

The Portrait Photography Handbook Your Guide For Taking Better Portrait Photographs Photography Essentials Series Book 3

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. Aiming to help portrait photographers yield pleasing results with a variety of body types, this tutorial evaluates the subject’s appearance and suggests refining poses, providing tips to make sure each subject ends up with a result they like. Using before-and-after photos—and working through every region of the body from the head to the feet—acclaimed professional instructor Jeff Smith demonstrates simple posing adjustments and explains how various poses can conceal problem areas and

maximize positive assets. Also covered are common mistakes that photographers make when posing their subjects and how to best match that pose with the setting, coordinating an overall feeling and style that makes every client look outstanding.

'The Perfect Portrait Guide' is a reading for anyone seeking to take great photographs. People are by far the most popular photographic subject, yet getting that special picture often involves more than just pointing and shooting. From taking informal portraits to using backgrounds, colours and studio lighting, this book gives invaluable advice on how to get the best from models in both posed and candid portraits. Choosing lenses, film and lighting equipment; understanding light; and mastering composition and exposition - all this is covered in 'The Perfect Portrait Guide'. It is also peppered with top professional's tips and technical know-how.

With detailed, informative instructions for capturing personable and memorable yearbook photos, this reference presents step-by-step demonstrations on advertising, talking to clients, producing outstanding images, and finalizing a sale. Noting the delicate balance of pleasing parents and teens alike, this resource illustrates how to marry the latest fashion-oriented photography trends with the needs of the family member who is paying for the session. A wealth of lighting and posing techniques combine with tips for analyzing the subject, choosing which features to accent and which to downplay, and creating alluring, fashionable looks that the whole family can appreciate. Emphasizing the value in allowing seniors to personalize their photos by

bringing the shoot to their home or a more meaningful location, the guide also includes suggestions for incorporating additional visual elements such as pets, musical instruments, team uniforms, best friends, or significant others.

Each year, Scott Kelby, Editor-in-Chief of Photoshop User magazine and the #1 best-selling Photoshop author, trains literally thousands of photographers on how to retouch portraits using Photoshop through his live seminars, online classes, DVDs, and standing-room only workshops at the Photoshop World Conference & Expo. Now you can learn the same techniques he uses in his own retouching workflow, in the only book of its kind—one written expressly for photographers who do their own retouching. As a pro photographer himself, Scott understands that photographers make their living shooting, not retouching. But, delivering fully retouched images is now expected by clients. That's why Scott put together this amazing resource for teaching photographers the quickest, easiest, and most effective ways to create professional-looking, retouched final images without spending hours grinding away at painstaking, detailed techniques. **LEARN HOW THE PROS DO IT** It's all here—the step-by-step methods for fixing, enhancing, and finishing your portraits in Photoshop. Using the techniques in this book, you'll create images that will absolutely wow your clients. You'll learn:

- How to soften skin and still retain detail and texture
- The best tricks for beautifully enhancing eyes, eyebrows, and eyelashes
- How to selectively sharpen portraits without complicated masking
- How to

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create gorgeous-looking lips • How to remove blemishes fast and keep the most detail • The pros' tricks for body sculpting • How to make your subject's hair look fabulous • How to give your retouches that natural look that sets them apart • Plus, you get Scott's complete 5-minute, 15-minute, and 30-minute start-to-finish workflows If you're ready to learn the "tricks of the trade"—the same ones that today's leading pro photographers use to retouch, tuck, tighten, and tone their images for that pro-retouched look—you're holding the book that will do exactly that. It will radically change the way you retouch your portraits from here on out, and give you the best-looking, most natural retouches you've ever done.

A reference for wedding and portrait photographers as well as amateur shutterbugs of any experience level demonstrates how to maximize natural lighting for the best effects, drawing on the expertise of an award-winning wedding photographer to outline specific techniques. By the author of *Wedding Photography Unveiled*. Original.

Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, Gregory Peck, Rita Hayworth, Marilyn Monroe—the brightest stars of the silver screen couldn't resist curling up with a good book. This unique collection of rare photographs celebrates the joy of reading in classic film style. The Hollywood Book Club captures screen luminaries on set, in films, in playful promotional photos, or in their own homes and libraries with books from literary classics to thrillers, from biographies to children's books, reading with their kids, and more. Featuring nearly 60 enchanting images, lively

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captions about the stars and what they're reading by Hollywood photo archivist Steven Rea, here's a real page-turner for booklovers and cinephiles.

Of all the portrait specialities, photographing group portraits is particularly demanding. How do they pose? How can everyone be kept in sharp focus and create an interesting composition? Bill Hurter, editor of Rangefinder magazine, provides a detailed study of what makes group portraiture work. Illustrated with images from over 40 top portrait photographers, this book teaches the techniques anyone can rely on to yield top-quality results.

Offers the tools needed to create professional images and presents one hundred family portrait poses for newborns and babies, children, siblings, and family groups.

