

Script typefaces are based upon the varied and often fluid stroke created by handwriting.

There are several types:

Formal

Casual

Calligraphic

Blackletter



Formal Script

Based upon the letterforms of seventeenth and eighteenth century writing-masters like George Shelley and George Snell.

The letters in their original form are generated by a quill or metal nib of a pen. Both are able to create fine and thick strokes.

Contemporary revivals of formal script faces can be seen in Kuenstler Script and Matthew Carter's Snell Roundhand.



Casual Script

Shows a less formal, more active hand.

Strokes may vary in width but often appear to have been created by wet brush rather than a pen nib.

They appear in the early twentieth century, popularly used in advertising in Europe and North America into the 1970s.



Calligraphic scripts mimic calligraphic lettering. They can look dashed-off or carefully constructed.

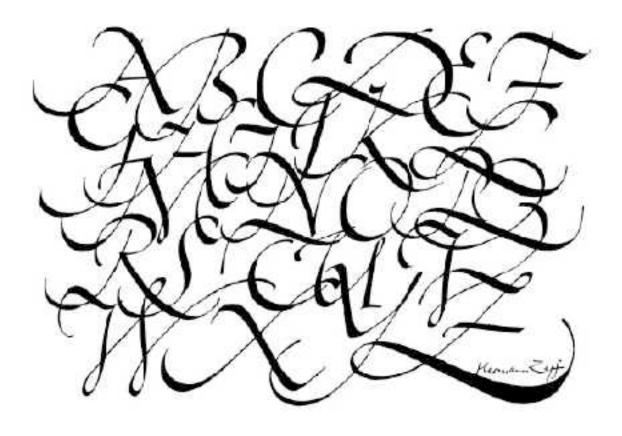
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Blackletter was used in manuscripts throughout Europe, especially in German-speaking countries, from the end of the 12th century to the 20th century. It is distinguished by a uniform treatment of vertical strokes that end on the baseline, and the use of angular lines instead of smooth curves and circles.

It can be considered a subcategory of calligraphy.

Herman Zapf





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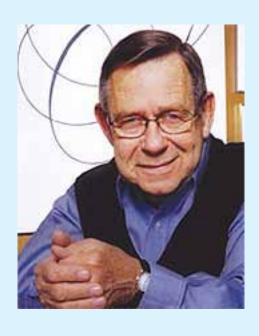
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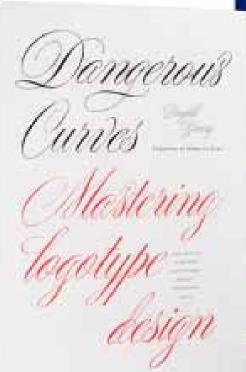


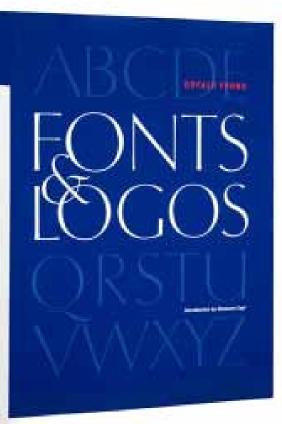
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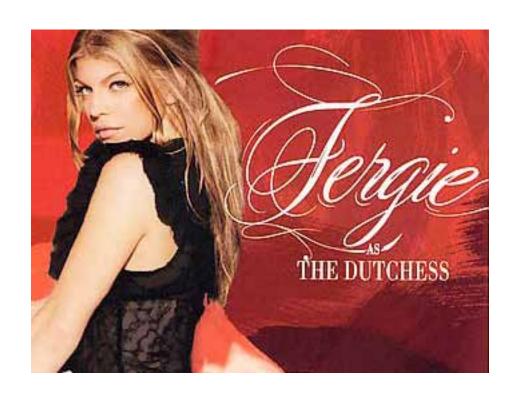




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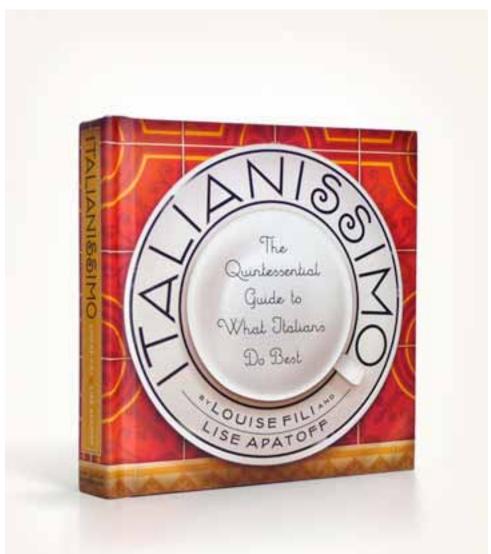
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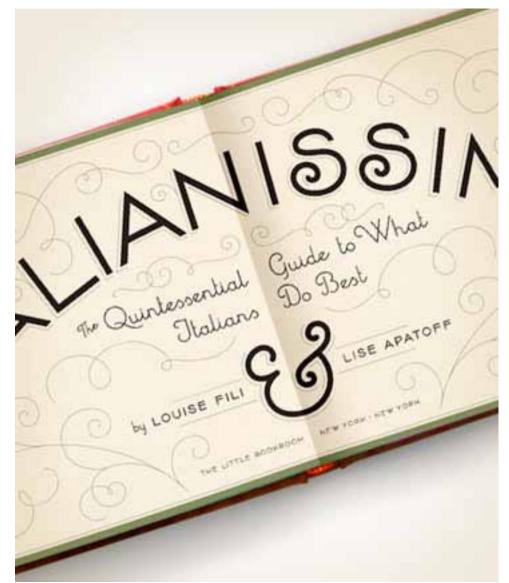


