

This is a selection from my book of photographs with text notes. I have titled it “A book for ladies...” for it is a collection of pictures of men’s rooms that demonstrate outstanding design, color and imagination. Women never get to see these ordinary and necessary places that offer glimpses into art that goes far beyond their functionality.

Currently the book comprises photographs from the US, England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Argentina and China. I like to travel and the book has been expanding as my travels extend. This extract contains only a brief selection of 30 pages, but, I would be most willing to share the entire collection of 220 pages plus with anybody interested of publishing it.

A Book For Ladies



Europe



Marble Arch, London



This is where it all began. An insignificant pub and restaurant at Marble Arch, it looked like some kind of supermarket cafeteria. The only attraction was the price, or at least I thought so.

After getting an order of bangers and mash and a pint of bitters, the laws of nature brought me downstairs to the lavatories. Whoa, what a sight! My first impulse was to call my wife to see the place. Then I realized this was the men's room and, no matter how liberal London is, it might not be such a good idea. So, I figured, "What the hell! I'll come back down with the camera and take a picture."



Advertisement for a wine bottle and glasses. The image shows a bottle of wine and two glasses. The text includes "Available all day every day" at the bottom and prices of £2.99 and £7.99.



GUEST ALES
£ 1.95
available all day every day



Advertisement for beer bottles. The image shows three bottles of beer. The text includes "Available all day every day" at the bottom and a price of £2.05.



Advertisement for a club or bar. The text includes "club @" and "erspoon".



Tate Modern, London



To this day this is still one of my favorite pictures. These pissoirs remind me of eggs. I like the picture of the museum as well with colorful folks walking among the heads of famous people. Somehow, however, it doesn't seem to be a fun place for the famous to end up in.



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Paris



Very interesting design. ... This is one of my first pictures. At that time the idea of a book was not formed. I have been scratching my head trying to remember where I took this picture, that was stuck between some French pictures, so I believe it was in Paris. My best guess would be the Lido. Let's face it, to be that clean it must have been a nice place. If you find the place, please let me know. The picture on the left is the Louis Vuitton store across the street from the Lido.

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Nespresso, Lausanne



One of my all-time favorites. If it was not in this book, one could wonder what it is. This is the ultimate design. Swiss cleanliness is definitely a must for this effect.

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China



On the way to Yellow Mountain.

Basic, basic, basic.



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The Bund, Shanghai



The Bund is the old, colonial part of Shanghai along the Huangpu River. Our first meal was here in this Japanese restaurant called Moon Sha. The French one around the corner was definitely not in our budget. One of the classiest bathrooms I ever encountered

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USA



Levi's, San Francisco



I was very pleased when I discovered this place, the original Levi's store on Stockton Street. Levi's is still hip.

I went to the Apple store, Nike and Virgin Records, but none of them brought their hipness into their bathrooms.

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Tosca Cafe, San Francisco



One of the oldest bars in North Beach. A good friend gave me a tip to check it out. The bathroom was so narrow I had to stand in the hallway to take this picture. A good thing I was the only one in the bar.

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Grand Sierra Resort, Reno



The weirdest cloud I have ever seen. The bathroom was almost as amazing as the cloud.

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Paramount Theatre, Oakland



This is one of the most impressive *art deco* buildings I got to see.

The Paramount Theatre holds all kinds of events including major concerts. Bob Dylan played there. I got lucky to be invited to a private event with very few people. Otherwise, trying to take a shot of this place empty would be very difficult.

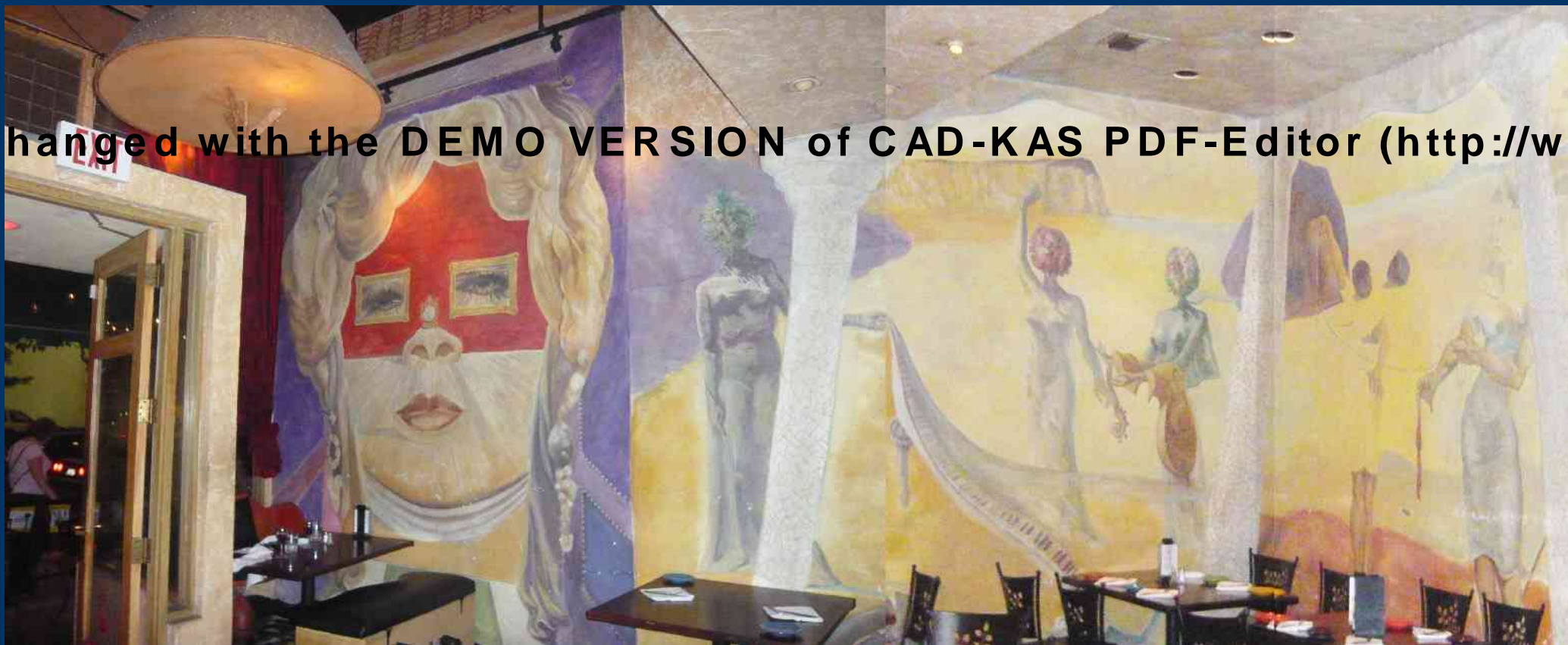
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Allegria, Long Beach

- A Latin food and music place right in the heart of Pine Street in downtown Long Beach. I believe the pictures speak for themselves when it comes to describing the place. The food is up to the décor.





Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica



Right on Santa Monica beach is this 5-star hotel with a casual look. As you can see, the casual look did not make it into the bathroom. As an anecdote, Robert Duval was on the terrace the day of this picture.

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