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"Heller and Talarico have struck gold again with sketches revolving around type, type treatments, and letter forms... Any reader who doodles will feel an itch in their fingers looking at these pages." -- Communication Arts

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