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with Stefanie Hessler



A new twist on our ongoing series: once a month, a guest will take over one edition of our Bi-Weekly Picks to highlight their personal take.

For our second edition, **Stefanie Hessler**, curator, writer, editor, and director of the Swiss Institute in New York, shares her favorite places in the city to see, eat, visit, and more.

The Woven Histories: Textiles and Modern Abstraction

MoMA

The *Woven Histories: Textiles and Modern Abstraction* exhibition at MoMA is stunning, deeply

READ



Free: Coming of Age at the End of History

Lea Ypi

The Lea Ypi's book *Free: Coming of Age at the End of History* (2021) is an astute reflection on profound political and historical shifts that have directly affected the author's life and conception of self after the end of communism in Albania in 1990 and with the advent of a seemingly free capitalist country. Ypi speaks to the limits of language and that which can and cannot be said, coded words, and a reckoning with the realization that things are not as they seem, with powerful prose and relevance also 25 years onward.

EAT



Sobaya

229 E 9th St, New York

One of my go-to restaurants is Sobaya in the East Village around the corner from Swiss Institute. This little soba shop is a classic, and I love going there for simple and delicious lunch.

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Michael C. Rockefeller Wing at the Met

The newly opened Michael C. Rockefeller Wing at the Met is gorgeous. Kulapat Yantrasast of WHY Architecture has created beautiful sightlines and lighting that highlight the extraordinary artworks.