"All good typography is based on these principals. As long as letters, words, and sentences are used to transmit information, these same principles will remain valid even in the dawning age of electronic media... and whatever new fora the future might bring." —Willi Kunz

READABILITY

"Typography has one plain duty before it and that is to convey information in writing. No argument or consideration can absolve typography from this duty." —Emil Ruder

Big problems

CALL ME ISHMAEL. SOME YEARS AGO—NEVER MIND HOW LONG PRECISELY—HAVING LITTLE OR NO MONEY IN MY PURSE, AND NOTHING PARTICULAR TO INTEREST ME ON SHORE, I THOUGHT I WOULD SAIL ABOUT A LITTLE AND SEE THE WATERY PART OF THE WORLD. IT IS A WAY I HAVE OF DRIVING OFF THE SPLEEN, AND REGULATING THE CIRCULATION. WHENEVER I FIND MYSELF GROWING GRUM ABOUT THE MOUTH: WHENEVER IT IS A DAMP, DRIZZLY NOVEMBER IN MY SOUL; WHENEVER I FIND MYSELF INVOLUNTARILY PAUSING BEFORE COFFIN WAREHOUSES, AND BRINGING UP THE REAR OF EVERY FUNERAL I MEET; AND ESPECIALLY WHENEVER MY HYPOS GET SUCH AN UPPER HAND OF ME, THAT IT REQUIRES A STRONG MORAL PRINCIPLE TO PREVENT ME FROM DELIBERATELY STEPPING INTO THE STREET, AND METHODICALLY KNOCKING PEOPLE'S HAT'S OFF — THEN, I ACCOUNT IT HIGH TIME TO GET TO SEA AS SOON AS I CAN. THIS IS MY SUBSTITUTE FOR PISTOL AND BALL. WITH A PHILOSOPHICAL FLOURISH CATO THROWS HIMSELF UPON HIS SWORD; I QUIETLY TAKE TO THE SHIP. THERE IS NOTHING SURPRISING IN THIS. IF THEY BUT KNEW IT, ALMOST ALL MEN IN THEIR DEGREE, SOME TIME OR OTHER, CHERISH VERY NEARLY THE SAME FEELINGS TOWARDS THE OCEAN WITH ME.

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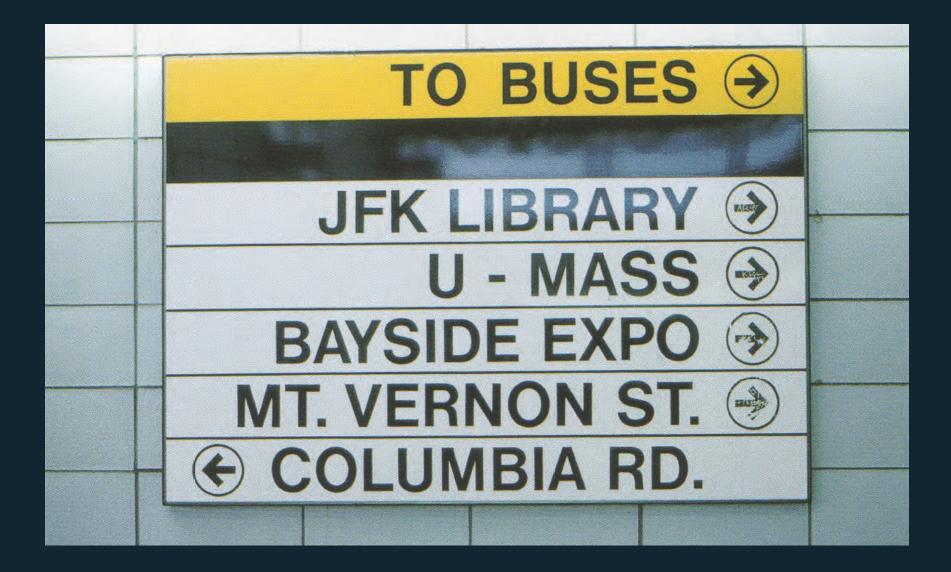
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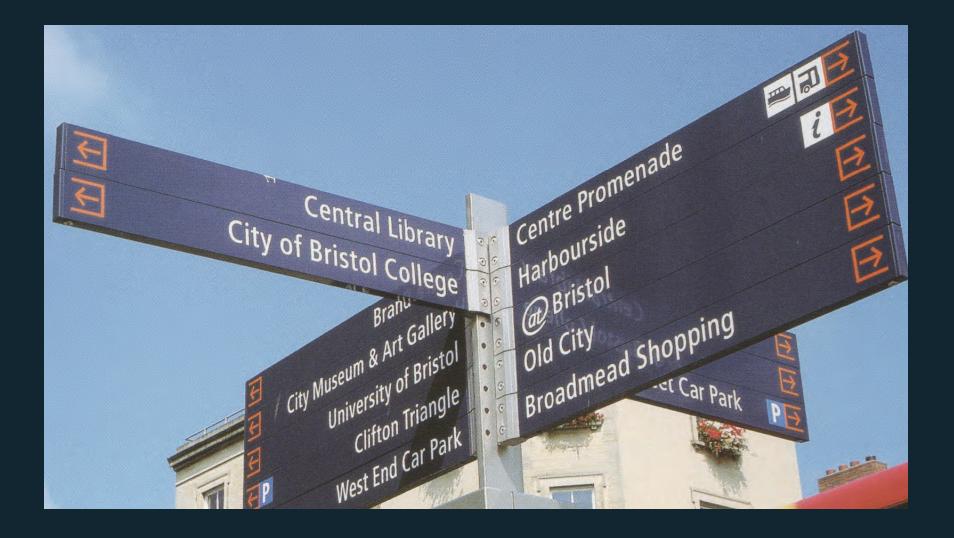
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Leading should be wider than the space between the words.

