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'Lush Life' Visits Nine Lower East Side Galleries

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Paul Pagk "OGLS #116" 2010. Photo courtesy: Scaramouche, NYC.

Hipsters, artists and literature fans alike endured the heat last Thursday night, partaking in the opening of *Lush Life*, a collaborative summer gallery show, based on a popular crime novel.

The exhibits were inspired by Richard Price's 2008 novel, *Lush Life*. The best-selling police drama takes place post-9/11 in the Lower East Side. Independent curator Omar Lopez-Chahoud and artist Franklin Evans organized the project at nine Lower East Side galleries. Each show corresponds with a book chapter.

Large maps were distributed, listing gallery locations, as well as a legend for fictional settings of events from the book's plot. Schiller's Liquor Bar on Rivington Street was deemed *Café Berkman*, the restaurant where the suspect and the victim of Price's novel are both employed.

Some of the correlations are obvious, like the bird and feathered creature theme at [Invisible-Exports](#), while others may require a better familiarity with the narrative and a strong imagination. The chapters do not need to be viewed in chronological order. Event organizers encourage visitors to let spontaneity and convenience rule when choosing a route.

Sue Scott Gallery	Chapter 1: Whistle
On Stellar Rays	Chapter 2: Liar
Invisible-Exports	Chapter 3: First Bird (A Few Butterflies)
Lehmann Maupin	Chapter 4: Let It Die
Y Gallery	Chapter 5: Want Cards
Collette Blanchard Gallery	Chapter 6: The Devil You Know
Salon 94	Chapter 7: Wolf Tickets
Scaramouche	Chapter 8: 17 Plus 25 is 32
Eleven Rivington	Chapter 9: She'll Be Apples

A video tour of the exhibition with Richard Price is [here](#).



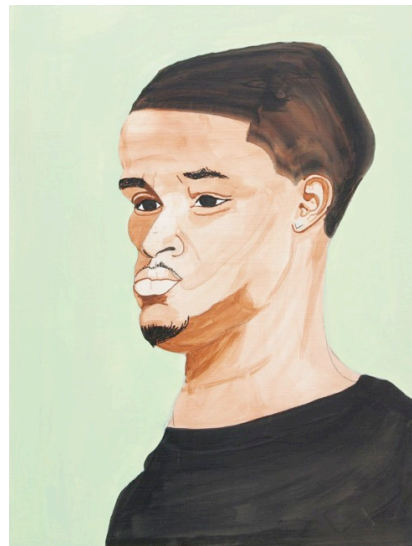
Tommy Hartung "Camera" 2009. Photo courtesy: Scaramouche, NYC and On Stellar Rays.



Jayson Keeling "This Town Needs An Enema," 2010. Image courtesy: Scaramouche, NYC.



Rudy Shepherd, "Jesse Rae Beard, Jena 6," 2007. Image Courtesy Y Gallery.



Rudy Shepherd "Bryant Purvis, Jena 6" 2007. Image courtesy Y Gallery.