# Mrs Eaves by <br> Zuzana Licko 

Good Housekeeping


## Mrs. Eaves

was created by designer Zuzana Licko in 1996.

A revival of the classic Baskerville typeface, Mrs. Eaves reflects Licko's interest in "loosening" up Baskerville by reducing contrast while keeping the typeface open and light. Mrs Eaves is named after Sarah Eaves, the woman who became John Baskerville's wife. As Baskerville was setting up his printing and type business, Mrs. Eaves moved in with him as a live-in housekeeper, eventually
becoming his wife after the death of her first husband, Mr. Eaves. Hints of the Helvetica Neue typeface can be found throughout the series as well. Mrs Eaves is a revival of the types of English printer and punchcutter John Baskerville, and is related to Baskerville typefaces.

Like Baskerville, Mrs Eaves has a near vertical stress (the direction in which a curved stroke changes weight), departing from the old style model. Identifying characters, similar to Baskerville's types, are the lowercase $g$ with its open lower counter and swashlike ear.


Both the roman and italic uppercase $Q$ have a flowing swashlike tail.

The uppercase C has serifs at top and at the bottom.

There is no serif at the apex of the central junction in uppercase W.

## W

The uppercase G has a sharp spur suggesting a vestigial serif.


## The italic e has a very small counter of compared to that of an italic a.



The uppercase J falls well below
the baseline.


The uppercase A has a very high crossbar.


The uppercase E has an extended lower arm.


The uppercase T has very wide arms.

The Fun Stuff
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## ae fb ct fy ee ff gi fh it ff ly fl gg gy oe sp ggy fr st ft ip py tw tt ty tty

Ligatures have several functions in the setting of type. Some ligatures are necessary to avoid the collision of particular letter combinations.

For example, the spacing problem between the " $f$ " and "i" characters can be resolved by replacing the pair with a separately designed "fi" ligature.

## fish fish fish

The joining of letters, of course, comes from our alphabet's roots in handwritten forms. When the alphabet was subsequently adapted to print in the form of movable type, it continued to include many ligatures. Eventually for the sake of expediency, all but the most necessary ligatures were dropped from the standard character set. Even today, the standard character set accommodates only the most common ligatures;

## fifl Æ E ae oe

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AA MB GMD ME UP XA TW U TY FF G E FI UB MPEAUTT UR E Æ Æ R ffb ffifh ff cky ffy ffr fft ff

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## Yours by THIS hand: and to

 see HOW HE PRIZES THE F@LISH WOMAN YOUR WIFE

## She gave it him, and he hath giVEN it HIS

 something else.
 thee here no jot of blood;
 "a pound of flesh."

AMEN ICY CINEMA Borrow or rob? CAMP MAC DR. AWKWARD Ew! Eat a ewe? FLEE TO ME, REMOTE ELF Goddamn mad dog! harass sarah I prefer pi

More Words!



> The exodus of
> jazzy pigeons
> is craved by squeamish walkers.

## A MAD BOXER

 SHOT A QUICK,GLOVED JAB TO THE
JAW OF HIS DIZZY

OPPONENT.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { Uphill jogging will } \\
\text { tax pounding heart } \\
\text { muscle very quickly; } \\
\text { better to be lazy! } \\
\text { Ebenezer } \\
\text { unexpectedly }
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bagged two tranquil aardvarks with his
jiffy vacuum cleaner.

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