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**Mark Batty Publisher Presents “Textura: Valencia Street Art”
*Vibrant urban art photography from the streets of Valencia, Spain.***

New York, NY – November 12, 2009 – Valencia, Spain’s third largest city, is a hotbed of vibrant street art, the best of which is featured in *Textura: Valencia Street Art* (<http://markbattypublisher.com/books/textura>). Photographer Luz A. Martín, a native of Valencia, has been wandering the streets of her hometown documenting the artwork that brings the walls, alleyways and buildings to life. Utilizing rain gutters, window frames, doorframes and other such urban surfaces the city’s street artists work their images and designs into the city’s surfaces in a way that makes them seem like they’ve been there all along. Martín has fixated on this specific quality of Valencia’s streets and her photographs of graffiti textures are as interesting and visually compelling as the photographs of the pieces in situ.

The bilingual text comprises artist interviews with END, ESCIF, GRAFFILIA, JULIETA, NERO, ON_LY and SAM3 and essays that provide insight into the history of the city’s street art, connecting it directly to the long-standing seasonal celebration of *Las Fallas*. *Textura* also doubles as a pattern book with many of the graffiti texture photographs available as royalty-free images via download from the MBP website.

About Luz A. Martín

Born in 1970 in Valencia, Spain, Luz Martín has worked in editorial fashion and portraiture for the past 10 years. Her photographs have been published in such places as *The New York Times*, *Time Out London*, *El Pais*, *El Mundo* and *The Herald Tribune*. In 2007 her photography book *Campanas Vivas* was released, celebrating the centuries old ritual of ringing bells in Valencia.

A presentation of *Textura* and Martín’s photography will take place in Valencia in February of 2010 at the XVI Century cloister in the Museum *Centre del Carme*. *Textura* will be part of *100x100*, an art exhibition featuring 100 artists from Valencia.

In December 2010 she will showcase her project ‘Textura Bronze’ in a joint exhibition in Valencia.

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