

## Lighting For Product Photography The Digital Photographers Step By Step To Sculpting With Light

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Creating mouth-watering food images requires more than just a love of food and access to a kitchen. With the popularity of food blogs and photography how-tos, it's tempting to think that anyone can photograph food, but it's another thing entirely to shoot for a tight ad layout with the pressure of your client watching over your shoulder. Commercial food photographer Teri Campbell has been called a "lighting master," and in this beautifully illustrated book, he not only shares his detailed lighting set-ups and shooting techniques for a wide range of food and drink shots, but also offers candid advice on how to set up a studio, use the right equipment, market your work, find clients, bid on assignments, hire food and prop stylists, and communicate effectively with everyone on the set. Campbell shares his expertise on dozens of commercial assignments—from shooting beignets on location in New Orleans, to creating perfect ice tea pours, to photographing beans on real flames in his studio. Learn how he creates dynamic compositions, uses studio strobes, and arranges light diffusers, reflectors, fill cards, and mirrors, to create the perfect capture. Campbell also discusses his post-processing techniques in Adobe Camera Raw and Adobe Photoshop to create images that are irresistible. This guide for intermediate and advanced users provides the insider details to help you expand your photography skills or turn your passion for food and images into a professional career.

Shoot Stunning, Professional Food Photography that Looks Good Enough to Eat! Snapping unbelievably gorgeous food photos has never been simpler than with Picture Perfect Food, your all-in-one guide to delicious-looking images from prolific photographer and educator, Joanie Simon. Whether you're an up-and-coming food blogger, looking to break into commercial photography or capturing food just for fun (and your Instagram account), this approachable collection of tutorials will have you taking tantalizing and tasty shots with every snap of the shutter. No matter if you're using your phone, your fanciest DSLR or any camera in between, you'll gain complete confidence as you expand your technical knowledge and grow your artistic eye, creating awe-inspiring images that dazzle the senses. With her cheerful teaching style, Joanie walks you through each element of a masterful food photo in chapters devoted to Camera Settings, Light and Shadow, Story, Props Styling, Composition, Food Styling and Finding Inspiration. Learn how to find the best light in your house for standout shots and to delve into the shadows to create a moody and mesmerizing atmosphere; discover how to compose the elements in your scenes through color theory and visual weight for unforgettable images that capture and hold the eye; and uncover the secrets of styling sensational salads and stunning soups and keeping your cool when shooting frozen foods, among other essential tricks of the trade. With camera in hand and Joanie's expert guidance at your fingertips, tackle every photography challenge with confidence and take your food photos from meh to mouthwatering in no time.

Sometimes photographers have to shoot in less than ideal lighting situations. Maybe the wedding is mid-day in the middle of a field, or perhaps the event is in a florescent-lit room. These scenarios can be particularly intimidating for beginning photographers who don't know how to handle the many undesirable lighting situations they may encounter. In Shooting in Sh\*tty Light, professional photographers Lindsay Adler and Erik Valind cover the top ten worst lighting situations and provide a variety of solutions for each. They explain which solutions are most practical and why one option might be preferable over another, examining such problems as extremely low lighting when no flash is allowed, strong backlight, and the light on an overcast day. Unlike other books that focus on natural light or lighting in general, this book addresses a very real need of beginning photographers, answering the question, "What do I do when the lighting is terrible?" Lindsay and Erik candidly show you the tools at your disposal, demonstrating the techniques essential to getting the job done with minimal fuss. Shows how to deal with ten of the worst lighting situations, such as harsh midday light, extremely low light, and mixed light. Offers real-life examples and practical solutions for handling poor light, such as identifying natural reflectors, bouncing light off a wall, or utilizing flash gels. Features a fun, conversational style to help you conquer the fear of poor lighting and approach any lighting situation with confidence!

