

## **Disposable:**

### **A History of Skateboard Art**

by Sean Cliver, 224 pages

The year was 1988. Skateboard company Powell Peralta placed an ad in *Thrasher* magazine looking to hire an artist. Skaters were asked to submit their art in hopes of being hired. I did. I can't remember what the drawings were that I sent, but I distinctly remember sending my submissions and never hearing back from them. I loved the freedom and rebellion that skating created. I loved being frowned down upon by peers and adults alike, but most of all I loved the art. I would spend hours upon hours recreating all of my favorite graphics on every desk and schoolbook within reach. There was something special about 10" x 30" canvasses that were created to be destroyed.

Sean Cliver also submitted his art to Powell Peralta. The big difference between us was that he actually got the job. After working as an artist in the skateboard industry for the better part of twenty years, he has managed to create his most exquisite piece yet: this book.

*Disposable* plays out in two parts. To begin with, Cliver tells his story. From Powell to World Industries, this guy has stories! It gives an amazing look at the inner workings of the skate world in the late '80s and early '90s. The second part is an encyclopedia of some of the most inspirational artwork ever created. Full color pictures of boards litter every page, making it almost impossible to tear your eyes away to read the text. Cliver managed to talk to nearly everyone who has meant anything to skateboard art. Humpston, Templeton, Lucero, Blender, Pushead... the list goes on and on. It is scary how thorough this tome is. Hilarious and revealing, the anecdotes from artists and skaters compliment the photos perfectly. If you have ever been involved in skateboarding, you need to have this book. It's as simple as that.

As for my art submissions, I just like to think that the reason they didn't contact me was because it would have been a big legal hassle to hire a fourteen-year-old Canadian... Yeah, that's it. -Ty Stranglehold  
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