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Review

"If you love San Francisco, you'll love this book." -The Bold Italic

"If Studs Terkel, the great oral historian, had taken up drawing, his work might have looked something like what Wendy MacNaughton has created in her irresistibly bighearted new book, *Meanwhile in San Francisco: The City in Its Own Words*. Like Terkel, MacNaughton gives voice to ordinary people from all walks of life, dignifying them in the process. Her pleasing, unfussy ink-and-watercolor portraits of San Franciscans - 'illustrated documentaries,' as she calls them - capture library patrons, farmers' market vendors, Giants fans, Mission hipsters and old friends hanging out in Chinatown." - San Francisco Chronicle

"You don't have to live in the Bay Area to appreciate these beautiful sketches of daily life in the city. In addition to her portraits of the locals, MacNaughton playfully illustrates the insides of a burrito and an adorable assortment of dogs." -Pop Candy

"We've been enamored of artist-graphic journalist Wendy MacNaughton's breezy-yet-hyper-perceptive sketches, humanizing portraits, and urban tableaus for years now, but it was with this year's *Meanwhile In San Francisco* that the SF resident became something like our illustrator laureate. The book, the result of MacNaughton's lunchtime strolls with her notebook in hand, captures the city through its characters, from bus drivers to Mission hipsters to the folks who pass their days at the public library." - San Francisco Bay Guardian

"Meanwhile, in *San Francisco: The City in its Own Words* is like having an insider guide you around San Francisco. Wendy MacNaughton spent months getting to know neighborhoods in San Francisco, and the book tells the story of neighborhoods in the city from the people who know it best." -Design*Sponge

"Meanwhile in *San Francisco: The City In Its Own Words*, is an insightful, illustrated compendium of contemporary city life." - Alissa Walker, Gizmodo.com

"Like a modern-day Margaret Mead armed with ink and watercolor, not a critic or commentator but an observer and amplifier of voice, MacNaughton plunges into the living fabric of the city with equal parts curiosity and compassion, gentleness and generosity, wit and wisdom, and emerges with a dimensional portrait painted with honesty, humor, and humility." -Brain Pickings

"Every once in a while, there comes a beautiful work of art that gives rightful tribute to the place we call home. *Meanwhile* can be the perfect introductory course for people who are new to (or visiting) San Francisco; but it also serves as the perfect love letter to San Francisco and acts as a reminder for all of us who live here to truly embrace, appreciate, and stare longingly at our home in the hopes to witness its true beauty." -SF Weekly

"If Studs Terkel came back in the next life with a paintbrush instead of a microphone, *Meanwhile in San Francisco* is the book he might have done. Wendy MacNaughton has captured the beating heart of San Francisco in her off-beat, beautiful, and original drawings of the working life of the town. Funny, poignant, nutty, and wise." -Davia Nelson, NPR's Kitchen Sisters

About the Author

Wendy MacNaughton is a *New York Times* best-selling illustrator and graphic journalist based in San Francisco. Her previous books include *Lost Cat: A True Story of Love, Desperation and GPS Technology* and *The Essential Scratch & Sniff Guide to Becoming A Wine Expert*. Her clients include the *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *PRINT* magazine. She is a contributor to *Pop-Up Magazine* and a collaborator at Brain Pickings. She lives in San Francisco, California.

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