

# THE BLACK BOOK

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**RICH FOG**





The Black Book. It contained access to life. For some it was the key to power, to others to secrecy and for some, it was the route back home.

The Black Book. Smaller than a pocket book, it was discrete. It could fit in a purse. It held the tickets to ride.

The Black Book. Out of respect, it wasn't shared. Out of paranoia, it was singular.

The Black Book. The connections could begin anywhere. These began at home, out, and in museums, a palpable paper record of transactions. It held moral record.

The Black Book. Each page was different and no two the same. The power pulsed for some and wept for others.

The Black Book. Gangsters and madames, priests and pontificators, all had one; it stayed in the pocket, in the bra, behind the altar or locked in the desk.

The Black Book is **black**, a canopy for intimate liaisons.



LEAP OF FAITH - 2015  
Gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





JIMMY HENDRIX - 2015  
Gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





NYC III - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





NYC IV - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





NYC - 2017

Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





NYC II - 2017

Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





WALKING THE DOG - 2017

Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





POLAND - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



WARSAW - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





RUSSIA IV - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



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Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





RUSSIA II - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



RUSSIA III - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





RUSSIA V - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



WHEN DELIVERANCE IS NEAREST - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





FAWNING AND FICKLE - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



BUILDING THE PERFECT BEAST - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





JUSTIFYING MY SEED - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



SOMETHING WHIZZ - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





SIMPLIFIED ZIPP - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



TERSE TOE TAG - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





THE POTENTIAL TO BE FULLY REALIZED - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



HE NEEDED A STICK AND A DOG - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





ONE CRACKED TWO BROKEN - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



SEPTUAGENARIAN - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





TROCHAICALLY STRESSED PMURT - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



FORMANTS AND FRICATIVES - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





SELF CANCELLING CONVINCEMENT - 2019  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



"ME TOO," LEDA SAID - 2020  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





THE ELECTRIC ALLURE OF VENETIAN CHAIRS - 2020  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





AND THE WINNER IS... - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





INTREPID TRICKSTER - 2020  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





EVALUATION DAY - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





GROOVY LAND ROVER - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





SPLIT ENDS - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





OUT OUT DAMN SPOT - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



RIDING THE DOG - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.





WISHFUL KEENING - 2020  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 56x38 cm, 22x15 in.



THOUSANDS OF POEMS - 2015  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, diptych, 76x112 cm, 30x44 in.





COCKLEDODDLEDANDY - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





WHERE THEY DANCED - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
33x51 cm, 13x20 in.



IN THE CLOSET HOLDING - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
76x56 cm, 30x22 in.



SPIED THROUGH THE TRANSOM - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
33x51 cm, 13x20 in.



IN THE CLOSET HOLDING - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
76x56 cm, 30x22 in.







RESURRECTION RABBIT - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
33x51 cm, 13x20 in.



THE GLOVE - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
76x56 cm, 30x22 in.



SPHINX IN HAND - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
33x51 cm, 13x20 in.



A LITTLE UNHINGED - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
76x56 cm, 30x22 in.







AND OUR SACRAMENTAL OBSCURE NATURE - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
33x51 cm, 13x20 in.



MISS JUUL, THE DUKE, HIS WIFE  
AND HER DAUGHTER - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper,  
76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





WHATEVER IS NO MORE - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 38x56 cm, 15x22 in.



TRICKS OF THE SHADE - 2017  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 38x56 cm, 15x22 in.





JOAN OF ARC - 2020  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 38x56 cm, 15x22 in.





STAND UP SCOOTER RIDE - 2023

Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





CAW BARK BRAY POP - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





THE BIRTHDAY PARTY - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 38x56 cm, 15x22 in.

