

brand book



**a cure for
confusion**

by adbusters





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your stance**

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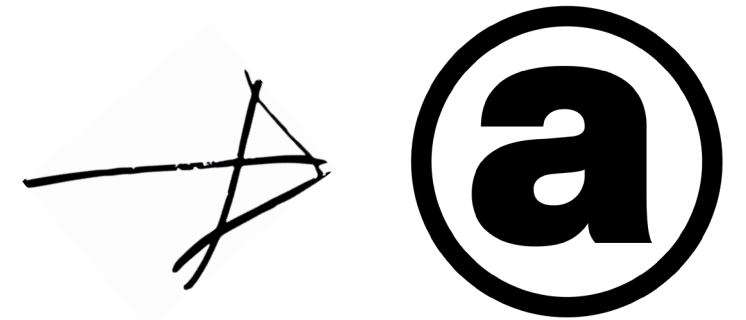
behind the

brand

brand story

the latest
addition to
Adbusters

**Adbusters magazine is
the people's bi-monthly
journal of the mental
environment.**



a cure for confusion stems from Adbusters magazine to offer the chronically-online youth a gateway to understanding life's complexities, constructs and philosophies that they generally view as unapproachable.

We exist to provide understanding of the systems that make up what we know as our advanced society; our **politics, economics, technology, aesthetics and environment**. Hold on a minute, let's address the things we're just expected to know but are never explicitly taught. This brand raises a hand above in the fog of doom-scrolling to say let's have a conversation and pull apart the discourse we are immersed in. Let's make sense of it in a greater context and make sure we're not losing touch with the world and letting the old people who messed it up in the first place keep calling all the shots.

This is **the guide to your stance on life**.



vision & mission

Let me tell you.



vision

to provide perspective on the things that are little explained but you're expected to know.

mission

to create entry points to politics and activism by bringing them to a less intimidating level.



our values

awareness

We exist to give our audience core knowledge that fosters an awareness of the world and societal structures they were previously missing.









Take with caution: don't mix with fake news or believing everything you see on the internet.

400mg



personal growth

We work with the ideology that everyone deserves to grow and develop perspective, so we provide them the chance to do so.



Take when you feel is necessary, never forcefully.

200mg

**opportunity**

Life can seem limited and hard to control so we offer opportunity for learning that will always be there.



Take whenever given but remember there will always be more.

180mg



tone of voice



*To differentiate this voice from that of Adbusters' main brand, we speak in a more casual and matter of fact manner

relaxed

inviting

a little bit funny
(not hilarious)



i am at peace
and in charge of
my own destiny

lol

brand

identity

logo

keep it simple,
use it anywhere.

full logo for general use:

**a cure for
confusion** 

text only:

**a cure for
confusion**

icon:



with reference to Adbusters:

**a cure for
confusion**
by adbusters



by adbusters

applications:



a cure:
the series
brief &
treatment



***Disclaimer:**

As we are part of Adbusters Media Foundation spoof ads and misuse of logos is in our nature, we are never too strict about the placement, use and white space surrounding the logo, just use it however works.

colour guide

*these are our brand colours
but we also welcome the use and
combination of others.

Mellow yellow
Primary brand colour

RGB: 254, 203, 72
CMYK: 5, 20, 79, 0
no. f5cb48

Blood bank red
Secondary brand colour

RGB: 184, 4, 4
CMYK: 18, 100, 100, 10
no. b80404

Plaster peach
Tertiary brand colour

RGB: 231, 183, 154
CMYK: 9, 33, 40, 1
no. e7b79a

Mindless mid-grey
Used for backgrounds
and overlapping text

RGB: 211, 205, 205
CMYK: 20, 18, 17, 1
no. d3cdcd

Plastic pill pink
Used for accenting and
design features

RGB: 214, 96, 91
CMYK: 12, 73, 58, 2
no. d6605b

Money mint
Used for accenting and
design features

RGB: 127, 165, 155
CMYK: 55, 21, 40, 4
no. 7fa59b

Just black
Used for
text and
accenting

typography

OUCH

*handwriting is an Adbusters signature,
we use it to carry a personified voice

we like
big text

display & logo Creato Display

our primary font is creato display because it is so easy to read and often found on medical packaging.

it is always used always without capitalisation as a reference to our logo and to give a laid back impression.



Body & other
Alte Haas Grotesk regular & bold

When we need to explain something with more words we use Alte Haas Grotesk regular.

When we want to make a point we use it in bold!

