

Fishworm by Pia Paulina Guilmoth & Jesse Bull Saffire, published by Void

For the past seven years, Pia Paulina Guilmoth and Jesse Bull Saffire have been scavenging within a sixty-mile orbit of their home: abandoned houses collapsing into the earth, mould-streaked cardboard boxes, the hunting camp at the end of the road, a politician's discarded gay porn collection, yard sale leftovers, a junk-shop beside the waterfall. Family photos, town reports, forgotten newspapers – fragments of lives slipping out of memory. The book collects these rescues, re-assemblies, and accidents: material both tender and grotesque, mundane and uncanny. Among them are photographs taken by Pia and Jesse on 8 MP digital cameras while trespassing and scavenging for material, alongside images from Pia's own family archive. In their hands, the cast-offs of rural central Maine transform into a jumbled chronicle – a history that never asked to be preserved, yet somehow survived, soggy and stubborn. All in all, *Fishworm* is about dykes digging through trash.