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Tom Lubbock, critic and illustrator, was the chief art critic of the *Independent* from 1997 until his death in 2011. He wrote widely on art, books and radio and produced major catalogue essays on Goya, Thomas Bewick and Ian Hamilton Finlay. His illustrations, mainly done in collage, appeared every Saturday on the editorial page of the *Independent* between 1999 and 2004.

His first book, *Great Works*, was published by Frances Lincoln to widespread acclaim in 2011.

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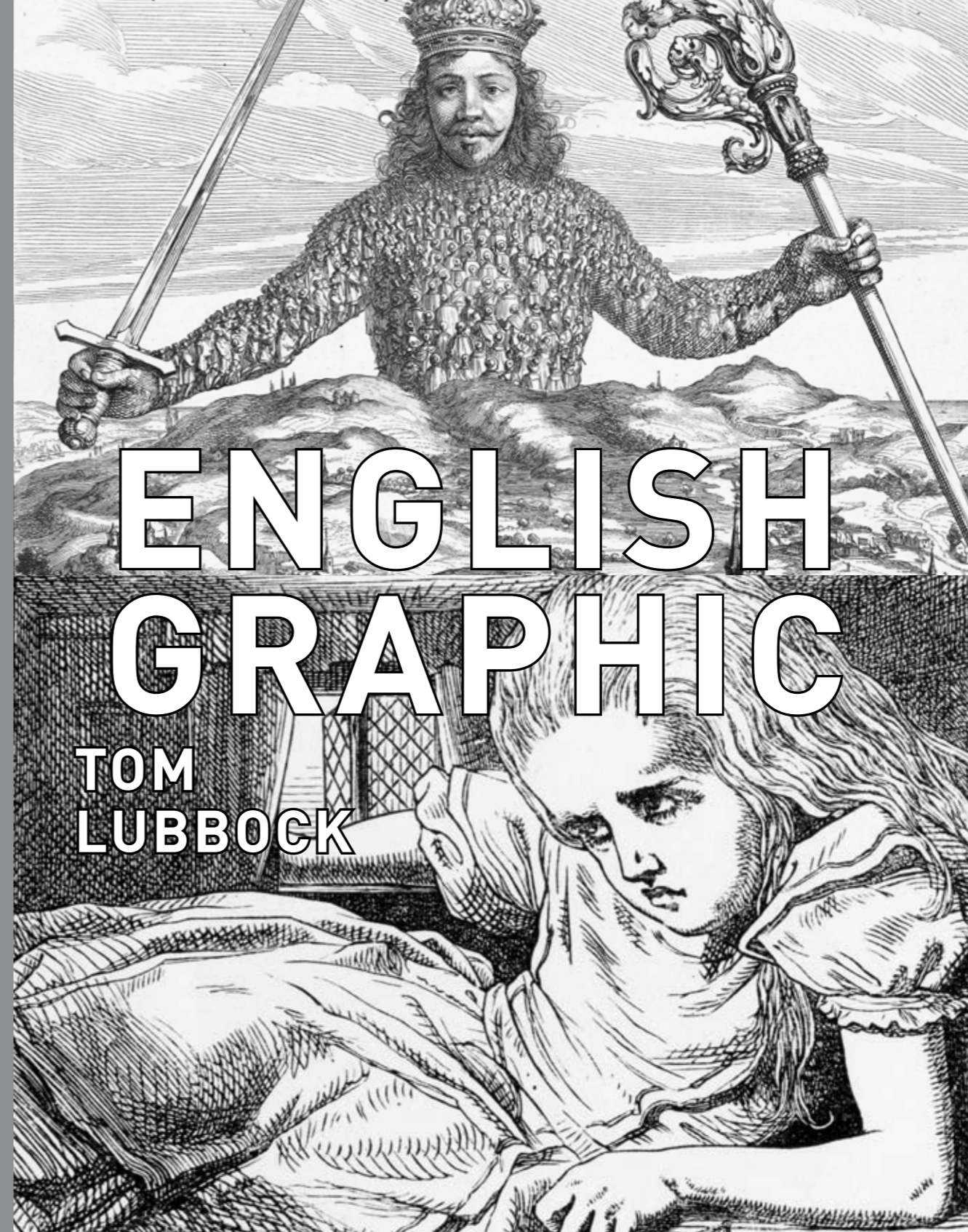
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