

# LONDON Graffiti and Street Art

Unique artwork from London's streets

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'Old school' graffiti has certainly evolved over the decades. Some of the original aspects – hip hop, style, fashion, culture – have eroded, but at the heart is still a way of life. The days of painting whole trains and watching them roll around the city are lost, in New York and London at least. Those unique canvases, however illegal, inspire generations of writers and artists to develop a creative style, and engage in an expressive and creative art form' - Joe Epstein, LDNGraffiti

London has always been a cultural melting pot and, over the decades, the city has become a rich landscape for all forms of graffiti and street art. From famous artists such as Banksy to a constant stream of brilliant new talent, London is a graffiti artist's paradise. This book is a vibrant insight into the creative output lost and found in and around the capital.

Containing glossy photos of some of the most groundbreaking, innovative graffiti in the city today, this is a collection of Joe Epstein's best images with work from prominent artists including Banksy, Stik, King Robbo and Phlegm, as well as up-and-coming and unknown artists. It covers traditional graffiti (from tags to burners), halls of fame, derelict buildings, illegal interventions, commissioned artworks and more.

As well as detailed photography of the urban masterpieces, there are quotes from leading artists, including Anthony Lister, MadC and Dan Kitchener, and a foreword by Pure Evil.

An authoritative voice in the field, Joe Epstein – photographer, designer and author of LDNGraffiti.co.uk – has been casually observing and painstakingly charting the lifespan of London's most diverse graffiti and street art. He has contributed to exhibitions, assisted Channel 4 to produce the documentary Graffiti Wars, collaborated on a four-part documentary series broadcast in South-East Asia and developed the Banksy London Tour iPhone app. London Graffiti and Street Art is his first book.



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