THE FIRST BOOK WITH ONE FOOT ON THE COFFEE TABLE, AND ONE FOOT IN THE CLASSROOM Joe McNally, one of the world's top pro digital photographers, whose celebrated work has graced the pages of Sports Illustrated, Time, and National Geographic (to name a few), breaks new ground by doing something no photography book has ever done—blending the rich, stunning images and elegant layout of a coffee-table book with the invaluable training, no-nonsense insights, and photography secrets usually found only in those rare, best-of-breed educational books. When Joe's not on assignment for the biggest-name magazines and Fortune 500 clients, he's in the classroom teaching location lighting, environmental portraiture, and how to "get the shot" at workshops around the world. These on-location workshops are usually reserved for a handful of photographers each year, but now you can learn the same techniques that Joe shares in his seminars and lectures in a book that brings Joe's sessions to life. What makes the book so unique is the "triangle of learning" where (1) Joe distills the concept down to one brief sentence. It usually starts with something like, "An editor at National Geographic once told me..." and then he shares one of those hard-earned tricks of the trade that you only get from spending a lifetime behind the lens. Then, (2) on the facing page is one of Joe's brilliant images that perfectly illustrates the technique (you'll recognize many of his photos from magazine covers). And (3) you get the inside story of how that shot was taken, including which equipment he used (lens, f/stop, lighting, accessories, etc.), along with the challenges that type of project brings, and how to set up a shot like that of your own. This book also gives you something more. It inspires. It challenges. It informs. But perhaps most importantly, it will help you understand photography and the art of making great photos at a level you never thought possible. This book is packed with those "Ah ha!" moments—those clever insights that make it all come together for you. It brings you that wonderful moment when it suddenly all makes sense—that "moment it clicks."

Now that you've had your DSLR for a while, are you ready to take a much closer look at what creating a great image is all about? It's all about light! The ability to see, influence, modify, control, and create light will take your images from snapshots to great shots! In Lighting for Digital Photography: From Snapshots to Great Shots, photographer and bestselling author Syl Arena begins with a primer on light itself—how to see its direction, intensity, color, contrast, and hardness—and quickly moves on to discussions of shooting both indoors and outdoors in the many different conditions of natural or man-made light. Then the book digs in to begin creating light with photographic lights, whether that's small flash or big strobe, the pop-up flash on your

DSLR or continuous lights. Follow along with Syl and you will: Learn the basics (and beyond) of light modifiers that make light bigger and softer, such as umbrellas, softboxes, beauty dishes, and diffusion panels Understand how to control and shape the light itself with flags, grids, snoots, and the zoom function on your flash Appreciate the color temperature of light (whether that's the sun, a light bulb, or a flash), and how to influence it with white balance settings on your camera and colored gels on your flash Learn how to take great pictures across many different genres, from product and still life images, to simple (and not so simple) portraits and group shots With Lighting for Digital Photography: From Snapshots to Great Shots, you'll learn not only how light behaves—you'll learn all you need to know to get started on the journey of creating and controlling light in order to make great shots. And once you've got the shot, show it off! Join the book's Flickr group, share your photos, and discuss how you get great shots at flickr.com/groups/lightingfromsnapshotsstogreatshots.

Provides information and examples on the equipment and techniques of macro and close-up photography.

This book gives clear, practical advice on how to get creative with and achieve the best from your studio lighting. It explains and demonstrates basic and advanced techniques so you can fully understand how to light a subject and compose a great photograph. Explains lighting and camera techniques and the ideas behind them. Utilizes specific examples and diagrams to illustrate everything from portraits and art-nudes to still life photography. Provides valuable advice on all studio-related equipment and introduces the basics of RAW processing. A clear practical guide to learning about studio photography and working creatively with light to shoot great photographs. Aimed at all photographers - professional and amateur covering the full range - portrait, product advertising, glamour and fashion. Covers lighting and camera techniques and gives advice on all studio-related equipment. Superbly illustrated with 196 colour photographs. Christian Hough is a professional photographer experienced in polished commercial and fine-art nude photographs.

