



Mascots and Mugs: The Characters and Cartoons of Subway Graffiti (Hardback)

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Testify Books, Inc, United States, 2007. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 280 x 220 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. In the graffiti world it's the name that brings the fame, but what about the figural components of this urban typography? Some of the most iconic pieces in the history of graffiti have earned their place in the street art pantheon with the help of masterfully rendered figures that lend additional presence to these works. *Mascots Mugs*, brought to you by the publisher of the best-selling sneaker encyclopedia *Where'd You Get Those?* is the first book to examine figurative elements in graffiti art: It traces the history of key characters from the earliest examples by writers such as Stay High, Cliff 170 and Blade, to those of later masters like Mode 2, Doze and Tack. Drawing inspiration from Saturday-morning television, printed comic strips and the dense urban landscape itself, graffiti writers created characters free from the constraints of their usual letterforms. The result is a host of outlandish visual sidekicks that, over time, have become so prevalent that any would-be king needs at least a few in his artistic arsenal. Filled with never-before-published photographs and rare artist interviews,...

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