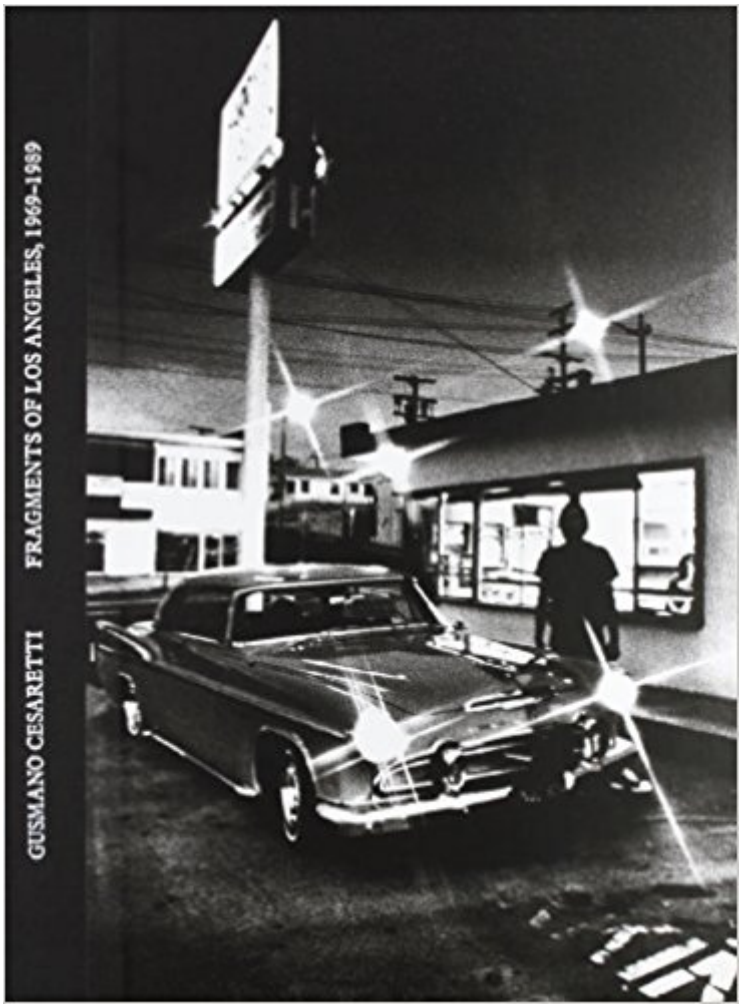
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Synopsis

Self-taught Italian photographer Gusmano Cesaretti (born 1944) was one of the very first photographers to document the street culture of East Los Angeles, and The Thrill Is Gone is a retrospective history of his celebrated photographic work of the 1970s. Chapters include Ã¢â ¬Å“Bikers,Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬Å“East L.A. Diary,Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬Å“Folsom Prison,Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬Å“Maria Sabina,Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬Å“Muscle BeachÃ¢â ¬Â• and Ã¢â ¬Å“Street Writers,Ã¢â ¬Â• along with selected other iconic images from this important time in the photographerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s creative history. As a boy growing up in Italy, Cesaretti listened to jazz and rock Ã¢â ¬â„¢nÃ¢â ¬â„¢ roll on the radio, and was drawn to the worlds of Marlon Brando and James Dean in Hollywood movies. But when he arrived in the U.S.--Cesaretti has lived in Los Angeles since 1970--it was the raw energy, graffiti, culture and people of East L.A. that seduced him. His early work--featured here in the chapter Ã¢â ¬Å“East L.A. DiaryÃ¢â ¬Â•--documents his immersion in the low-rider subculture of the Klique car club. Cesaretti credits his poor English with allowing him to earn the trust of local residents--he found it hard to understand their graffiti on his own and had to ask for help. Independent curator Aaron Rose describes him as Ã¢â ¬Å“one of the few true artists documenting outlaw cultures in the tradition of Robert Frank.Ã¢â ¬Â•

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The photos in this book - all of which are in b&w - convey a very strong sense of time and place. It’s rather amazing that the photographer was able to take the photos, given the circumstances. There’s

also a very interesting introduction and interview with the photographer, as well as drawings & narratives from a few of the subjects.

Really cool photos!

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