

Mastering Photographic Composition Creativity And Personal Style

The first book in the Understanding Photography series, Understanding Exposure, was a runaway best-seller, with more than 250,000 copies sold. Now author Bryan Peterson brings his signature style to another important photography topic: shutter speed. With clear, jargon-free explanations of terms and techniques, plus compelling "before-and-after" photos that pair a mediocre image (created using the wrong shutter speed) with a great image (created using the right shutter speed), this is the definitive practical guide to mastering an often-confusing subject. Topics include freezing and implying motion, panning, zooming, exposure, Bogen Super Clamps, and rendering motion effects with Photoshop, all with helpful guidance for both digital and film formats. Great for beginners and serious amateurs, Understanding Shutter Speed is the definitive handy guide to mastering shutter speed for superb results.

This book includes thirteen essays on landscape photography by master photographer Alain Briot. Topics include practical, technical, and aesthetic aspects of photography to help photographers build and refine their skills. Also covered is how to be an artist in business. Alain Briot is one of the leading contemporary landscape photographers. He received his education in France and currently works mostly in the southwestern part of the United States. This book starts with the technical aspects of photography; how to see, compose, find the right light, and select the best lens for a specific shot. It continues by focusing on the artistic aspects of photography with chapters on how to select your best work, how to create a portfolio, and finally concludes with two chapters on how to be an artist in business.

Since the beginning of the twentieth century, photographic composition has been taught mostly by applying the principles from the field of graphic design. But the factor that distinguishes the work of master photographers is their ability to see and describe scenes visually. This book follows contemporary educational methods used to teach fine arts such as drawing and painting, concentrating on teaching the perception of critical visual elements and understanding how they will be rendered photographically. "In many respects, this book can do for photography what Betty Edwards' best-selling Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain did for drawing. Many people believe that seeing is a mysterious gift, the so-called 'artist's eye.'" says Krages. The core of the book is a group of sixty exercise that readers perform to learn how to perceive points, lines, and shapes in static and dynamic settings. These exercises are structured enough to push photographers to develop their cognitive abilities while at the same time flexible enough to allow for individual creative expression. They also show the importance of knowing about the subject and provide some history about the specific genres at the heart of each exercise. An approach to photographic composition explains how to use a variety of composition principles and techniques and photographic equipment to create special photographic effects

Create Better Compositions by Design The path to better painting begins with Mastering Composition. This effective guide blends clear, visual instruction with 5 step-by-step demonstrations to show you how to plan and paint your best work yet. Composition is the key, and here you'll learn to design paintings with new skill and confidence. It all begins with the armature or structure of the picture plane. Every great painting has one, and you'll see through several famous examples exactly how the Old Masters used armatures to create movement, narrative, harmony and fluidity. Based on these examples, you'll practice what you've learned following a series of hands-on demonstrations. Once you understand the basic principles of design, you'll be amazed at how quickly and effectively your compositions come together. Soon you will be painting more boldly and confidently than ever before with less reworking and overworking. Whether you're a beginner looking for basic instruction or a more advanced painter troubleshooting a specific problem, the proven methods in this book will work for you. Ideal for all mediums, Mastering Composition gives you the knowledge you need to create powerful paintings out of every subject. Mastering Composition with Your Digital SLR is a master class in creative composition techniques. With step-by-step workshops on portraits and people shots, landscapes and action, action images and specialized techniques, this book shows photographers how to think about the creative aspects of pushing the shutter. Stunning examples and detailed workshops focus on in-camera techniques, along with information on using software. For photographers who are ready to move beyond the manual, here is the book that reveals how to improve visual instinct and maximize creative potential.

Many photographers don't have the business and marketing knowledge required to successfully sell fine-art photographs. Briot offers practical, up-to-date, and field-tested marketing techniques from the viewpoint of a fine-art landscape photographer who earns a living from the sale of his fine-art prints.

