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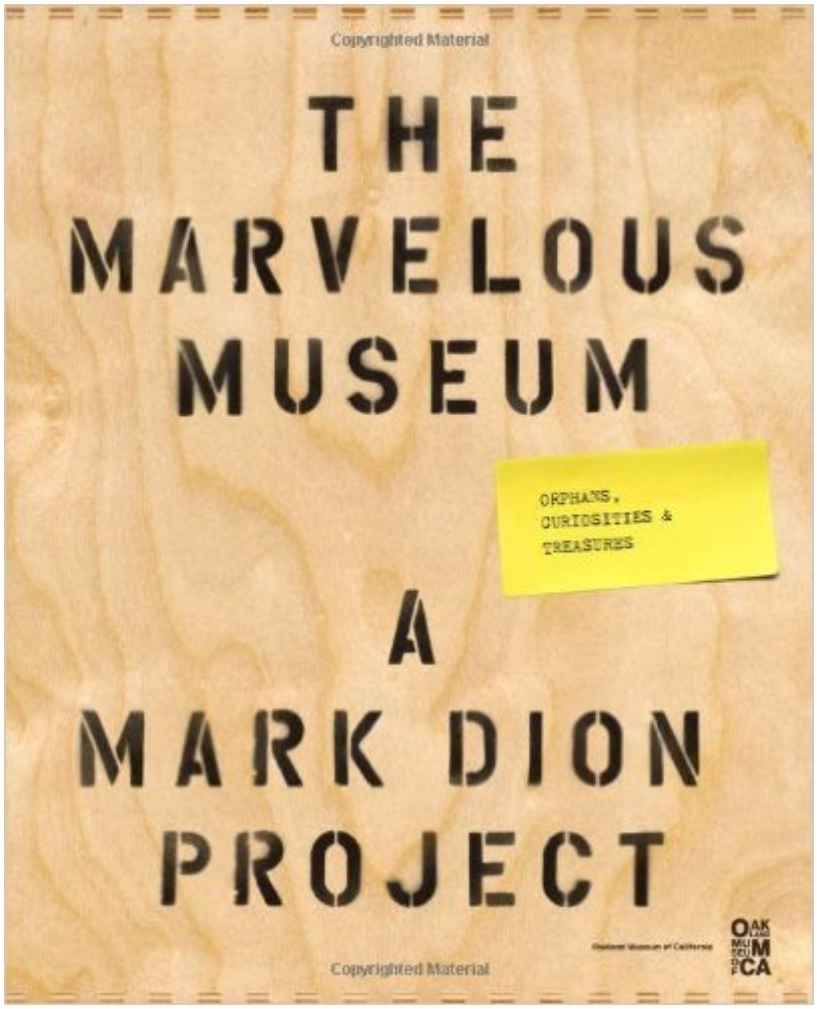

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I love Mark Dion's work and this book is great. It is produced in a very unusual format and presentation with high quality reproductions. A fascinating book into his forays into the world of museums and their collections

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