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## Tom Sachs (Hardback)

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FONDAZIONE PRADA, Italy, 2006. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The first installation, The Island (2006), is a large-scale (1:7; maximum height 4.7 m) reconstruction of the command area on the bridge of an aircraft carrier, called the 'island', combining the control tower and other important ship functions. Sachs took his inspiration from the first and most important American aircraft carrier to run on nuclear power, Enterprise CVN 65. The Island is fully equipped with working radar, monitor, and radio devices, and television cameras; the cabin is furnished with everyday necessities and has two berths, a cabinet stocked with cigarettes and alcoholic beverages, and a toilet, in addition to a series of things needed for the maintenance of the 'island'. For the other installation, Balaenoptera Musculus (2006), a life-sized reconstruction of an 18- metre long blue whale, Tom Sachs took his inspiration from the whale model hanging in the ocean life hall at the American Museum of Natural History, in New York. The whale, which, for its size, Sachs calls 'adolescent', is made in foam core, cardboard, and white polyurethane foam, a material often used for architectural models. More than four months were needed to complete the...



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