

VICE

Title: OTB
Artist: Josh Smith
Gallery: Galerie Catherine Bastide
Media: Pencil, paper, tape
Price: \$150

4 FINGER LAKES
JUSTIN NORMAN
BLUE SAGEBRUSH
MAJESTIC TRAVELER
SWEET VIN
ROMAN PARTY

FANCY DANCER

And Other Horse Names by Josh Smith

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, NATIVE JOSH Smith works out of a studio in Harlem, just a few blocks from the northeast corner of Central Park, where he sometimes fishes in the spring and summer.

He primarily works in oil paint, because he "cannot figure it out." His paintings are mostly large variations on a theme—his name. "I started using the phrase 'Wild

Thing' for a while, too, because it has the same amount of letters as 'Josh Smith' and there is an 'i' in the same place."

What we really love, though, are the books that Josh makes, handcrafted and incredibly tactile little documents of what must be a scorching case of OCD. This one, entitled *OTB*, is close to a hundred pages of horses' names gathered from the

rosters of the tracks. There are cool monikers like *Eternal Guest*, *My Kinda Gold*, and *Trip Charge*, and to see them page after page in pencil for infinity is the opposite of boring. In fact, it's hard to put down until you've read them all.

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