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Little People In The City: The Street Art Of Slinkachu



Synopsis

"They're Not Pets, Susan," says a stern father who has just shot a bumblebee, its wings sparkling in the evening sunlight. A lone office worker, less than an inch high, looks out over the river in his lunch break, "Dreaming of Packing it All In." A tiny man makes his way back to a tiny car, with a tiny shopping bag: "Shopping for one again." Another office worker sits atop a gigantic engagement ring and gazes into the distance; the caption reads, simply: "No." These are the collected photographs of Slinkachu, a London-based artist who for several years has been placing tiny hand painted people on street corners, park benches, and the Underground, and leaving them to fend for themselves. Much like Banksy's early graffiti work, Slinkachu's creations mix the bustle, humor, and melancholy of city life, and lie quietly in the darker corners of London's streets, waiting to be discovered. And if you're lucky enough to find one, to quote *The Times*: "Oddly enough, even when you know they are just hand-painted figurines, you can't help but feel that their plights convey something of our own fears about being lost and vulnerable in a big, bad city." This volume also includes a forward from acclaimed novelist Will Self.

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Customer Reviews

Slinkachu's work was featured in *Street Renegades: New Underground Art* and *Tactile: High Touch Visuals* and can be found at little-people.blogspot.com. Will Self's titles include *The Book of Dave* and *Psychogeography*.

Super cool book! This artist as an amazingly unique I for a world we all overlook.

I absolutely love this book. Or at least the scenes depicted within. Not only are the concepts often very clever and in some cases quite funny, but the execution is just brilliant with some really fine miniature work, painting, staging, etc. These must take a lot of patience to set up and photograph. The layout in the book is also nice, with the arrangement of close-up and further distance shots adding to the impact of each scene. The only reason I'm rating it a 4 star is because of quality of the book itself. It's all matte printed, which might actually fit well with the photos (hard to say without seeing a photo printed comparison), but does seem a bit underwhelming viscerally. The overall product quality seems decent, but paper and print quality just aren't awesome. All that being said for under \$11 it's not a bad deal, and certainly the best way to appreciate Slinkachu's art in full.

This is the best sort of art, which makes you stop and reevaluate the world that you normally take for granted. I have the highest praise for Slinkachu, but I also question the publisher's decision to print this book on uncoated paper (as opposed to a paper with a smoother surface, which yields a sharper reproduction). The art itself being tiny, the photos rely on detail and clarity; while I think the reproduction is as top quality as could be achieved on this paper, the very nature of the paper means that some of that detail and clarity is almost undoubtedly lost. That said, it's a wonderful book for the price.

My friend Rich: "Monku" takes amazing pictures of little train figurines with unexpected poses, garment and vehicles so when I accidentally dropped onto Slinkachu's blog and saw pictures that he had posted, I fell in love instantly with what he was showing. I waited almost 2 months to get this book because it was out of stock. When I received my package in the mail, I had completely forgot I ordered it. What an amazing little book it turned out to be. "Little People in the City: The Street Art of Slinkachu" explores the photography and the world in a way that few have seen (literally). Every page presents itself with a new image composition with little 5 millimeter sized people interacting with the world of humans. In addition to the amazing & cleverly composed scenes, sharp & well shot photography and the uniqueness overall, Slinkachu presents a message in each of his pieces. Some may be straight forward while others take an extra person to help ya out with. All in all, this book is one of the best coffee table books I've purchase. Check out "Little People in the City: The Street Art of Slinkachu" blog to see photos that weren't included in the book. Buy this book. It's only a few dollars and will support a fine photographer at the same time as it will enlighten your

enjoyment. Good luck and Happy Shopping.

I met this book in the shop of "La Pedrera" (one of Gaudi's building) in Barcelona, Spain. I've loved Slinkachu's style at first sight. I took note and googled, and could know a little bit more about the artist in his blog/website. I found it very original and meaningful. Back to Brazil, I couldn't find this title in our bookshops, so I bought at . Even with the shipping, the price was quite cheaper than Europe's.

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Close up pics are so much fun to check out and the larger pics are a great seek and find section to see where the miniatures are. Great coffee table book.

One of the best coffee table books I've ever bought.

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