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Martin Bull : Banksy Locations Tours: A Collection of Graffiti Locations and Photographs in London, England (PM Press) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Banksy Locations Tours: A Collection of Graffiti Locations and Photographs in London, England (PM Press):

7 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Not a book from BanksyBy missedBut rather a tour guide on where to find some of his pieces (and FAILE's) around London. One of the great things about Banksy's books and art is that they are based on manifestos, which obviously are lacking here. But you do get some rather nice pictures of pieces all over London, which is the one benefit to the book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy RM SandovalNice collector's item.5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Surprises around every cornerBy JackThis is a great book with pictures of stunning graffiti/art done by Banksy in various places around London. He makes statements through pieces that integrate the surroundings and would make you look twice to make sure you could believe your eyes. Some are humorous, some are thought provoking, some are shocking, none are boring. Also includes directions to see them yourself.

When it comes to art, London is best known for its galleries, not its graffiti. However, not if photographer Martin Bull has anything to say about it. While newspapers and magazines the world over send their critics to review the latest Damien Hirst show at the Tate Modern, Bull, in turn, is out taking photos of the latest street installations by guerilla art icon Banksy. In three guided tours, Martin Bull documents sixty-five London sites where one can see some of the most important works by the legendary political artist. Boasting over 100 color photos, Banksy: Locations and Tours also includes graffiti by many of Banksy's peers, including Eine, Faile, El Chivo, Arofish, Cept, Space Invader, Blek Le Rat, D*face, and Shepherd Fairey. This edition has updated locations and 25 additional photos.

From the Inside Flap

INTRODUCTION

Do you fancy wandering the streets of London, looking for graffiti, especially that from Bristol's finest son, Banksy? Or do you prefer sitting at home in your comfy chair (slippers and pipe optional, but highly recommended in these days of weapons of mass destruction), looking at photos of his work and reading a bit about them? This unique book lets you do either. Follow my street tours (take an A to Z map as well though!) or make your own DIY tour. Collect all the locations like a geek (each location is numbered) or just wander around, stopping at the various quirky local attractions and explore parts of London you may never have visited before. Or just flick through the book while you're on the crapper. It's up to you. The book takes you through three tours of the artist's graffiti in London, telling you where each piece is located (including postal codes and approximate map/GPS references), what they look like, providing a bit of history, some documentary photographs, accounting for the current status of the graffiti (as of December 2007), as well as local landmarks such as bar, markets and tattoo joints. Don't expect pseudo-intellectual ramblings on what this graffiti all means, how the Banksy phenomenon has taken off, who he is, who he isn't, why my grandmother looks a bit like Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, or what the difference is between graffiti and street art. I'm not that interested in intellectualising all this. I'll let you decide what it all means.

About the Author

Martin Bull is a London-based photographer, fan, curator and promoter of street art.