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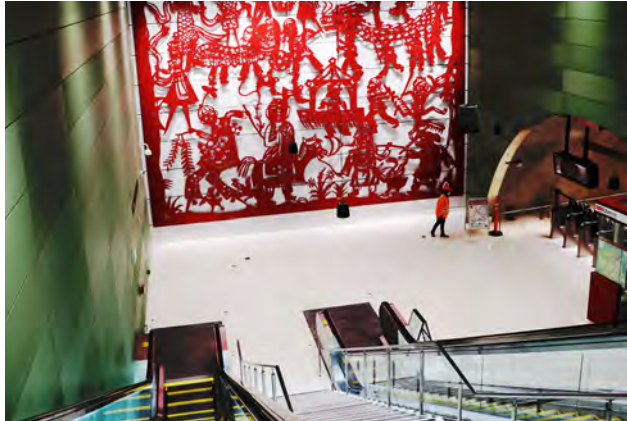
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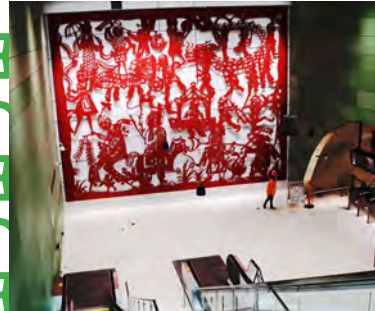
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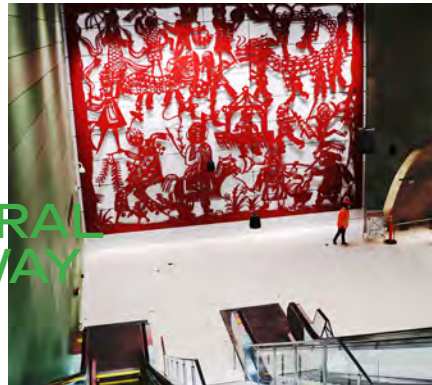
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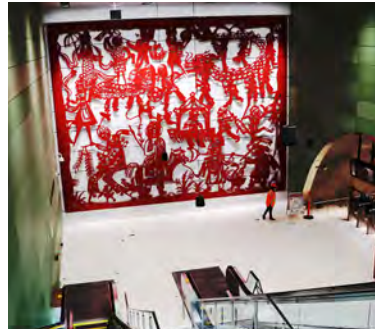
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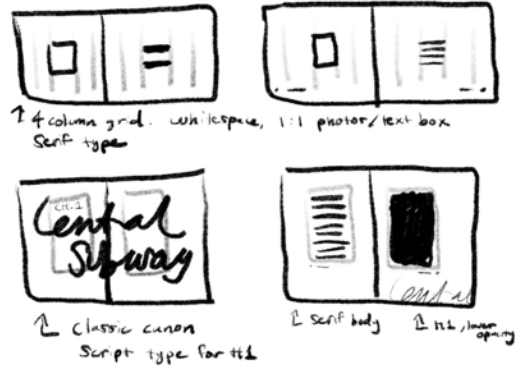
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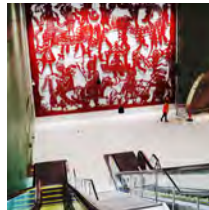
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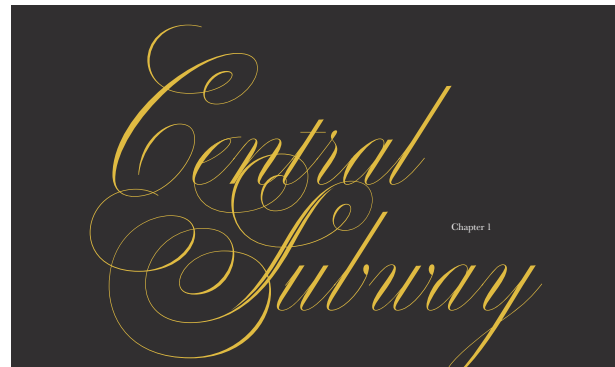
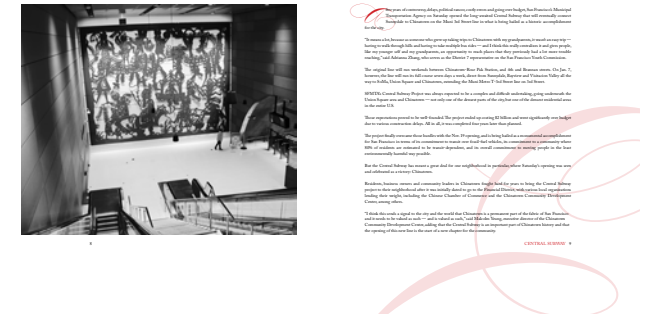