This book uses a structured approach to teach the art of creating interesting, well-composed images. It provides solutions to problems that often get in the way of producing great photographs and emphasizes the importance of training the eye to exclude the extraneous. Examples of strong images are juxtaposed against flawed images, illustrating how to create a successful composition. Topics covered include light and shadow, lens choice, framing, negative space, and many more. In this book, author Jack Dykinga encourages us to look at photography as a way to communicate. Dykinga says, "Photography is a marvelous language that crosses linguistic borders as a universal, powerful, and direct communication. As photographers, we see something we find interesting and simply want to share it." Readers will learn new ways to create interesting and powerful compositions that communicate their intended messages. Filled with beautiful color images throughout, the book is sure to inspire, teach, and motivate photographers of all levels.

A skyscraper can't be built without a proper foundation, just like a crunchy taco can't be built without a shell. The same goes with your art, whether it's street photography, fine art, cinematography, painting,

or even sculpting. The techniques found in this book, though presented with street photos, will easily translate across every visual art and allow you to create remarkable, mouth-watering masterpieces. Countless artists out there want to push their art further, but they've run face first into a nasty plateau. Art is tough enough as it is, but without proper knowledge of composition and design it's easy to end up in a dark alley waiting to be maliciously fondled by mediocre art. Don't join the masses, join the elite! Learn serious composition and design techniques in a fun way that will launch you to the master level. You might even get a chuckle from the film photos capturing whacky tourists as they wonder aimlessly on the beautiful beach of Waikiki, Hawaii. Take part in the fun and seriously improve your art in a way that would make Da Vinci and Van Gogh smile with pride!

FUJIFILM X Series Unlimited teaches you everything you need to know in order to achieve mastery with your FUJIFILM camera, gaining maximum performance and total creative liberation with your photography...no matter what FUJIFILM X Series camera you use. Written by professional photographer, expert Fuji user, and X Series ambassador Dan Bailey, you'll learn every feature and every menu item, button, and function of the FUJIFILM X Series lineup. More importantly, you'll learn how to use these features and settings in actual shooting situations out in the world in order to capture great photographs.

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Dan has shot with X Series cameras for nearly six years, and he's worked closely with the FUJIFILM tech reps and product managers. He knows these cameras inside and out. He knows how they function out in the real world, and he's tested them with a wide range of subject matter, often in extremely challenging conditions, environments, and shooting situations. *FUJIFILM X Series Unlimited* teaches you everything he's learned along the way.

In this book, you'll learn all the camera settings, how to use autofocus, how to use and customize the film simulations to create your own "look," how to set up the camera for maximum image quality and performance, and many other features such as bracketing, exposure modes, the ADV mode filters, how to update firmware, and how to optimize your Fuji to match your style and subject matter.

This book is absolutely packed with tons of great recommendations, advice, and insight. If you take the time to learn and master just a few of the features covered in this guide, you'll be able to take your creative and technical skills to a whole new level.

Eighty color photographs arranged to reflect the infinitely varying qualities of light in mountain landscapes are accompanied by the author's philosophy of photography, the development of his personal style, and the methods guiding his work

Take your best shots with this invaluable guide to composition for DSLR cameras Sometimes you get the best results by breaking the rules, but first you have to know what the rules are! In this indispensable photography guide, renowned photographer Harold Davis first walks you through the recommended guidelines for composing great shots with your DSLR camera-and then shows you how to break free, build your own unique style, and compose beautiful images with confidence. Provides practical composition basics as well as the artistic tips and tricks eagerly sought by digital SLR camera lovers, who are growing in number as DSLR camera sales continue to grow Explores the fundamental rules of composition-then how to break those rules to take captivating and unique images Informs and inspires you with the author's own gorgeous examples of landscapes, portraits, close-ups, and other photos that illustrate his concepts Helps you jump-start your creativity by showing you new ways to see Go beyond the basics and create a photography style that's all your own with this must-have guide.