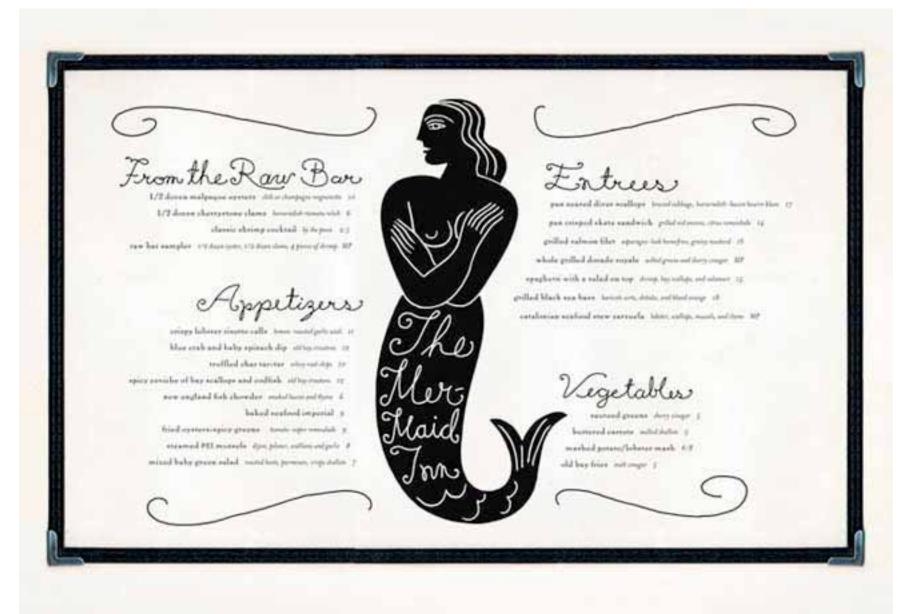
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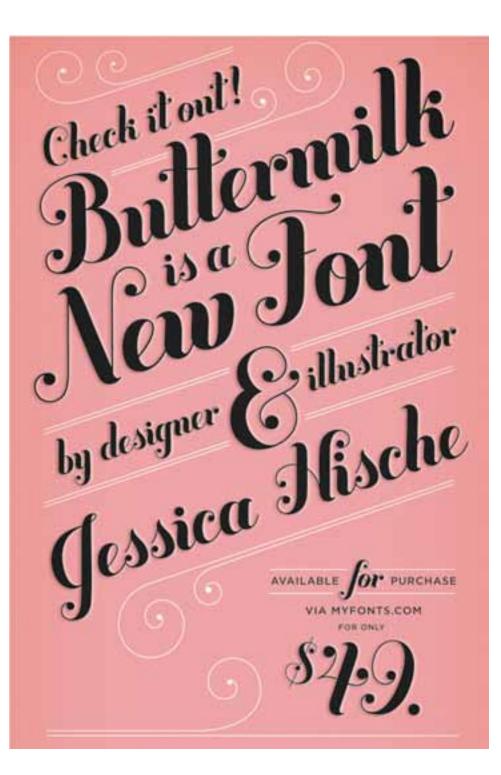












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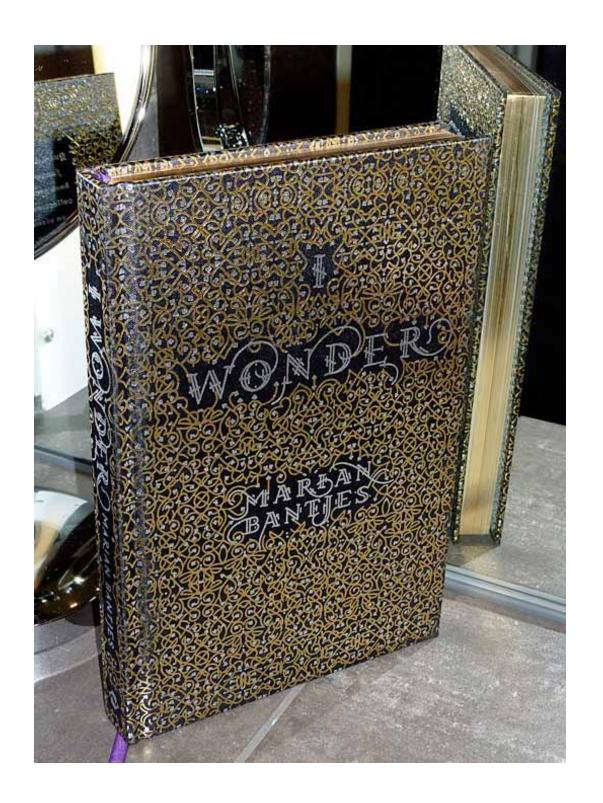
















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