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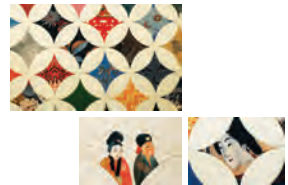
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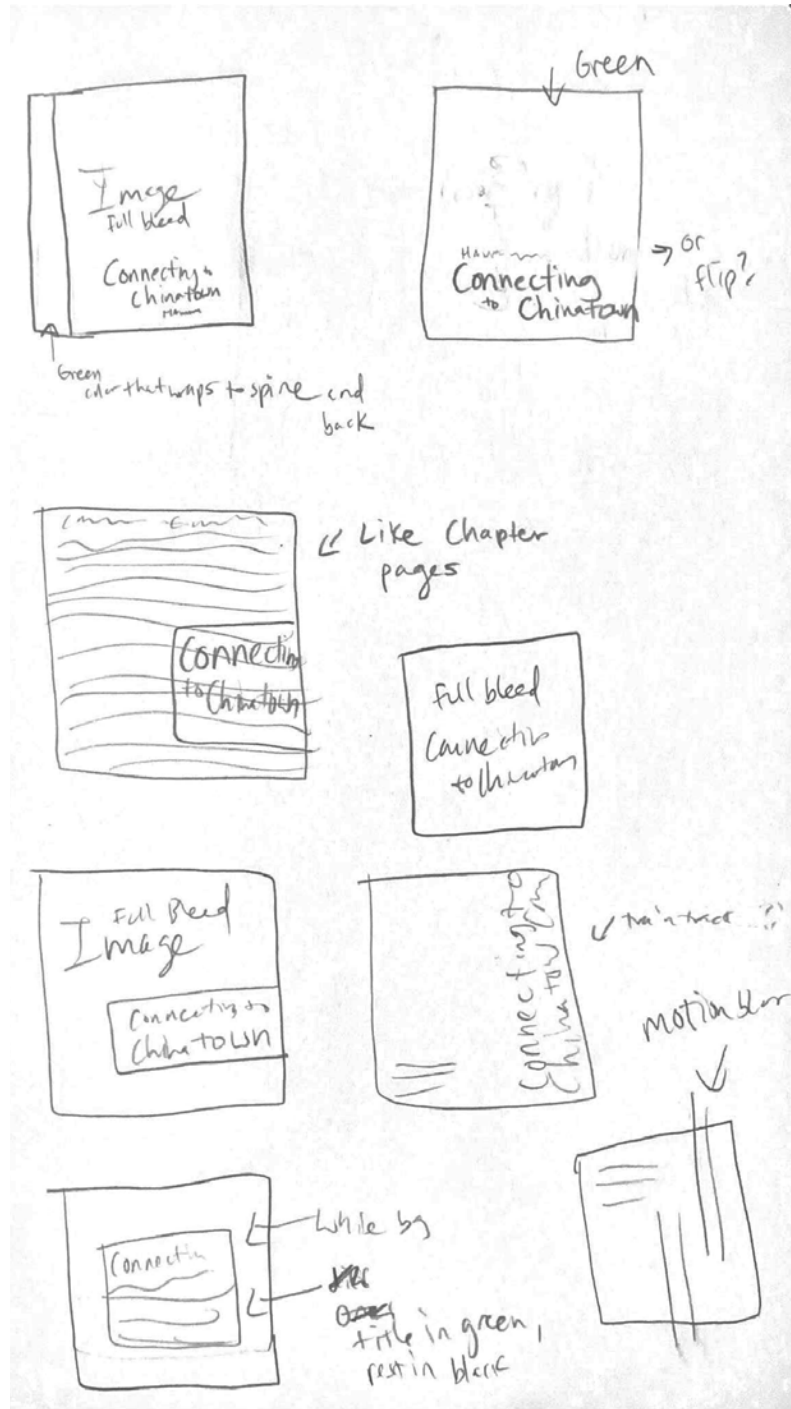
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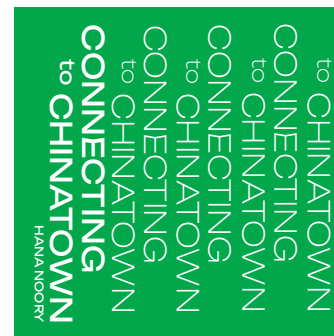
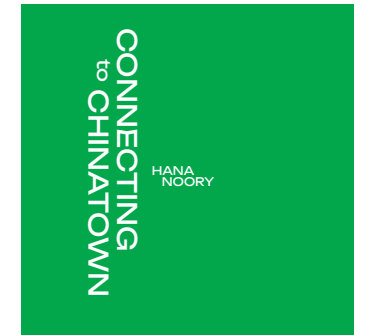
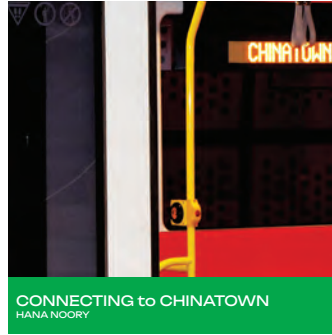
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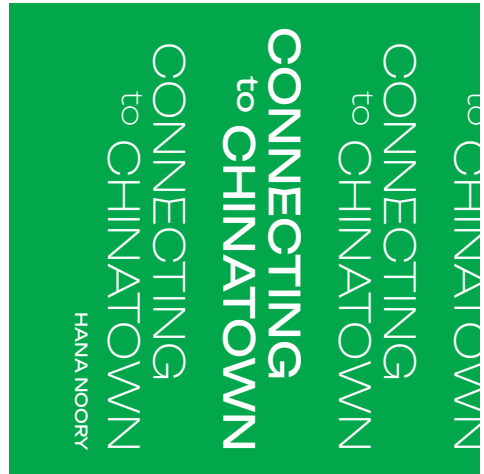
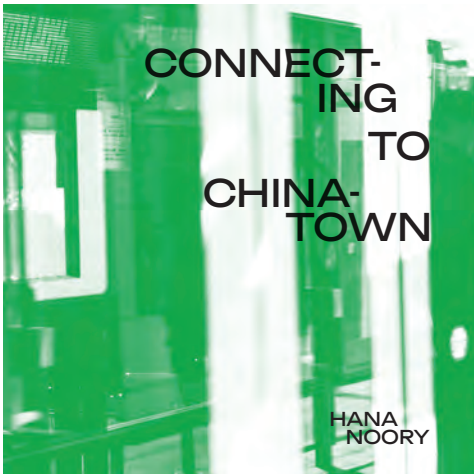
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My initial digital cover



My developed covers



My iterations of cover direction



In 2023, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency opened a new subway after 40 years: the Central Subway. It joined the T Third line, and extended the line all the way through to Chinatown. However, it does not just provide faster service to transit users, but it was an imperative move for Chinatown: an underserved, but crucial neighborhood of San Francisco's geography.

Connecting to Chinatown examines the Central Subway and its interrelation with the people of Chinatown: those who use Muni transit, those who campaigned for it, and those who pioneered the fight for transportation in Chinatown, many decades ago.

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My final cover



## T THIRD LINE

