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Fred Mortagne: Attraper Au Vol: Catch In The Air



Synopsis

The world of skateboarding meets architectural beauty. Fred Mortagne is a self-taught French director and photographer who is internationally acclaimed for his images of skateboarding and street photography. *Attraper au vol* (Catch in the Air) is the culmination of Mortagne's photographic career, from 2000 to 2015. A feast of lines and angles, his black-and-white compositions blend his subjects into their environments, offering an abstract perspective on architecture, geometry and the human figure. His work intrigues both skaters and nonskaters alike, as it emphasizes the esthetic beauty of skate and urban culture rather than pure performance (although the raw talent of his subjects is readily apparent). "As a young skate rat in the early nineties, I was super into watching skate videos, and very early I was sensitive to how the videos were made," he told an interviewer. "When the filming was good, I was super thrilled. This pushed me to begin filming my own clips with my friends, for fun ... for over 30 years, it has been the love of my life. Skateboarding has taken me to so many places--not just physically, but culturally and artistically." This book includes a foreword by the world-renowned photographer Anton Corbijn and an essay by legendary skateboarder Geoff Rowley, with whom Mortagne has worked extensively. Fred Mortagne, also known as French Fred, is a skateboarder, photographer and filmmaker living in France.

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Fred Mortagne: *Attraper au vol* (Caught in the Air) is a kaleidoscopic perspective of skateboard

acrobatics being caught in action. Mortagne is fascinated by skateboarding, but his fascination goes far beyond that of being a mere spectator to sharing his sense of weightless liberation and showing us what it is like to be caught in mid-flight. (Richard Rivera New York Journal of Books) More commonly known by his nickname French Fred, Mortagne takes a wide view of skateboard culture. The result is a graphically dazzling mix of geometry, movement, and blur. (Jack Crager American Photo) Most skateboard photography is hyper-focused on the technical details and the action of a trick, but French photographer Fred Mortagne (more commonly known by his nickname French Fred) isn't most photographers. In his first book.. Mortagne takes a wide view of skateboarding and the culture that surrounds it. (Jeanette D. Moses American Photo) the photographic life's work of one of the most respected skate film makers and photographers in the world, French artist Fred Mortagne, or better known as French Fred. This photographic essay culminates years of Fred's work (2000-2015), offering a sublime lens on life. (JUXTAPOZ) architecture and geometry are given as much prominence in shots as the skater even if that happens to be the world's best on a board. The result is a fascinating viewpoint on both the sport and its backdrops. (Mark Russell GQ) As a skateboarder, photographer and filmmaker, Mortagne gives equal valence to the beauty of the buildings and urban landscapes and to the raw talent of his peers. (Metropolis Magazine)

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