

Original Book: Taryn Simon, *Contraband*

Bootleg Book: *Sample Box*

Fake book lock box, key, inkjet prints various sizes on enhanced matte paper, 5 Jiao cash

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*Sample Box* is a fake book lock box made in response to *Contraband* by Taryn Simon. The lock box contains: a key, an accordion folded book of advertisement cards, *The Scroll Marked VIII* by Og Mandino and our notes that document the process of making this book. Unlike Simon's discussion of the contraband items that she photographs in her book, our advertisement cards provide context for these objects by imagining the kitsch markets and pirated DVD stores where they come from and the people who make a living selling them.