This book is renowned for being the book to own to understand lighting! This is better than all the other how to books on the market which just provide set examples for photographers to follow. Light Science and Magic provides photographers with a comprehensive theory of the nature and principles of light to allow individual photographers to use lighting to express their own creativity. It will show you in-depth how to light the most difficult subjects such as surfaces, metal, glass, liquids, extremes (black-on-black and white-on-white), and people. With more information specific for digital photographers, a brand new chapter on equipment, much more information on location lighting, and more on photographing people, you'll see why this is one of the only recommended books by www.strobist.com.

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Providing readers with a study of learning how to turn poorly lit images into finely crafted, masterfully lit photographs, this guidebook instills photographers with the self-confidence to think on their feet and photograph any portrait subject anywhere. Acclaimed photographer Neil van Niekirk presents seven distinctly different lighting scenarios—available light, exposure metering, a touch of flash, bounced on-camera flash, off-camera flash, video light, and hard sunlight—to show readers how to manipulate the direction and quality of light, the subject's and photographer's position, and numerous other variables so as to turn a bad image into a stunning, professional-level portrait. Packed with dozens of instructional, full-color photos, this work also features 10 sample photo sessions, allowing readers the opportunity to see the seven lighting scenarios put to practice.

The author of Create presents “an all-in-one, easily accessible handbook . . . [that] will show you how the pros do it. Study this and take your best shot” (Chase Jarvis, award-winning photographer). In Advancing Your Photography, Marc Silber provides the definitive handbook that will take you through the entire process of becoming an accomplished photographer. From teaching you the basics to exploring the stages of the full “cycle of photography,” Silber makes it easy for you to master the art form and create stunning pictures. From thousands of hours of interviews with professional photography masters, you will learn valuable insights and tips on beginner, amateur, landscape, wedding, lifestyle, sports, animal, portrait, still life, and iPhone photography. Advancing Your Photography features: · Top tips for making outstanding photographs from iconic photographers and many other leading professional photography masters of today · Numerous step-by-step examples · Guidance on training your eye to see composition with emotional impact · Tips on mastering the key points of operating your camera like a pro · Secrets to processing your images to professional standards Photography and the technology associated with it are constantly evolving, but the fundamentals remain the same. Advancing Your Photography will help to bring you the joy and satisfaction of a lifetime of pursuing the art of photography.

Make a big impression with small flashes! In this book, Tilo Gockel shows you how to make magic by mastering the use of light. You will learn how to use speedlights to create amazing photographs in any lighting situation. Tilo uses 40 lighting workshops to teach his methods for producing impressive flash shots in portrait, fashion, macro, food, still life, and high-speed photography. The richly illustrated, easy-to-understand workshops are filled with recommendations and instructions for flash setups, detailed lighting diagrams, and tips and tricks for how to achieve the look of high-end studio shots using simple, accessible equipment, even in your own home. Also included is information on the settings that will help you master complex multi-flash situations, as well as tips on how to create cost-effective, self-built accessories. Foreword by Strobist.com's David Hobby.

"Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door" That statement has been attributed to a 19th century clergyman who obviously didn't know much about the real world or marketing! Even if that statement was true at the time it isn't now, and the successful businesses of today are those who know how to market and sell their products better than other people. Having better products hardly helps at all. Having good product photos has always been important, but the world of online sales has changed, become far more competitive than just a year or so ago and you're now competing with competitors from all over the world, many of which will have much lower labour and operating costs. For most products, it's now all about price - lots of different sellers offering identical or near-identical products with the same barcode and the same photos, same descriptions and the same fast delivery - so everyone tries to be the cheapest, which often results in high sales but very low profits. And being the cheapest can be impossible, especially when the factories that make your goods are selling them direct to your public. One of the best ways of fighting back - and winning - is to have better photos, and this book explains the choices, the reasons for those choices and shows you how to do it, whether you're producing them yourself or contracting the work out.