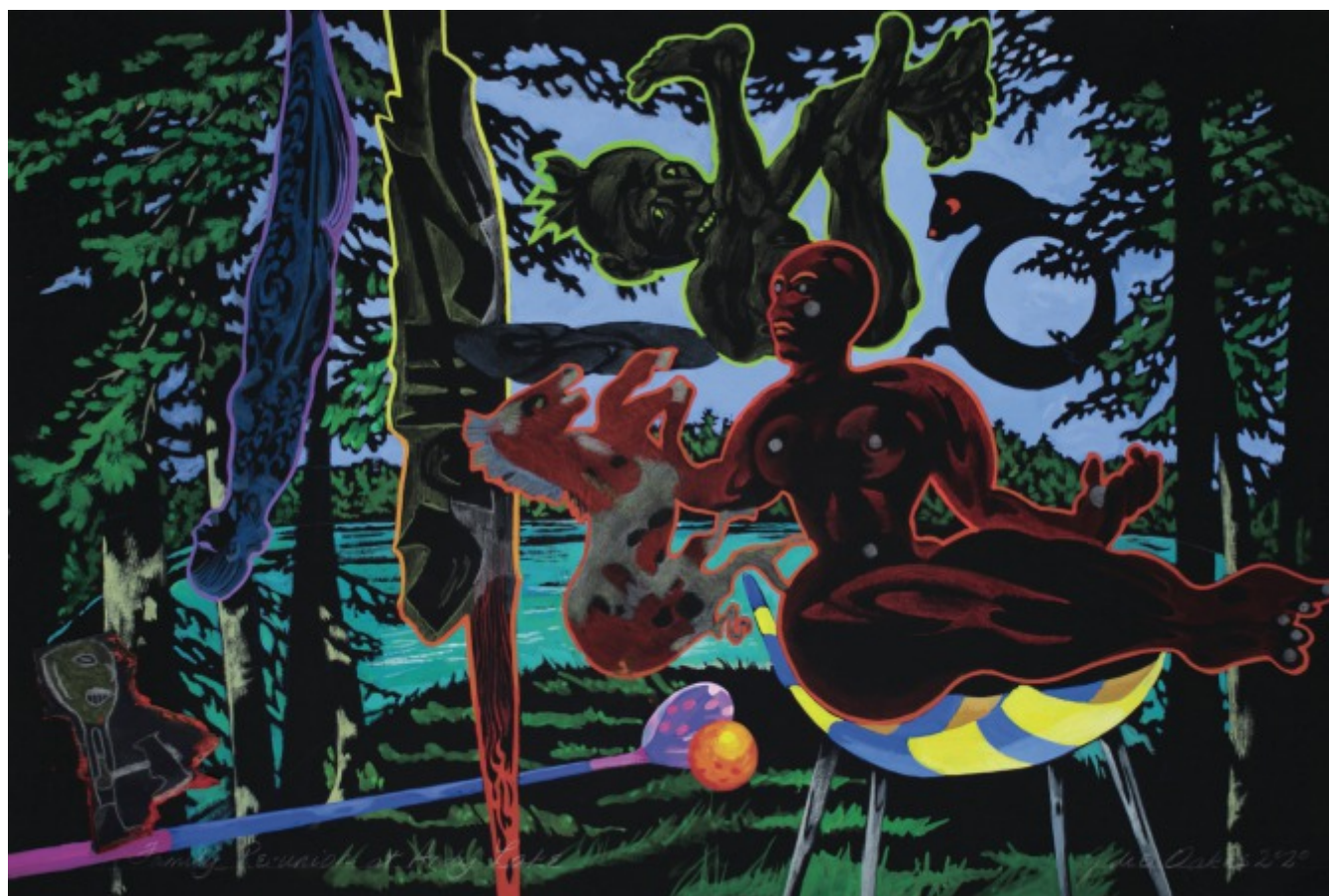


BECAUSE GODS INTERFERE - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 38x56 cm, 15x22 in.