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Bellvue Washington Phonebook, 1981



Bell Gothic (designed for phonebooks)



Clearview, 2005 (designed for highway signs)

AUDIENCE

Who will read the text and what is their intent?

Reading distance and type size

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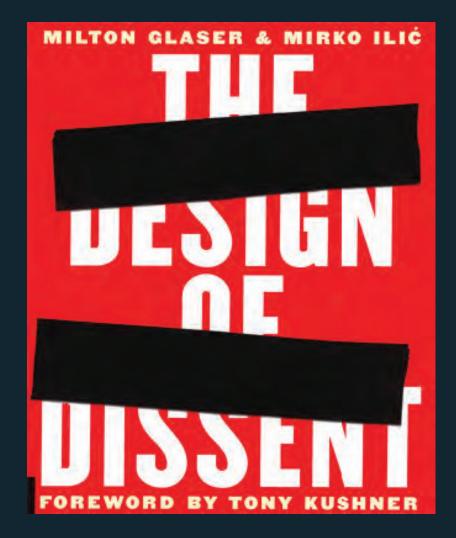
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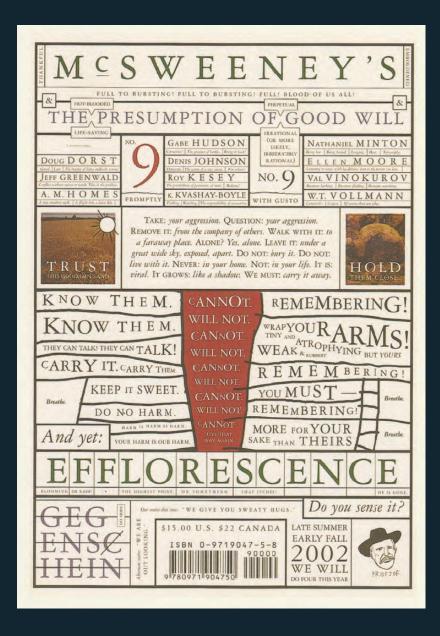
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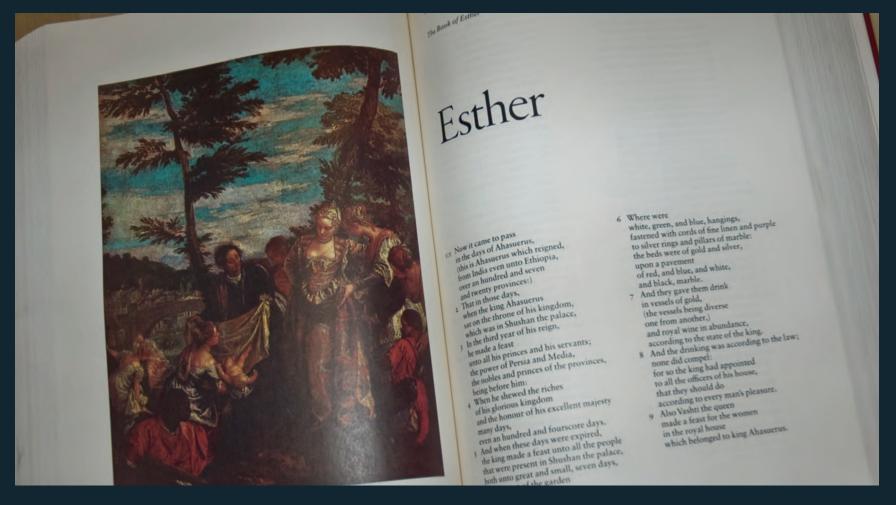
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Sense breaks



Washburn College Bible, Jan Tschichold

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Means of emphasis

Italics to emphasize as they read.
Bold to pop off the page.
Underlining is an old typewriter convention.
Indent to set off a paragraph.
SMALL CAPS ADD SUBTLE EMPHASIS.

Paragraph spacing can also set off text.

SIMPLICITY

"How many strings are on a violin? Fantastic music has been made with a few strings and chords." —Paul Rand

HAVE FUN

"People who love ideas must have a love of words. They will take a vivid interest in the clothes that words wear." —Beatrice Warde

"Each letter should have a flirtation with the one next to it." —Mac Baumwell

"Writing is not a series of strokes, but space, divided into characteristic shapes by strokes." —Gerrit Noordzij