

"People are strange, when you're a stranger."
- The Doors













































































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In March 2012 I was on a ten day vacation to New York City. For a hungry photographer it's a more-than-you-can-eat-buffet. You can feel and see that everything around you happens incredibly fast and at the same moment. I would need a lot more time to make a book like this on my hometown Graz in Austria.

New York impressed me with its many-sidedness. In a distance as in between two stations of a subway line, cultural, ethnic and social background of the inhabitants can totally differ. Therefore, it's hard to describe what life generally looks like in this city.

With this book I pursue two different approaches to street-photography. The first catches fleeting moments, urban environment and the light that interests me. The second approach is more still, descriptive and displays more of a person's identity. Both are equally intuitive, but the second approach makes it possible to talk to strangers first so it becomes more of a portrait. The subtitle of the book "A Street-Photo-Ethnography in 10 Days" refers to my two different ways of photographing life in a city.

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