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Blabac Photo: The Art Of Skateboarding Photography





Synopsis

"It's rad what I do." --Mike Blabac Blabac Photo: The Art of Skateboarding Photography is a stunning chronicle of a youth movement as seen through the lens of Mike Blabac, a man who is as dedicated to his craft as he is to the skateboarding lifestyle that inspired it. For millions of people around the world, skateboarding is more than a mere hobby or a sport--it's a way of life that has shaped everything from fashion and music, to video games and art. Blabac Photo proves that point with 300 awe-inspiring images that communicate the stories and exploits of some of the most creative athletes to ever step on a skateboarding evolved over time, from a hobby for kids on the Venice boardwalk into a global culture, skate legends were born, records were broken, titans of industry materialized--and Mike Blabac was there to document the history of the movement as it developed before his eyes.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Mike Blabac is one of the preeminent skateboard photographers of his generation. His career has been built on a strong work ethic, a small dose of good fortune, and an undying love for riding on a small board with four wheels. His parents gave him his first camera at age 13, but he didn't grasp the full power of photography until he started looking at skateboard magazines. In the early 90s, Blabac caught his first break. He began taking pictures of a rising skater named Josh Kalis, and an image off the first roll he shot ran as a full page in TransWorld SKATEboarding magazine. Soon after, Blabac moved to California, where his career took off. He began shooting spreads and covers for the top skateboard magazines, including Thrasher and Skateboarder, and eventually became staff photographer for Mad Circle and Girl Skateboards. In 1999, Blabac joined friends Ken Block and Damon Way and helped to shape the image of their rapidly expanding skate shoe company, DC Shoes. J. Grant Brittain is a legendary skate photographer and founding photo editor of The Skateboard Mag, a groundbreaking publication he helped launch in 2004, and TransWorld SKATEboarding, the largest circulation skateboarders of the last three decades in hundreds of classic photographs. Jake Phelps is the longtime editor of Thrasher magazine and one of the most colorful characters in the skateboarding industry. Never one to shy away from controversy, Phelps embodies his magazine's f*** you attitude, maintaining that skateboarding is an art and a lifestyle without rules or authority figures to decide what is right or wrong.

This is an amazing book, it really inspired my brother who is a skater and a photographer. It's filled with great photos and really worth the buy if you are into this sort of thing.

I got this as a gift for someone who was very pleased. The item came as described and delivered on time.

It was a gift for my son-in-law who is an avid skateboarder and has his own skate shop. He loved the book.

It's a nice compendium and collection of everything that's "skateboard culture". Well laid out text and photographs.... A nice visual journey with supporting text so you don't get lost! :-)

Blabac is rad. Amazing photog. I have been skating for 14 years now and I have been shooting for most of that time so I hope I can put together a book this great one day. It will be tough because Mike Blabac set the bar high.

One of my favorite photographers of all time. I could never afford to own all of his work, so this is the next best thing. Large hard back with amazing glossy images...

I put this book in our son's room of a shelf and it looks terrific

im not even really a skater, but i grew up around them. i was a bmx kid. i do enjoy monkeying with a camera though, and i enjoy seeing other peoples photos. mike blabac is a kick ass photographer and this collection of his work is very well put together and enjoyable to look through. even for a non skater. its a big impressive book and if i left it on my coffee table im sure many people would pick it up to check it out.i dont do that though. im picky about my books. i like them how i like them..so hands off..

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