Foreword by Skip Cohen Translating the chaos of the real world into a breathtakingly simple, beautiful photograph can often seem like an impossible task. With busy, cluttered backgrounds and subjects who don't know how to pose, how can you take control and get a great shot no matter the situation? In *Picture Perfect Practice*, photographer Roberto Valenzuela breaks down the craft of photography into three key elements—locations, poses, and execution—that you can use to unlock the photographic opportunities lying beneath every challenging situation. Valenzuela stresses the need for photographers to actively practice their craft every day—just like you would practice a musical instrument—in order to master the art of making great images. With chapters that offer practice exercises to strengthen your photographic abilities, you'll learn how to approach a scene, break it down, and see your way to a great photograph. The Location section features chapters that cover symmetry, balance, framing, color elements, textures, and much more. The Posing section includes the Five Key Posing Techniques that Valenzuela uses every time he's shooting people, as well as a complete list of poses and how to achieve, customize, and perfect them. The Execution portion, with sections like "Lighting through Direction" and "Simplicity through Subtraction," reveals Valenzuela's overall approach to getting the shot. The book also includes an inspiring and helpful chapter on deliberate practice techniques, where Valenzuela describes his system for practicing and analyzing his work, which leads to constant improvement as a photographer. If you've been frustrated and overwhelmed by the challenges of real-world locations, posing your subjects, or executing a great image—or if you simply want to become a better shooter but don't know where to start—*Picture Perfect Practice* gives you the tools and information you need to finally become the kind of photographer you've always wanted to be: the kind who can confidently walk into any location, under any lighting condition, with any subject, and know that you can create astonishing photographs that have a timeless impact.

"Those of you who follow this blog know that Dr. Richard Zakia, former RIT professor, is one of my all time favorite photo gurus. We send each other pictures. We talk about looking into pictures - and not just looking at them. Big difference.. Dr. Richard Zakia, a.k.a. Dick, is the co-author, along with David Page, of *Photographic Composition: A Visual Guide*. These two dudes are also two of my favorite people."---Rick Sammon's blog "Covers all the tips needed to help photographers construct their own unique, outstanding images and is an outstanding 'must' for any collection."--CA Bookwatch Master composition and design to take your photos from okay to wow You already own the most important photography tool—your creative eye. With this book, you'll learn how classic design and composition principles can be applied to a wide range of photographic situations to create images with impact. Jim Miotke and Kerry Drager, both veteran photographers and experienced instructors, share time-tested design guidelines, composition techniques, even tips on when to break the rules, that will transform the way you make photographs.

Alain Briot states that, "The personality of the photographer must be present in the image for an artistic photograph to have value." And in this book he sets out to teach the things that are essential in achieving this goal. Following his successful first book, *Mastering Landscape Photography*, Briot goes beyond the conventional rules of composition and takes on a fresh, new approach to teaching the art of photography. Based upon his personal experiences as an artist, teacher, and photographer, he opens new doors to the reader-doors leading to new ways of seeing and composing images. Briot approaches

fine art photography as being a combination of art and technique. In this new book he addresses both of these by presenting artistic and technical information. On the artistic side, Briot introduces artistic concepts that have been rarely, if ever, associated with photography. On the technical side, he presents numerous tools that can help you learn how to create better photographs and provides technical solutions to common photographic problems. The author practices photography as a fine art. What matters most to him is how photography can be used to express feelings and emotions. For Briot, a good photograph must be both artistically inspired and technically excellent. To have just one of these two elements is not enough for a fine art photograph to be successful. Topics include: - How to compose with color, with black and white, and with light - Why you need to consider your audience while composing a photograph - Recreate the emotions you felt when you captured your photographs - How the elements of color-hue, contrast, and saturation-work in your images - How to control the elements that have a visual effect in your photographs - How to draw upon your personal way of seeing and then share your vision - How to diagnose image maladies and apply the proper remedies - How to define a color palette for a specific photograph - How to use compositional elements to develop a personal style Forword by Tony Sweet

This book combines how-to advice, knowledgeable commentary, and useful tips on how to take and look at photographs. Throughout, voices and photographs from the greatest of National Geographic

Veteran photographer and instructor Bryan Peterson is best known for his arresting imagery using bold, graphic color and composition. Here he explores his signature use of color in photography for the first time, showing readers his process for creating striking images that pop off the page. He addresses how to shoot in any type of light, and looks at color families and how they can work together to make compelling images in commercial and art photography. He also helps readers understand exposure, flash, and other stumbling blocks that beginning and experienced photographers encounter when capturing images, showing how to get the most out of any composition. With its down-to-earth voice and casual teaching style, *Understanding Color in Photography* is a workshop in a book, helping any photographer take their images to the next level.

