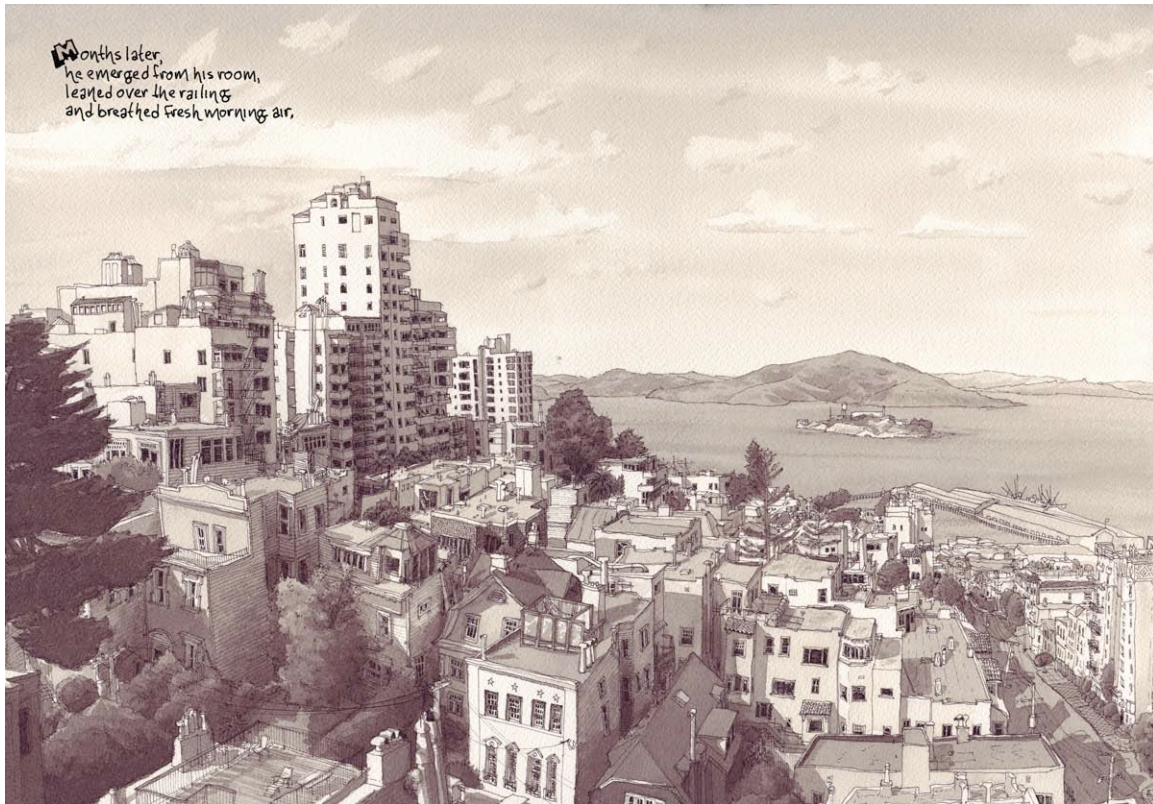


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Five Years of All Over Coffee: Life is in the Details



Experience *Five Years of All Over Coffee* in this special exhibition and be taken along for a wonderful journey through San Francisco.

May 16 – August 23, 2009

San Francisco, CA – The San Francisco Public Library presents *5 Years of All Over Coffee*, an exhibition of work by San Francisco based artist and writer, Paul Madonna, in the Jewett Gallery from May 16 through Aug. 23.

Celebrating half a decade of *All Over Coffee* in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, this exhibition will feature original pen and ink drawings as well as displays of how the artistic process has evolved from sketches and first drafts of written copy to final verse.

Madonna's strip, *All Over Coffee*, presents an intricately balanced interplay of text and image. As Madonna notes, "I draw to support my writing habit." His drawings primarily depict the streets and neighborhoods of San Francisco, meticulously rendering architectural details of buildings, telephone wires, or the way a tree branch might overlap a walkway within the frame of a street corner, an intersection, a neighborhood block or panorama of the City. Absent in his

drawings are people and cars and the busy underpinnings of urban life. Text about everyday life moments and experiences are then layered on top of the drawings to create mood.

For visitors and residents of San Francisco alike, there is much to be seen and rediscovered about the City in Madonna's work. As one of his strips notes, "Though our roads lead to the same place, our stories will be different when we get there."

Exhibition: *5 Years of All Over Coffee*
Date: May 16 – August 23, 2009
Location: San Francisco Public Library, Main Library, Lower Level, Jewett Gallery
100 Larkin Street (at Grove)
Cost: FREE
More information: www.paulmadonna.com or <http://sfpl.lib.ca.us/news/exhibitions.htm>

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