"This book is a photographer's guide to the medium of the environmental portrait. It explores in detail the many "moving parts" of this imaging style, including the techniques and creative processes that drive some of this genre's finest contemporary practitioners. Environmental Portraiture, author Jim Cornfield puts his readers behind the viewfinder to help them master what he calls "the portrait photographer's most high-powered tool." In a series of tutorial chapters and study models, Cornfield unpacks aspects of the environmental portrait scenario, including research, location scouting, lighting interior and exterior environments, props and wardrobe, lens selection, composition, color, and after-capture."--Back cover.

Spearheaded by The Duchess of Cambridge, Patron of the National Portrait Gallery, Hold Still was an ambitious community project to create a unique collective portrait of the

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UK during lockdown. People of all ages were invited to submit a photographic portrait, taken in a six-week period during May and June 2020, focussed on three core themes - Helpers and Heroes, Your New Normal and Acts of Kindness. From these, a panel of judges selected 100 portraits, assessing the images on the emotions and experiences they conveyed. Featured here in this publication, the final 100 images present a unique and highly personal record of this extraordinary period in our history. From virtual birthday parties, handmade rainbows and community clapping to brave NHS staff, resilient keyworkers and people dealing with illness, isolation and loss. The images convey humour and grief, creativity and kindness, tragedy and hope - expressing and exploring both our shared and individual experiences. Presenting a true portrait of our nation in 2020, this publication includes a foreword by The Duchess of Cambridge, each image is accompanied by an extended caption and further works show the nationwide outdoor exhibition of Hold Still.

Contemporary photographs that cleverly capture a child's mood or personality--whether that's a big, toothy grin or a teary tantrum--are easily created with the tips and techniques explored in this in-depth handbook. Often called "lifestyle photography," modern techniques such as tightly cropped close-ups, vignettes, wide angles, and shallow depths produce images that are markedly less stiff and more expressive than traditional portraiture. From capturing great expressions and body language to integrating meaningful locations into the shoot to further express the subject's personality, this guide thoroughly explains how photographers can develop their image-storytelling skills to develop stunning portraits. Advice on creating platinum and chocolate-hued prints, vibrant color scenes, dramatic black & whites, and utilizing unusual textures or effects is also

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included.

Take Your Portraiture in Dramatic New Directions Whether you're a pro looking to update and diversify your portfolio, or an amateur ready to experiment with exacting new styles, you'll find inspiration and clear how-to in The Portrait Photographer's Lighting Style Guide. Today's most popular portrait styles are broken down with lighting diagrams and exposure information, as well as the story behind the shot, to create an indispensable reference for anyone interested in creating more up-to-date, professional-style portraits. Inside you'll find:

- * Diagrams for lighting 60 portraits in a wide variety of styles
- * Gear, lens, and exposure information for each shot
- * Photoshop tutorials for everything from RAW processing to HDR, digital makeovers, and more
- * Inspiring photographs--including celebrity shots of Angelina Jolie, Samuel L. Jackson, and more--from 11 international photographers

Features the images and the strategies of photographers working at the top of their field. Readers learn how lighting and posing for children's portraiture differs from techniques used for adults and teens.

Portrait Photographer's Handbook Amherst Media, Inc Photographers Sarah Plater and Hannah MacGregor present an authoritative self-contained course book on successfully shooting arresting portraits. Clear, concise and jargon-free text guides the novice photographer through the various styles of portraiture to capture subjects of all ages. The book begins with information on how to set up a small portrait studio in the home, including the use of backgrounds, flash equipment and other accessories. As a guide to the technical aspects of photography, the authors cover the essentials of correct exposure, white balance settings, and shooting in natural light. Post-production techniques such as skin retouching and colour correction are explained, as are

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printing options for portraits.

Often overshadowed by complicated lighting techniques or advanced postproduction tips, this resource seeks to remind the professional photographer of the fundamental importance of a subject's pose. Conveniently designed in two-page spreads—a striking portrait on one side, a comprehensive how-to of the strategies used on the other—this reference includes countless techniques for studio sessions as well as outdoor and location shoots, with individuals or groups, male or female clients, and in sitting, standing, or lying poses. With advice from a well-known and respected professional, it covers all the basics, showing how to emphasize a client's assets and downplay perceived flaws, how to create a cohesive, engaging group photo, how to use natural elements on location to enhance an image, and how to ensure that the result flatters the subject and adds the essential professional polish to an image.

Presenting an alternative to the formal, corporate-style poses of yesteryear, this book offers a modern, vibrant approach that aims to capture a moment in the lifestyle of the person or persons in the picture. Clear, concise text discusses the essential technical aspects of photography from choosing a camera and equipment to an appreciation of exposure, aperture, metering, shutter speed, depth of field and white balance settings, in addition to how natural light, color and movement affect a photograph. A guide to posing helps to ensure dynamic and arresting images. Along with advice on setting up a small studio at home, choice of backgrounds and using artificial light, there are hints and tips on pre-shoot preparations such as make-up, hair styling and suitable clothing for the subject of the portrait. Post-production techniques include skin retouching and color correction, plus a guide to printing options and presentation.

