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Urban Sketching: 100 Postcards: 100 Beautiful Location Sketches From Around The World



Synopsis

Share 100 postcards featuring all your favorite cityscapes from Gabriel Campanario's *The Art of Urban Sketching* (Quarry Books). Enjoy beautiful and contemporary location drawings by artists around the world who draw the cities where they live and travel.

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Customer Reviews

Gabriel Campanario is a staff artist at The Seattle Times and the founder of Urban Sketchers (www.urbansketchers.org), a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering the art of on-location drawing. Campanario's newspaper column, *Seattle Sketcher*, was awarded first place for blog writing in "The Best of the West" journalism contest. The blog and weekly print column, which combine location sketches and written stories, have quickly become popular in the Seattle area, where Campanario has been featured in TV and radio appearances. A native Spaniard, Campanario moved to the U.S. in 1998 and has lived near Seattle with his wife and two children since 2006. His journalism career spans two decades, working for newspapers in Barcelona, Lisbon, California, and Virginia. Campanario has a master's degree in journalism from the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain.
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This review is from: *Urban Sketching: 100 Postcards: 100 Beautiful Location Sketches from Around the World* (Cards)The modern "Urban Sketchers" movement is a recent one. According to Wikipedia, "In the early 2000s a man or a woman with a small sketchbook and a pen or a brush were beginning to be fixtures in coffee shops, parks, streets and airports. Sketching as a practice is experiencing a renaissance; and the Urban Sketching movement is encouraging participation

through word of mouth and in art classes and on-line social networking." Technically, sketching begins with lines and adds softer lines and colors, but techniques vary. Some of the hundred postcards in this box contain detailed, line-only sketches, others are full-scale artworks; my favorites use line and just a little color (frequently water colors) to pick out the most interesting highlights of the subject matter. Just as technique varies, so does subject matter: Piers and plazas and pagodas; people in cafes and at ball games, lounging and shopping. The bulk of these cards take place in urban settings full of people, but nature and architectural studies are found here too. As "dean" of the movement, Gabriel Campanario has some scenes from his book in this box, but really this is a selection of all kinds of artists from all over the world. The cards are good and thick and ideal for "Postcrossing" and other mailing purposes. The "blank" side lists artists and views. There is no dividing line between text and address fields, but that is a minor inconvenience. Highest recommendations for these varied, content-rich and surprisingly sophisticated cards in their sturdy box. The source of the artwork in this postcard collection: *The Art of Urban Sketching: Drawing On Location Around The World* by Gabriel Campanario.

These are SO lovely, 100 unique and different postcards, no repeats. I can't wait to use them. The postcards are thick and strong, and the box seems pretty sturdy if yours comes intact - I was bummed that my box was ripped at two corners, but I don't want to wait for an exchange so I just taped it, lol :) The postcards sit deep in the box but there is a ribbon to help you get them out. All in all, a great collection and a good product.

Paper quality is superb - it's thick, with pleasant texture. You are inclined to love it before you even comprehend what is shown on the card itself. And then the artwork is original, curious, of the sort that you can look at for some time, figuring out details. Great for postcrossing. Nobody will ever say: "Oh, I regret getting one of these cards!". Postcrossers will appreciate the rarity and the quality.

These are great postcards! A wide range of "sketches", from line art to watercolors. None of them are duds. Very nice quality paper also. If you are like my and you enjoy sending a lot of postcards, this is a great resource.

Great little set of postcards. Needed to send some with the kids to camp and these fit the bill. Nice and sturdy and a great variety of sketches. And they come in a lovely little storage box.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that these cards are of a much higher quality paper than I expected. They're sturdy and the designs are quite nice. Not all are winners, but with such a broad range of styles you will definitely find some you like. If you need a lot of post cards, this isn't a bad way to go. I am thinking of framing one or two of the designs to hang, they're small and fit nicely in a variety of settings.

These are truly beautiful. I'm pleased with this purchase. The cards are so lovely to look at, it will be hard to choose one to actually send.

Beautifully printed postcards. All different! Thick good quality paper.

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