

A.M.D.G. - Jim Butler - 2013

42pp, 20.2 x 15.5 cm

Signed and numbered edition of 10 copies; intaglio and screenprinted on Fabriano Rosaspina; case-bound with screenprinted cover. Printed and bound by the artist.

Technically the intaglio elements consist of etched steel plates viscosity printed with white and black or red ink, and hand-cut photo-etched zinc plates. The screenprints are printed from handmade stencils made with a variety of tools including rubber stamps, lettraset, typewriter, pencil, dip pen, pint glasses, photographs and a computer.

This artist's book traces a childhood friendship into adulthood. Each spread covers an academic year, starting in September 1975 and running to August 1995. The opening spread begins with the boys aged 8 at the start of a Jesuit education, with the last spread 20 years later. The book's title, A.M.D.G., is an abbreviation of the Jesuit motto Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (To the Greater Glory of God). These letters were written as the heading for all schoolwork during the time with the Jesuits.

The book is structured so that the reader's tactile experience is central to the narrative. This is achieved by contrasting the imprint of etching and the flatness of screenprinting sequentially to play with the surface qualities of the page.



