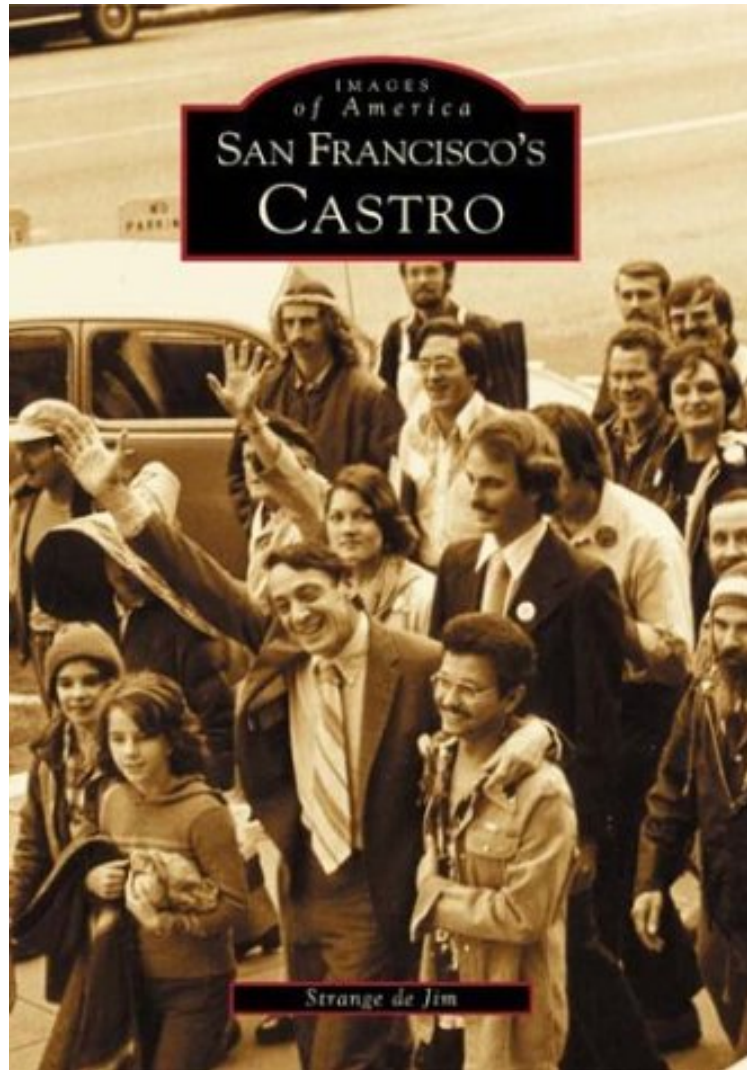


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Strange de Jim has lived in the Castro since 1979 and has contributed hundreds of items to local icon Herb Caen's column in the San Francisco Chronicle. He now contributes regularly to Bruce Bellingham's column in the San Francisco Examiner. In this new work, de Jim has gathered over 200 photographs from the people and businesses of the Castro District to create a striking visual history of this unique community.