

## **Press Release: *booksapes***

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October 2005

*booksapes* is an innovative series of publications created by Alec Finlay and platform projects, exploring ideas and experiences of extended reading, in the mediums of the book, audio CD, DVD and website.

Alec Finlay coined the term *bookscape* for any kind of extended reading environment where the focus is not on the discrete pages of a book, but rather on an open process of reading between words, images and animations. Our experience of reading has been transformed into so many fields - computer screens, print media, advertising and signs - yet this is the first series of publications to reflect this contemporary experience of reading.

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#### ***Journey to the Lower World***

a tuvac shamanic ritual performed by Marcus Coates

Marcus Coates, edited by Alec Finlay, with contributions from Mark Wallinger, JJ Charlesworth, Nick David and Ben Coode-Adams

ISBN: 0954683161

Release date: October 2005

#### ***Three Rivers Crossword***

a cryptic crossword map of the North East of England

Alec Finlay with Ira Lightman, Beth Rowson and Sandy Balfour.

A crossword map of the North East that follows the course of the Rivers Tyne, Wear and Tees to create a word-map. The words and clues are an archaeological excavation of the geography, history and culture of the landscape.

ISBN: 0-9546831-9-6

Release date: December 2005

#### ***D t A r N a C c E e D m A u N s C i E c***

Alec Finlay and Andrew Hodson

A field recording of the sounds of dancers and dance classes performing and rehearsing on location at Dance City (Newcastle upon Tyne). The sounds were then composed into a remix, Dance Music, by Andrew Hodson.

ISBN: 0-9546831-8-8

Release date: February 2006

#### ***Siren***

Alec Finlay and Chris Watson

A field recording of a sung performance by Clive Powell and Maria Jardardottir, at a Northern harbour. *Siren* takes a line from Tim Buckley's 'Song to the Siren' and extends it into a litany. Chris Watson is one of the world's leading nature recordists and a key experimentalist in sound art: here he includes underwater recordings to create an intense poetic field of sound.

ISBN: 095468317X

Release date: Spring 2006

#### ***Field Guide Crossword***

Alec Finlay and Sandy Balfour

This publication combines a cryptic crossword with a bird field guide. It is illustrated with bird silhouettes and photographs of nest boxes painted with crosswords clues.

Release date: Spring 2006

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## Notes to editors:

*booksapes* is published by platform projects (formally *pocketbooks*) - a creative organisation based in Newcastle upon Tyne that produces innovative and collaborative visual arts and literature projects. With new publications encompassing, public art, sound recordings and digital animation,

Alec Finlay was born in Scotland in 1966 and an artist, poet and publisher. He lives and works in Newcastle upon Tyne. Alec is currently Visiting-Artist at Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Recent books include *turning toward living*, *Shared Writing*, *Ludwig Wittgenstein: There Where You Are Not*, *Mesostic herbarium* and *Wind Blown Clouds*. The *bookscape* was preceded by the *pocketbooks* series (2000-02) and *small press series* (2002–05).

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