Creative agency FL@33 has launched a glossy book gathering a mind-boggling selection of self-initiated real-world art projects by leading illustrators, designers and creative types. Featuring over 600 images and input from both leading lights in illustration and design, and enterprising startup studios, Made & Sold aims to inspire cash-strapped creatives to follow the entrepreneurial example of the case studies in the book. With sample projects ranging from vinyl toys to books and magazines, T-shirts to posters, the book showcases projects from individuals, studios and collectives.

Airside, Emily Forgot, HudsonBec, James Joyce, Jeff Knowles, Jon Burgerman, and Peepshow all feature. Published by Laurence King and released in October 2009 for £19.95, Made & Sold shows that the credit crunch hasn’t necessarily led UK creatives into a creativity crunch, and celebrates the eclectic output and can-do attitude of the creative industry now.

www.madeandsold.com

Illustrators find new ways to earn

A new book hails creatives who sell their own toys, T-shirts, posters and more – and encourages you to branch out.

Will Snow Leopard kill your creative software?

Apple has released Mac OS X 10.6, also known as Snow Leopard. While it provides whizzy features, better performance and some new apps, not all creative tools are compatible with it – especially older versions.

Adobe says that the majority of the applications in its Creative Suite 4 support OS X 10.6 as long as the latest updates are installed. A list of known issues is at tinyurl.com/leopardspots.

Creative Suite 3 apps are largely compatible with Snow Leopard, says Adobe, though problems with Photoshop CS3 and Bridge CS3 can be found at tinyurl.com/leopardspotscs3. Adobe says it hasn’t tested older versions, but we found no major issues with even CS1 tools in our informal testing.

Quark says that the newly updated version of QuarkXPress, version 8.1 (reviewed on page 59) supports Snow Leopard. No details of compatibility with previous versions was provided. Autodesk describes its support for Snow Leopard as “a work in progress”.

Other companies announcing support for Mac OS X 10.6 include Alien Skin, Boris FX, and Softpress. www.apple.com/uk