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Landscape photography can be a solitary experience but award-winning photography David Taylor believes creativity requires peaceful contemplation to flourish. The ability to ignore being cold or wet, an understanding of how the weather and seasons impact on the environment, and an appreciation of navigational skills are vital attributes of the landscape photographer.

Illustrated with the author's own stunning images, this book reveals the skills and techniques required to capture compelling photographs in empathy with the natural world. Chapters cover equipment, exposures, lighting, preparation, filters, composition and plenty of advice on postproduction, image corrections and some helpful website addresses.

The source of any photograph is not the camera or even the scene viewed through the viewfinder-it is the mind of the photographer: this is where an image is created before it is committed to a memory card or film. In *The Photographer's Mind*, the follow-up to the international best-seller, *The Photographer's Eye*, photographer and author Michael Freeman unravels the mystery behind the creation of a photograph. The nature of photography demands that the viewer constantly be intrigued and surprised by new imagery and different interpretations, more so than in any other art form. The aim of this book is to answer what makes a photograph great, and to explore the ways that top photographers achieve this goal time and time again. As you delve deeper into this subject, *The Photographer's Mind* will provide you with invaluable knowledge on avoiding cliché, the cyclical nature of fashion, style and mannerism, light, and even how to handle the unexpected. Michael Freeman is the author of the global bestseller, *The Photographer's Eye*. Now published in sixteen languages, *The Photographer's Eye* continues to speak to photographers everywhere. Reaching 100,000 copies in print in the US alone, and 300,000+ worldwide, it shows how anyone can develop the ability to see and shoot great digital photographs.

Going beyond the rule of thirds, this offers invaluable tips and tools to help the photographer take control of the creative process with emphasis on four elements: an impactful subject, dynamic composition, effective use of lighting, and an ability to invoke an emotional response in the viewer What makes a great photo? Flicking through the pages of popular photography magazines you might get the impression that there's only one rule of importance--the rule of thirds. Indeed it appears that some will judge the merit of a photograph based almost solely on this. Rarely do you hear discussion about visual weight, balance, negative space, depth, and so on. Author and professional photographer Richard Garvey-Williams argues that success lies in a combination of four elements: an impactful subject; dynamic composition; effective use of lighting; and, perhaps the most crucial, ability to invoke an emotional response in the viewer. Citing examples gleaned from a study of history--the Ancient Greeks' Golden Ru? Fibonacci's mathematical ratio; and the principles known as the Gestalt theory--the author analyzes the concepts, rules, and guidelines that define successful composition in photography and offers practical guidance to achieving great results. In clear, concise, and jargon-free text he also considers the role of tone and color in good composition, and offers invaluable tips and the tools to help the photographer take control of the creative process. The book is illustrated with examples of the author's own beautiful nature photography, along with diagrams and notation to explain techniques most clearly. A final chapter in this definitive guide for all serious photographers discusses photography and its relationship to art before offering a considered conclusion to the exploration of this fascinating topic.

Photographer and teacher Brenda Tharp marries photography craft with artistic vision to help intermediate photographers translate what they see into a personal impression of a subject in nature. Using single images, along with before-and-after and with-or-without examples, *Expressive Nature Photography* teaches how to make exposures that are creative, not necessarily correct. Inspiring photographers to get out early and stay out late, this book explains how to use light, an essential element of outdoor photography. Readers will learn how to "see in the dark," use filters to create very long exposures, create a natural effect using light painting, photograph night skies and moonlit landscapes, and make the best use of available natural light. This book also covers how to use shutter speeds to express motion and capture the energy of fast-moving subjects, such rushing streams, ocean swells, and bounding wildlife. A chapter on the art of visual flow discusses how to create compositions that direct the viewer's eye through the frame for maximum impact. Photographers will develop a sense of when to break the "rules" of composition, how to use elements to frame subjects, what to include and exclude in the frame, how to create the feeling of depth and dimension in a scene, and how to push the boundaries of composition to make memorable nature images that capture and convey fresh viewpoints. High-tech cameras can help create a good exposure and focused image, but they can't replace the

