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60 Textos is a companion volume to Riggs’ books 28 Telegrams, 43 Post-Its and 38 Instant Messages. 60 Textos continues the poet’s investigation into the ways affect and technology co-exist. “Texto” is French for “text message,” and these stark, uncanny, often funny poems fleetingly and memorably transform the cell-phone screen into a book.

Sarah Riggs is a poet, translator, and visual artist. She is the author of Waterwork (Chax Press 2007) and Chain of Miniscule Decisions in the Form of a Feeling 60 Textos (Reality Street Editions 2007). 60 Textos (Ugly Duckling Presse 2010) along with 28 télégrammes and 43 Post-Its were first published in France (éditions de l’Attente, translated by Françoise Valéry, 2006-9). She has also published a book of essays, Word Sightings: Poetry and Visual Media in Stevens, Bishop, and O’Hara (Routledge 2002). The installation of her drawings, Isibilités, in collaboration with sound, video and cuisine, took place at the galerie éof in autumn 2007. A member of the bilingual poetry association Double Change and director of Tamaas, an international multicultural foundation, Riggs also teaches: currently at NYU in Paris, and previously at Columbia University in Paris with Omar Berrada, with whom she co-translated Marie Borel’s Wolftrot (La Presse 2006). She worked with the French poet Isabelle Garron on the translation of Garron’s poems, Face Before Against (Litmus, 2008). She also translated Ryoko Sekiguchi’s Two Markets, Once Again (Post Apollo, 2008). About Waterwork, Ann Lauterbach said: “In five stunning sequences, Sarah Riggs has created a poetics of elastic migrations that imagines the world as clusters, skeins, and motions whose innate peril is miraculously saved in the act of naming.”

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