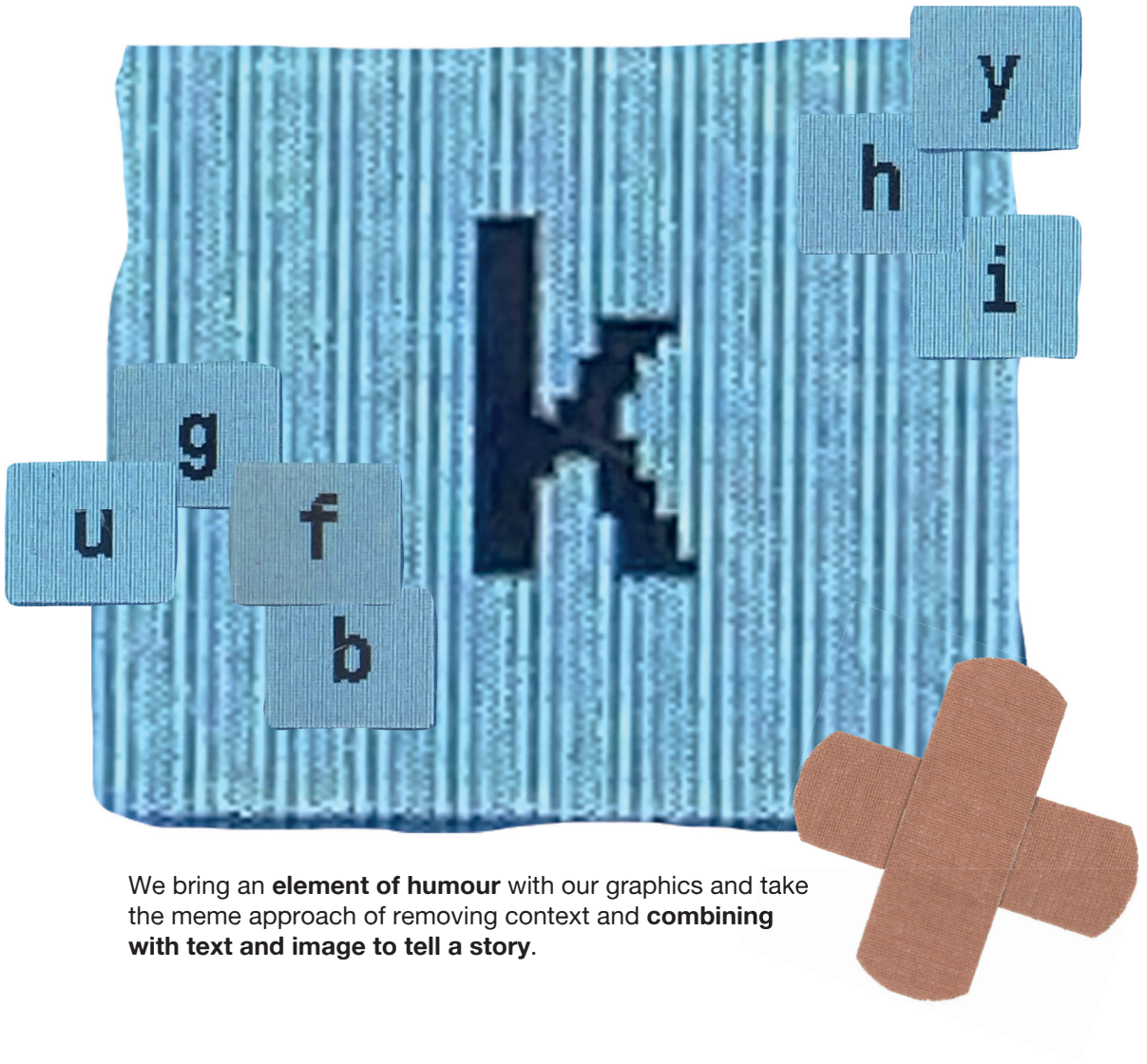


Decorative
Merchant double size & copy

We use Merchant double size for graphic text incorporated in the series itself as a design element.

graphics

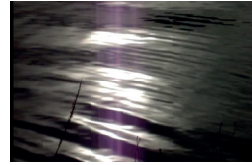
cut + paste
collage



We bring an **element of humour** with our graphics and take the meme approach of removing context and **combining with text and image to tell a story.**



imagery



who says
pixels
aren't
quality?

We **mimic the deterioration of images** through being passed around on the internet, use **vibrant pops of colour**, zoom into **details**, catch **movement** and embrace texture.



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