

MARIAN GOODMAN GALLERY

As a part of Mehretu's inclusion in the 2019 Venice Biennale, she was asked – as with each participating artist – to suggest a selection of books that have inspired or have been important to them. The publications are then held in The Sterling Pavilion – in the Giardini – where visitors can explore, sit, and read in the quiet, light-filled space. The below list is an amalgamation of Mehretu's original list for Venice, with a few more recent selections.

Robin Coste Lewis

Voyage of the Sable Venus
Originally published 2015.

Christoph Cox

Audio Culture: Readings in Modern Music
Originally published 2004.

Kodwo Eshun

More Brilliant Than the Sun: Adventures in Sonic Fiction
Originally published 1998.

Avery F. Gordon and Janice Radway

Ghostly Matters: Haunting and the Sociological Imagination
Originally Published 2008.

Avery F. Gordon

The Hawthorn Archive: Letters from the Utopian Margins
Originally Published 2017.

Saidiya V. Hartman

Scenes of Subjection: Terror, Slavery, and Self-Making in Nineteenth-Century America (Race and American Culture)
Originally published 1997.

Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments: Intimate Histories of Riotous Black Girls, Troublesome Women, and Queer Radicals
Published in 2020.

Brenda Lozano

Loop
Originally published 2019.

Maaza Mengiste

The Shadow King: A Novel
Originally published 2019.

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Herman Melville

Moby Dick

Originally published 1851.

Fred Moten

In The Break: The Aesthetics Of The Black Radical Tradition

Originally published 2013.

The Trilogy:

Black and Blur (consent not to be a single being)

Originally published 2017.

The Universal Machine (consent not to be a single being)

Originally published 2018.

Stolen Life (consent not to be a single being)

Originally published 2018.

Christian Parenti

Tropic of Chaos: Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence

Originally published in 2012.

Ocean Vuong

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous

Published in 2019.

Jesmyn Ward

Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel

Originally published 2017.

Colson Whitehead

The Underground Railroad: A Novel

Originally published 2016.