a project for my bookbinding class with Julie Chen at Mills College in February 1998. The assignment was to randomly pick a word out of the dictionary and then make a book relating to that word. My word was 'post'. So, I decided to make a book about the traffic signs posted by the side of the road. I was interested in how road signs have an immediate, universal language. I wanted to combine the familiar signs with text about something else familiar: the inevitability of what lies down the road. I made the book concise and easy to understand, like the signs and their warnings. Life Signs was made as a one-of-a-kind book, but was redone in 1999 as an edition.













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