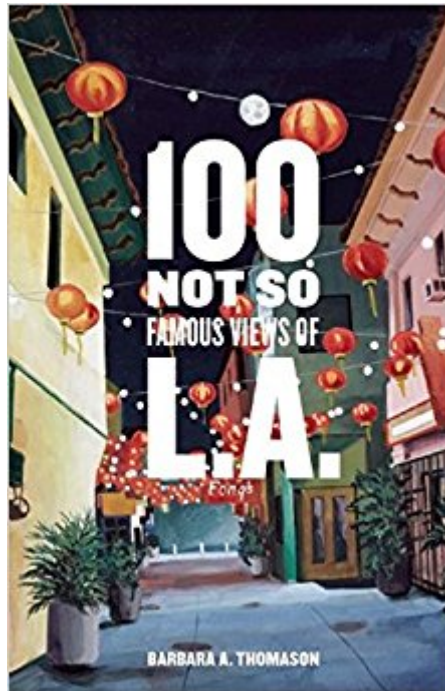




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This is a book of good paintings of ordinary, or at least "not-so-famous" scenes in L.A. The paragraphs describing them are interesting, often funny or personal, and give a lot of historic information. I enjoyed both the text and the paintings a lot, especially since I have seen a lot of woodblock prints, including Hiroshige's. I am learning to watercolor, and was very interested in how much detail was in each scene, and the design, the way the foliage was treated, etc. I really recommend this book for atmosphere and information. I'm trying to imagine putting all of these places together on a map and spending many weekends visiting these scenes.

I bought this book as a gift for a Texas man, who spent time living in LA but has since moved to Arizona. I got a quick glance of the book and it is legit - the not so famous views of Los Angeles. After he received it, he had story of a lot of the places illustrated in the beautiful paintings. His work, a bar he frequented, the street where he live, where we had our first date, were all included in the book. To say the least, he really enjoyed the book! I hope that as he continues to be nomadic - he remembers Los Angeles and his ally in the west.

It surpasses my imagination. The artwork hones in on specific sights and renders them in a light of realistic fantasy. They are impeccable. Great color reproduction on the part of the publisher. Amusing notes by the artist. A 'must have' for all "Angelenos"!

A lifetime of living in the city is reflected in the artist's deeply personal vision. The paintings are fully realized in this great collection and while they are completely contemporary, they powerfully recall Hiroshige's 100 Famous Views of Endo. Easy to love.

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Wonderful work.

These paintings are lovely beyond words. This is my city, the city of angels.

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