More and more men are seeking out great portrait, commercial, or fashion photography. For working photographers, photographing men may be one of today's greatest new opportunities. But, while there are dozens of books, guides, and workshops on photographing women, there's been practically nothing comparable for men... until now! Jeff Rojas's *Photographing Men* is today's definitive full-color guide to every aspect of modern male photography. Rojas builds on his unique in-person course, which has made him Google's #1 go-to search result for knowledge on photographing males. Rojas covers posing, styling, lighting, post-production, and more, showing how to achieve outstanding results and maximum creative expression. You'll discover how to: Make male clients look natural, masculine, and confident Skillfully document your male clients' best attributes, physical and emotional Define every man's face shapes, body shapes, and other features Compensate for flaws and perceived flaws, including acne, baldness, double chins, gray hair, wrinkles, and large features Overcome the challenges of styling male subjects, including big, skinny, and short men Understand how a suit should really fit your subject - and what to do if suits are out of the question Properly light all shapes and sizes of men for portraits, fashion, and commercial images (with complete lighting diagrams, behind-the-scenes images, and gear lists) Get detailed examples and tips for portraits, 3/4 poses, and full-length poses Photograph entrepreneurs, managers, prosperous men, innovators, "classic" and "handsome" men, athletes, muscle men, underwear models, and even movie stars Complement every man's features in post-production techniques And much more

What's your definition of a photo studio? Is it a room with a white seamless backdrop or a cyc wall? Maybe it's simply anywhere you're in control of the lighting. In a perfect world, where every day is a breezy 72 degrees with partial cloud coverage, we would all have a 5,000-square-foot studio—and the entire catalog of B&H™ in our equipment lockups. But the reality is that you may have an outdated DSLR with two decent lenses (which took you several years to save up for), and all you have at your disposal is an unfinished basement, your garage, or the empty conference room at your office. That's where *Studio Anywhere* comes in. With photographer Nick Fancher as your guide, you'll learn how to get portfolio-ready photos while working in some of the most problematic scenarios imaginable. Whether shooting a corporate portrait, a test shoot with a model, or a promo shoot with a band, you'll discover that most of the time, there's no need for an expensive studio—you just have to get creative. *Studio Anywhere* is a resource for photographers to learn through behind-the-scenes photos and lighting diagrams from a range of photo shoots—but it doesn't stop there. Because directing a photo shoot involves more than simply knowing how to wield a camera or process a raw file, Nick also lets you in on the aesthetic decisions he makes in his signature photos, inspiring you to develop your own vision. And, finally, he describes his Lightroom and Photoshop workflow so you can learn how to deftly navigate post-processing. Shows how to create images with minimal equipment that is within reach of anyone's budget Takes you through the entire shoot, from concept to lighting to exposure to post-processing in Lightroom and Photoshop Teaches how to build a portfolio without a dedicated studio space

Imagine capturing stunning, professional-looking product shots without needing a studio filled with expensive equipment and large flash units. This book teaches all the steps for creating your own tabletop photography studio. Affordable compact flashes offer a number of creative lighting options within your tabletop studio; and the appropriate lighting and backdrop, and the creative use of your camera's features are key to a perfect image. Author Cyrill Harnischmacher guides you through a variety of exposure and lighting techniques, and covers how to achieve excellent results using compact flash units. Whether you wish to capture product images for use in print or on the web, or you want to improve your photos for personal use, this book will provide you with everything you need to know to get great results. Topics include: Lighting Setups; Reflectors, Diffusers, and Accessories; Soft Boxes and Umbrellas; Strobe Flashes; Combining Long Exposures with Flashlights; Multi-Flash Exposures; Composition and Arrangements; Creating Backdrops; Product Photography; Smoke, Fog, and Special Effects; Food Photography and much more...

This cookbook-style guide to portrait lighting contains all the ingredients necessary for a successful photo shoot. With 60 two-page spreads highlighting the techniques used to create stunning portraits alongside the portraits themselves, aspiring photographers will have a clear sense of both the "how" and the "why" of good lighting. Difficult questions such as How can I downplay a double chin and dark shadows under the eyes? and How can I produce a soft, romantic feel in a woman's portrait? Are addressed and resolved in this no-nonsense guide to good lighting.