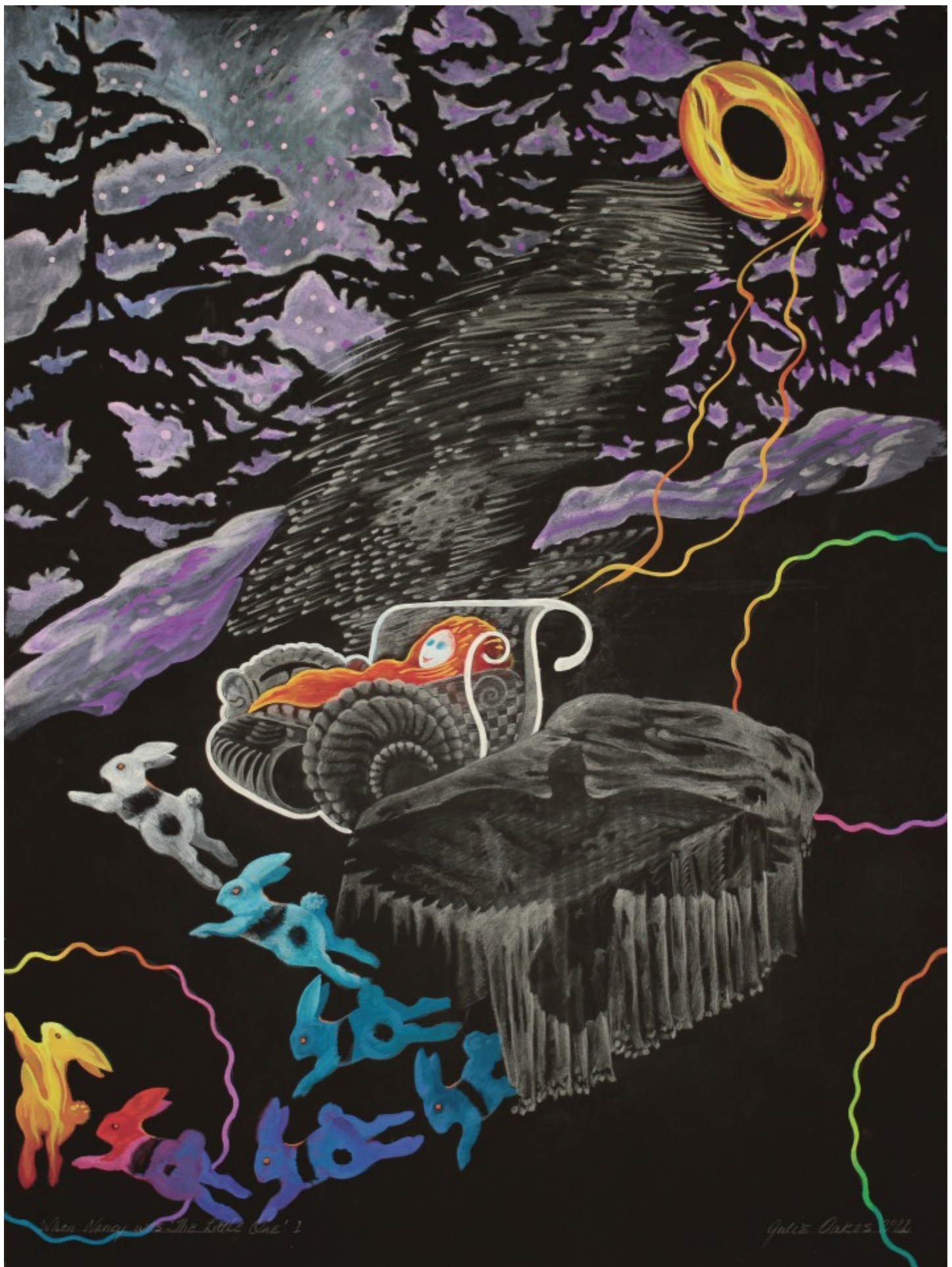


IN THE GARDEN AT NIGHT - 2020  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 38x56 cm, 15x22 in.



FAMILY REUNION AT ANDY LAKE - 2021  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 38x56 cm, 15x22 in.





WHEN NANCY WAS 'THE LITTLE ONE' I - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





WHEN NANCY WAS 'THE LITTLE ONE' - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, triptych, 76x168 cm, 30x66 in.



WHEN NANCY WAS 'THE LITTLE ONE' II - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





WHEN NANCY WAS 'THE LITTLE ONE' III - 2022  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





THE LABOUR OF TRANSCENDENTAL INVESTIGATIONS - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.









THE PURPOSIVE UNITY OF THINGS - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.





THE REALITY OF A SCHEMA - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.



WILL IS THE TOTAL CAUSE OF VOLITION - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.







REFLECTIVE JUDGEMENT - FROM THE PARTICULAR TO THE UNIVERSAL - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.





REASON IS SOMETHING OUT OF TIME, YET WITHIN US - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.



THE INFLUENCER - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.





GETTING HORIZONTAL I - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.



GETTING HORIZONTAL II - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.



GETTING HORIZONTAL III - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x28 cm, 30x11 in.





SO INCREDIBLY HIGH - 2023  
Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.





MEANT TO CAPTIVATE - 2023

Pencil and gouache on black paper, 76x56 cm, 30x22 in.