biggest keys to creating photos that others will love. No matter what kind of camera or smartphone you're using, you can take your photography to the next level and beyond by learning composition tools and secrets known to the masters of the art. Carry *The Secrets to Creating Amazing Photos* in your camera bag: The book is compact in size and easy to carry with you, so you can flip to the look you want and follow the recipe for creating an image that inspires you. Use it when you're out photographing to get new ideas and inspiration. You'll be able to rapidly up your photography game by learning the skills in *Picture Perfect Processes*. Key benefits of owning *The Secrets to Creating Amazing Photos* include: Taking better photographs today by learning the keys to composition Having quick and easy to follow "recipes" for composition at your fingertips Learning the secrets of composition from the masters of classical art and photography

Turn ordinary photographs into striking works of art *Mastering the craft of composing a photograph* is all about having a trained eye. *Digital Photography Composition For Dummies* helps emerging photographers create stunning and compelling photographs by teaching the elements, techniques, and conventions used by skilled and successful photographers. It helps advanced beginner to aspiring professional photographers gain an understanding of the basics of composing a stunning and compelling photograph, as well as the parts, functions, and capabilities of their camera. Determine the point of interest in a photo and how significance is achieved Use the "Rule of Thirds" to create better photographs Manipulate the viewpoint and understand the subject's direction of movement Master depth of field, framing, and diagonals Includes suggested exercises to apply as you become more comfortable with composition techniques Complete with full-color examples and technique comparisons, *Digital Photography Composition For Dummies* allows you to take the high-quality photos you've always wanted!

Learn to take better pictures in this step-by-step, how-to photography guide filled with tips on lighting, equipment, inspiration, and more. Featuring more than 200 of master photographer Art Wolfe's stunning images, *The Art of the Photograph* helps amateur photographers of all levels break bad habits and shatter common yet incorrect assumptions that hold many photographers back. This is Wolfe's ultimate master class, in which he shares the most important insights and techniques learned in four decades of award-winning photography. Along with co-author Rob Sheppard, Wolfe challenges us to stop focusing on subjects we feel we should photograph and instead, to "see like a camera sees," seek out a personal point of view, and construct stunning, meaningful images. You'll also learn how to:

- Reexamine prejudices that define (and limit) what you photograph
- See beyond the subject to let light and shadow lead you to the right image
- Find inspiration, including the story behind Wolfe's own photographic journey.
- Use formal art principles to build more compelling images.
- Choose the right camera and lens for the image you see in your mind's eye.
- Recognize the 10 deadly sins of composition—and how to avoid them.
- ...and even get a behind-the-lens look at Wolfe's equipment and workflow.

In *Mastering Bird Photography: The Art, Craft, and Technique of Photographing Birds and Their Behavior*, acclaimed bird photographer and author Marie Read shares techniques and stories behind her compelling images, offering fresh insights into making successful bird photographs, whether you're out in the field or in the comfort of your own backyard.

In this richly illustrated book, you'll learn how to be in the right place at the right time and how to obtain tack sharp portraits. Marie then teaches you to take your skills to the next level in order to capture action shots, illustrate birds in their habitats, and portray birds in evocative and artistic ways.

Building on basic technical topics such as camera choice, lens choice, and camera settings, Marie reveals how fieldcraft, compositional decisions, and knowledge of bird behavior contribute greatly to a successful bird photograph. Captions for the over 400 images contained in the book provide details on the equipment used, as well as camera settings. Throughout the book, bird behavior insights provide bird photographers of all skill levels a wealth of essential insider information that will help you produce images that stand out from the crowd.

