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**Mark Batty Publisher's "Truckers" Reveals the Diesel-Fueled Lives of America's  
True Road Warriors**

*Photography, Essays and Interviews Pay*

*Homage to Our Dedicated Transporters*

New York, NY - June 10, 2009 - The hard-working, perpetually-mobile truck drivers of America ferry the objects of our consumer cultures across the paved arteries of America: roads. These men and women are the realized human machines of the industrial age, the transporters of our everyday material needs and desires; and as integral parts of the global economy, they are too often taken for granted. Now in her new book, *Truckers*, seasoned truck-industry trade writer Mary Richardson and her ensemble of photographers pay proper respect to these perennial providers, pairing interviews and narratives with color and black and white photographs.

With gritty, candid photography and true tales of the road from the truck drivers themselves, this high-design casebound book examines the physical, emotional, technological and environmental consequences of this industry by humanizing the men, women and families that keep the engines running.

From the married drivers who leave their families behind for months at a time, to the truck-stop working women who put their hearts and their bodies on the line, *Truckers* provides an in-depth, first-hand perspective of the people behind the wheel and those around them.

Brooklyn-based trucker Charles, sixty years old with close to four decades of miles logged, explains his unwelcome shift in self-perception from "hero" to "just a driver" over time. Ellie and Mark are a married couple on the road, forfeiting homes and children to save money and explore the country on wheels. Kitty Kitty lives in a tent behind the parking lot at a truck stop and shines wheels for a living. It's stories like these that give *Truckers* its layers - the drivers are veterans and exiles, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives and wanderers.

As Richardson writes: "Truck drivers are realized human machines of the industrial age. If there were such a thing as a human machine molded of human hands, every moment shaped by heads spinning on bodies, spinning in a series of related tornadoes. And below their certain shyness something still radiates because they want to be heard."

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