From lighting glass objects to photographing models indoors and out, this handbook demonstrates how to effectively use and control light using a variety of traditional and unconventional lighting equipment. Written by award-winning photographer Robert Morrissey for both the professional and the serious amateur photographer, this guide explains



master them \* Written by multi award-winning photographer Richard Bradbury Aimed at the serious amateur, this is a practical guide to achieving professional results in digital photography. Light is at the very heart of photography and plays a fundamental role in creating successful images. Not only does light affect brightness, it also determines tone, mood, atmosphere, texture, colour and luminosity. Mastering Lighting & Flash Photography contains everything you need to know about controlling and manipulating light to capture the beauty of the world around you in your own signature style. Written and photographed by a multi award-winning photographer, the book describes and demonstrates all the key topics: from understanding light and how to use it; through choosing the best kit and mastering the essential techniques; to different forms of flash photography and studio lighting, tips from leading professionals, and elevating your prints in post-production. .

The Most Informative book on Photography Product photography can be very stimulating, and digital can boost the sensation. The technical aspect of photography is undeniably in-escapable, and the more you understand, the better your photos will be. This book aims to give you the fundamental information you need in a way that lets you apply it to your own adventures in digital photography. All what counts in photographing is simplicity and the know-how of executing the enticing moment. Let's say anyone can almost try to take a picture in this modern world, but it takes exceptional techniques for professional photographer to take an outstanding photo. The difference between a beginner and an expert is knowledge. And for this reason, this book you are about to read will take through the knowledge needed to completely guide you to the art and science of digital photography. In its details you will find simple, practical techniques and the most used equipment's needed to take a photo like a pro. This accessible book give you all you need to tackle a difficult project, gain a new hobby, comprehend step by step techniques' and also aid you brush up on something you learned back then, but have since forgotten. In addition to the basics skills required in product photography, you will also get to yourself plenty of suggestions about unleashing your innovative and creative potential. Digital photographing is an easier thing to learn about than film photographing and this book guides you step by step through each aspect of the product photographic process. If you have a creative bent, it shows you how to add your own personal touch to your photos. This book is different from most others on the subject. In its pages you will often find in-depth information other books only mention in passing or miss entirely. Here's what you'll discover in this book that won't be in the others: \*A complete guide to best equipment's incorporated in product photography \*A full explanations of different basic skills for digital product photography \*Easy and quick to understand techniques on how to take good pictures by use of best cameras\*Learning to be creative with digital photography to come with outstanding pictures which were not possible there before\*The many advantages you could get by use of digital photography \*The book will aid you gain new and fresh ideas you may seem not to know there before as it is intended for both beginners and the experienced ones.\*It is also designed to be a complete reference that makes it easy for you to find specific information and tips on just about any aspect of digital photography. \*The point of this book is to show you how to get the pictures that you want and how to get the most out of digital photography without letting you drown in a lot of technical terms. \*This book aims to give you the fundamental information you need in a way that lets you apply it to your own adventures in digital photography.\*The book aims to be as accurate as possible and at the same time give you real-world tips on how this knowledge will help you create better photos. So what are you waiting for? Take the plunge into the new world of digital photography and find out how you can learn to express yourself with the art form of today. In a short period of time you could be taking cutting-edge photos. All it takes is a little understanding. Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn... DIFFERENT EQUIPMENTS TO CHOOSE FROM DURING PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPHY GENERAL STUDIO EQUIPMENT HOW TO WELL-SHAPE THE FACE DURING PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPHY EXPLANATION TO BASIC RAW PROCESSING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHING COMES WITH NUMEROUS MERITS Much, much more!

Accessible for professionals and hobbyists alike, this guide helps photographers navigate the transition from traditional flash and hot lights to light-emitting diode (LED) lights, the hottest new trend in lighting technology. It demystifies the process of choosing the right LED light for projects, presents commonsense methods for using LEDs and offers suggestions for achieving the perfect lighting colour and balance. Includes examples of how to use LEDs in still life images, portraits and even moving pictures. The essential guide to the biggest new trend in photography.