Topics include:

- Equipment and accessories
- Focus, exposure, and light
- Composition and creativity
- Bird photography ethics
- Capturing bird behavior
- Storytelling images
- Action and in-flight shots
- Backyard photo studio
- Weather, water, and mood
- Top bird photo sites in North America
- Basic image editing
- ...and much more

Foreword by Tim Gallagher, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, *Living Bird* magazine. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Cambria} p.p2 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px 'Times New Roman'; min-height: 15.0px} p.p3 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Cambria; min-height: 14.0px} p.p4 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Arial} span.s1 {font: 11.0px Verdana} span.s2 {font: 12.0px 'Times New Roman'}

The difference between seeing and looking is essential—much like the difference, in music, between hearing and listening. In *Creative Visualization*, master photographer, photo educator and photo instructor Rick Sammon presents his proven methodology for creative digital photography. His signature inspiring and motivating approach opens creative avenues for photographers in a variety of genres. With easy-to-follow examples, Sammon shows you how simple changes—with visualization, composition, post-processing, and more—can mean the difference between a snapshot and a great shot. This book, illustrated with more than 300 of Rick's photographs, includes invaluable information about exposure, composition, subject choice, lighting, mood, and depth. In the *Food for Thought* section, Rick offers guidelines for setting goals, getting motivated, connecting with a subject, learning, painting with light, thinking like a painter and more. In *Develop Your Creative Vision*, Rick takes you on an exploration of composition, exposure, making images with impact, creating a mood, altering reality, and pursuing your passion. Corrective and creative image processing techniques, as well as HDR, EDR, panoramas and black-and-white imaging, are covered in the *Image Processing Specialties* section. Rick also shares a chapter on self-assignments – photo challenges – that you can use to expand your photographic horizons. *Canon Explorer of Light* and master photographer Rick Sammon shares the secrets behind learning to see photographically, to make the necessary changes that will have a noticeable impact on your photographs. Includes easy-to-follow instruction for post-processing techniques in Lightroom and Photoshop. Tips for making the best HDR and EDR images are also included, as well as illustrations of how plug-ins can help photographers awaken the artist within. Uses clear, visual examples of "photo failures" photographs side-by-side with successful ones, outlining the small, but important changes—to composition, framing, exposure, etc.—that can immediately make a significant difference

Learn to “see” more compelling images with this on-the-go field guide from Bryan Peterson! What makes an image amazing? Believe it or not, it is not about the content. What makes a photo compelling is the arrangement of that content—in other words, its composition. The right composition gives your images impact and emotion; the wrong one leaves them flat. In this handy, take-anywhere guide, renowned photographer, instructor, and bestselling author Bryan Peterson frees amateur photographers from the prejudices of what is “beautiful” or “ugly” so that they can instead focus on color, line, light, and pattern. Get the tools you need to show your distinct voice and point of view in every image you shoot. With this guide in your camera bag, you'll be equipped not only to “see” beautiful images but to successfully shoot them each and every time. Also available as an ebook

Harald Mante, one of the most distinguished teachers of the photographic arts in Germany and an internationally recognized master of photography, brings his teaching to us in the English language for the first time in more than 30 years. In *The Photograph* Mante explains the elements that are essential to achieving the highest level of visual design in photographs. This book is geared toward the serious intermediate and advanced photographer who strives to create outstanding images. While a deep understanding of photographic techniques is required in order to master photography, technical knowledge alone is not sufficient to create outstanding images. Beyond the technical aspects, the crucial elements that determine the quality and strength of a photograph are the content of the image and its organization within the image frame. This is where the "art" of photography comes into play. Truly creative photography is based upon knowledge and mastery of design, and insight into how the viewer perceives images. The creative photographer can exploit this knowledge and push image making in new directions. In this book, Mante explores the principles of line, shape, point, color, contrast, composition, and design in significantly greater depth and at a higher level than most any book available to date. He also covers a number of techniques to enhance expressiveness in a photograph and support the photographer's intentions. These in-depth lessons are beautifully illustrated with more than 750 images from Mante's own portfolio, including over 160 diagrams. *The Photograph* is a unique book that is sure to become an invaluable reference for anyone involved in photography—from the hobbyist to the professional; for both the digital and analog photographer; and for those practicing, studying, criticizing, or administering in the visual arts. This second edition has been extensively revised and updated, and includes 60 new images and illustrations. Also included are new chapters that cover analyzing shapes and colors and a discussion of the square image format.

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