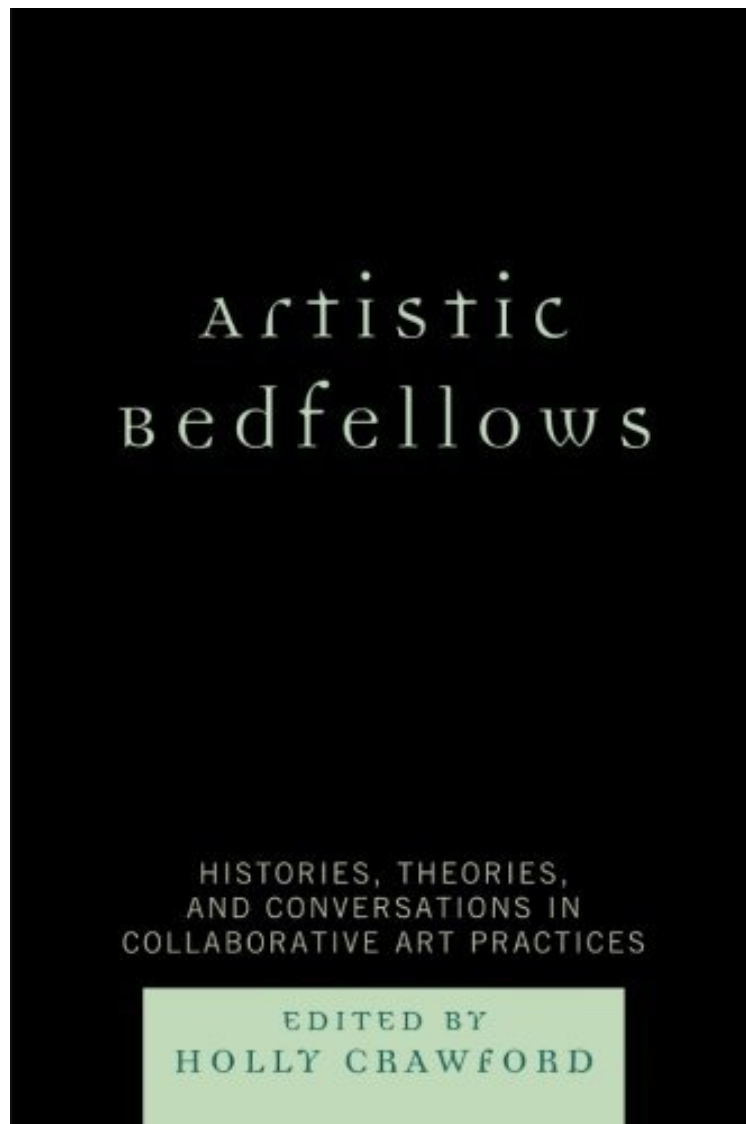


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Holly Crawford brings together a series of interviews, essays, conversations, and remarks on collaboration. International visual artists, critics, writers, and musicians explore a range of histories, discourses and theories relating to communal, collective practices including FLUXUS, Zero, GRAV and SPUR in mid-20th century, women artists in the GDR and the Critical Art Ensemble in the Eighties and the experimental New Social Art School set up in Aberdeen in 2004. The resulting anthology, a considerable collaborative project in its own right, challenges orthodoxies and engages in the vital and current debate within the global artistic community about participative cooperative approaches. (Dr. Gillian Whiteley, Loughborough University, UK and author of *Junk: Art and Politics of Trash*)

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