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age with an unbuilt line.

Raskin points out that in some ways the surprising part is not that there are unbuilt subway lines, but that any got built at all! He gives detailed histories of the tangled web of plans, maps, approvals, rejections, and budget-busting crises. Maps and plans and three appendices help place the various unbuilt lines. The book will work best for New Yorkers who know the existing system.

A thought a day

Mark David Major, AICP, has assembled 366 sharp comments, mostly one sentence each, entitled *Poor Richard, An Almanac for Architects and Planners* (2013; Carousel Publications; 134 pp.; \$9.99). Many have appeared either in his blog, *The Outlaw Urbanist*, or its associated Twitter feed.

The author seems to be following both Benjamin Franklin and Ambrose Bierce, and those are big shoes to fill. Not all the epigrams reach their mark, but the successful ones make it worthwhile. (Week 33, Day 5: "As obese the governed so shall be the entity that governs them.")

Readers who would like some orientation can start with the author's "Declaration of Planning Independence" ("All cities are created of space, that space is a living thing"), which opens the book, or his "Manifesto of the Outlaw Urbanist," which concludes it ("Our goal is to utterly eradicate the intellectual fallacy of the tired paradigms").

But even these longer form pieces may leave readers wondering just how the author can manage to lump together the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Planning Association, and unnamed "advocacy groups promoting a radical environmentalism." They may wonder less when they reach Week 26, Day 6: "Social justice' really means everyone is equally poor and equal in their despair."

—Harold Henderson

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