Enhance the visual quality of your motion pictures and digital videos with a solid understanding of lighting fundamentals. This complete course in digital video lighting begins with how the human eye and the camera process light and color, progresses through the basics of equipment and setups, and finishes with practical lessons on how to solve common problems. Filled with clear illustrations and real-world examples that demonstrate proper equipment use, safety issues, and staging techniques, Lighting for Digital Video presents readers with all they need to create their own visual masterpieces. Features \* film style techniques for digital video productions \* creating "movie" looks on a low budget \* lighting for HD \* how to maximize existing light \* how to be a grip + safety issues \* interview setups \* color correction techniques in mixed lighting situations

In Run and Gun: One-Light Solutions for Commercial and Portrait Photographers, photographer Nick Fancher discusses more than 20 one-light photo scenarios and setups for both portraits and product/commercial work, showing finished images as well lighting diagrams as he discusses each photograph. This ebook was written for the photographer who has just picked up a flash and has the ability to trigger it from somewhere other than the top of their camera. It does not cover the buttons and dials of your camera or flash, but instead Nick quickly and efficiently discusses different kinds of photographs you can accomplish with your newly acquired flash—images such as a portraits and product shots created with soft light, hard light, with a colored (gelled) fill light, and much more. Additionally, he covers using your flash to overpower the sun, as well as how to creatively use a slower shutter speed to create powerful aesthetic effects in your images. Finally, Nick shares a series of product shots he created as a self-assignment to further develop his own

lighting, editing, and styling skills. After reading and working through *Run and Gun*, you'll be armed with ideas and techniques to head out and create similar images with your newly acquired flash.

The core goal of photography is representing subjects that have depth and texture in a medium that inherently lacks both those qualities, and this book shows the best way to rise to that challenge: through the careful application and capture of lighting. It demonstrates how to accentuate or minimize textures, add or subtract highlights, and create or combat shadows to showcase the subjects in the best way and create the illusion of a third dimension in the images. Exploring techniques for lighting portraits, still-life subjects, nature images, and architectural shots, both studio and location lighting are covered in detail. The book teaches photographers how to study their subjects—*with all of the textures, colors, shapes, and surfaces they have*—then visualize the image as a finished photograph before the photography actually begins. With chapters that thoroughly cover the science of lighting and visualization, photographers can apply that knowledge and successfully create artful images.

The best camera is the one you have with you. Whether that's a high-tech DSLR, a consumer point-and-shoot, or simply your SmartPhone, there's a common denominator that will determine the visual impact of the images you create: the light. Identifying beautiful light (or creating/modifying the light) takes experience, observation, and a knowledge the fundamentals of lighting. Learning how to visualize the intended image in your mind's eye and translate that vision onto a two-dimensional plane is, as this book will show, far more important than what device you actually use to record that image. If you have ever looked at an amazing scene or subject but been disappointed by your photos of it—this is the book for you! Through examples and exercises, the author challenges you creatively, starting with the very basics of lighting and building a knowledge base that you can apply to your growth as a photographer at any stage, and with any camera.

Learning to work with light is an important milestone in every photographer's career, and the ability to craft light to fit your vision for an image is a skill that cannot be overrated. Most often, that crafting of light is spoken of in terms of the *quality* and *quantity* of light. But there is an important, third component of light that heavily influences the final look of the image: the *color* of light. In *Chroma: A Photographer's Guide to Lighting with Color*, photographer Nick Fancher helps you elevate your game when it comes to introducing the bold, creative, and intentional use of color into your work.

