Book city

A solution to the returns crisis? No. Since 1994, Toronto artist Tom Bendtsen has been using between 7,000 and 11,000 books to make his giant structures. The series is called Argument, and Bendtsen has so far built and dismantled six towers using the same collection of books. Most of the volumes were given to him by libraries across the country, including Robarts Library at the University of Toronto, Canadian Bible Society, and the National Library in Ottawa. Argument #6 was on display in August as part of the exhibition Babel. at the Koffler Centre for the Arts in Toronto. Pictured below, from left, are Argument #5, Argument #4, and Argument #3.





