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## Curiosity

Wonder.

Marvel.

Curiosity.

Miracula.

Magnificence.

Artificialia.

Naturalia.

Rare.

Exotic.

Deformed.

Medici. Worm.

Cospi.

Ruysch. Imperato.

Peter the Great.

Seba.

Aldrovandi.

Francesco I. Rudolf II.

Tradescant(s).

Sloane.

Hainhofer.

Kircher. Settala

Amerbach.

Calzolari. Giganti. Unicorn horn.

Griffin's claw.

Griffin's egg.

Bezoars.

Monsters.

Mermaids.

Lodestone.

Automata.

Coral.

Shells.

Skulls.

Turned ivory.

Bird of paradise.

Crocodile.

Wax anatomical.

Barnacle goose.

Thunderbolts.

Eagle Stones.

Oriental shield.

Basilisk.

Roman coin.

Cameo.

Gem-encrusted cup.

Astrolabe.

Two-headed calf.

Shoes.

Turkish bow.

Grotto.

These words are comfort, interest, joy.

Similar things:

Decadent foods. Saturated Colors.

Sound of the Sea. Spring Winds.

I want to lay down in them, like a field of soft grass in

spring, listening only to the wind and the frogs.

I want to soak it in.

A piece of the past that stirs such intense interest.

Why?

I ask: How can I live inside these things?

Live inside a Cabinet of Wonder.

Collections. Collectors. Words.

To be in this room.

To be this collector.

To feel these things all around me.

To feel the past.

Ways of seeing the world that no longer exist.

To feel the room. The cabinet.

I collect the words.

This is my cabinet.

And I lay in the grass.

And take it all in.