Whether you're using a high-powered strobe or a small hotshoe flash, *Chroma* is for you. Nick begins with a discussion of color theory, gels, and white balance, then examines how to determine which colors complement your subject matter (whether that's people or products). He moves on to cover topics such as:

- Balancing, mixing, and overpowering ambient light with artificial light
- Layering colors for unique color combinations
- Mixing hard and soft light to achieve extremely rich color
- Lighting detail and texture
- Modifier options, such as ring flash, snoots, barn doors, softboxes, and filters
- Gobos to control the light
- Post-processing for vibrant, powerful colors
- How (and why) to light with color, even when the end goal is a black and white image

Illustrated throughout with innovative and expressive imagery, *Chroma* also includes behind-the-scenes photos, lighting diagrams, and Lightroom settings so you can follow along from the initial concept through to the final edit.

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From flashlights and top-of-the-line studio electronic flashes to light stands and battery/inverter packs, this all-encompassing survey evaluates the vast array of lighting and equipment options available to professional photographers. Beginning with a basic history of the role of lighting equipment and the interplay between advances in capture and lighting technologies, the emphasis then shifts to advances made within the past five years that have enabled photographers to consider more low-powered and cost effective options than ever before. In addition to identifying the wide range of gear currently on the market—as well as those photographers may devise on their own—this reference examines the pros and cons of the various technologies and provides suggestions for their most practical use. Photographs of the equipment surveyed as well as real-life images created with the different pieces of equipment are interspersed throughout the text. Other helpful hints include tips for maximizing versatility, investment in each piece of equipment, and a “Top-Ten Must-Have List.”

Lighting is one of the most important aspects of any photograph. The best images create dimension and drama, which goes beyond formulas and lighting recipes. In *Lighting for*

Photographers: An Introductory Guide to Professional Photography, commercial photographers and instructors Joe Lavine and Brad Bartholomew offer a unique philosophy of lighting, starting with an understanding of the characteristics of lighting to build great shots. Including interviews from professional photographers and illustrated with over 200 images, this book introduces basic photographic concepts and equipment needs, and takes the reader from the lighting process through to starting a successful career in photography both in the studio and on location. Readers will learn a comprehensive approach to lighting including what light does, composition, experimentation, practical tools and techniques, equipment, metering and histograms, and how to launch and grow their career. With downloadable instructor resources featuring discussion questions and quizzes, this fully updated edition is ideal for introductory level photography and lighting courses as well as the amateur photographer looking to apply the appropriate lighting to realize their conceptual and aesthetic goals.

High quality images sell products. Here's how you do it. From cereal boxes to billboards to photos on Amazon, product photos have a strong impact on viewers. Now you can master the secrets of effective product photography with this essential guide. Author J. Dennis Thomas guides you through the basics, from selecting the right equipment and practicing different lighting techniques to controlling exposure, using backgrounds and props, and much more. Whether it's jewelry, food, fashion, or other products, learn how to photograph for effective selling, while building the skills and tools you need for a career. Explains how to produce quality photos for product or commercial photography, including fashion, food, jewelry, technology, and more The author is a professional photographer whose work has been published in major U.S. magazines including Rolling Stone, Elle, W Magazine, and US Weekly Covers choosing the right equipment, practicing different lighting techniques, controlling exposure, using backgrounds and props, and more Gives new and even experienced photographers the tools they need to build careers in product photography Take photographs that impress, intrigue, dazzle, and sell with The Art and Style of Product Photography.

This must-have book includes 135 detailed lighting diagrams and step-by-step discussions that teach readers how to most effectively light a wide array of products, interiors and models. Morrissey starts with a discussion on the types and characteristics of light photographers are likely to encounter on the job. Readers will also learn how to select and use cameras, electric flash units and modifiers to sculpt the light to suit their creative vision.

Light, vibrant and malleable, is the greatest tool at the disposal of portrait photographers. In this acclaimed book—with over 50,000 copies in print—Christopher Grey walks you through studio portrait lighting from start to finish. Dozens of image sequences and before/after pairings show you precisely how each change of light position and modifier affects the look of the lighting on the subject. From classic portrait lighting patterns to unexpected but powerful looks, Grey teaches you everything you need to know to control light effectively. Armed with these powerful skills, you'll be able to create portraits that are more flattering, more marketable, and more creative.

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