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With easy-to-follow instructions and detailed photo sequences showing how to arrange lights and lighting accessories, this carefully structured course teaches all the fundamentals of portraiture, as well as a host of other creative techniques. It sets out everything the amateur needs to know to create a wide range of styles, from choosing the right equipment to composing the background to placing and positioning the subject for maximum effect. The basics of color and black and white, digital capture and film, and studio and location shooting all receive detailed attention, and helpful tips on mood-enhancing lighting will help raise novices' skills to professional levels.

Featuring techniques and images from more than 40 of the industry's top photographers, this resource shows the best methods for lighting and posing individuals, couples, and groups, both on location and in the studio. Details are included on how to pose subjects, elicit expressions, create dynamic compositions, and utilize traditional lighting setups. Whether a photographer shoots weddings, group portraits, executive images or a little bit of everything, this book serves as a how-to guide and an idea file. Fully updated with all new images and covering the newest digital technology and latest software versions, this resource is an indispensable guide for photographers.

Discusses the fundamentals of portrait photography and reveals how to get the best shots of subjects both in the studio and outdoors, addressing the problems and opportunities both settings present.

The ability to create an effective portrait is probably the

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single most important skill any aspiring photographer must master. Few professional photographers, whatever their area of specialization, can hope to have a successful career without ever being called upon to create a likeness of another person. The Portrait Photography Course is designed to build a student photographer's experience and get him or her started on a rewarding career. Detailed tutorials cover every aspect of studio and location work, from composition and psychology to complex lighting schemes, equipment options, and digital retouching. Portfolios of exemplary images showcase individual photographers' work and demonstrate techniques explored in the tutorials, while interviews with top portrait photographers shed insight into their methodologies and philosophies. Presented and written by a leading portrait photographer, this book is an indispensable guide to taking professional pictures. ¿

Some photographers make portraits that we can't take our eyes off of. These images create mood, evoke emotion, and pique our curiosity. They have that certain something that other portraits seem to lack. These rare images are memorable—the kind of shots that clients want and photographers strive to emulate. These portraits are technically precise and have style. Neil van Niekerk is a big name in the portrait and wedding photography industry. His masterful photographs get a reaction, and he's devoted to helping others create compelling portraits for their clients. In this book, van Niekerk shows readers strategies for creating a wide range of portrait looks (romantic, fun, sweet, dramatic,

glamorous, or moody) in lackluster, middle-of-nowhere locales, small home studios, big expanses, and even on rooftops. Starting with traditional lighting and posing strategies and moving through “spicier” varieties, he shows readers how integrating specialized lighting (rim lighting, backlighting, flare, and low-key lighting—using natural light and artificial sources) and compositional approaches (shallow depth of field, lens compression, and unorthodox perspectives) into their creative approach can allow them to take full creative control over their portrait-taking process so that they’re able to deliver incredible shots of their clients in any photographic conditions.

Anyone who has photographed children knows: kids don’t really *do* posing. But, as the photographer, it’s your job and your responsibility to deliver lasting, impactful images in which kids look great. More importantly, the goal is to create photographs of kids that are authentic, engage their spirit, and convey their unique personalities.

So how do you get beyond the “cheese” smile? How do you harness the wild energy of a kid who won’t stop moving? How do you create energy and dynamism with a kid who just seems...bored and not into it? How do you do all that *and* achieve a compelling composition with flattering light and the proper exposure?

Tamara Lackey has been photographing children and

families for years, and in *The Posing Playbook for Photographing Kids*, she teaches you her strategies and techniques for successfully posing and photographing children. The book begins with a discussion of “organic posing,” an approach to directing the subject that focuses on making small adjustments that build up to a successful shot. Tamara moves on to the psychology of photographing children, covering how to read your subjects, work with different personality types, and elicit genuine engagement. She also discusses gear, accessories, composition, lighting, and camera settings.

Then, in five chapters that are the real core of the book, Tamara tackles typical shooting scenarios and works through each kind of shoot, explaining what worked, what didn't, and how each shoot progresses from start to finish. Covering the real-world challenges you'll face when photographing children, Tamara discusses photographing children in the studio, in urban settings, on commercial and fashion shoots, in outdoor natural settings, and in groups. At the end of each of these chapters, she provides a handy reference guide of poses to fuel and inspire your shoots.

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Focusing on the presence of the photographer's gaze as an integral part of constructing meaningful images, Roswell Angier combines theory and practice, to provide you with the technical advice and inspiration you need to develop your skills in portrait photography. Fully updated to take into account advances in creative work and photographic technology, this second edition also includes stunning new visuals and a discussion on the role of social media in the practice of portraiture. Each chapter includes a practical assignment, designed to help you explore various kinds of portrait photography and produce a range of different styles for your creative portfolio.

Most photographers love photographing people—but they will also readily admit that there are a lot of challenges to making great portraits. In this book, professional portrait photographer Bill Israelson explores the skills that lie at the heart of a successful approach to portrait photography. First, he helps you set your overall objectives for the image and your depiction of the subject, which will determine the equipment you'll need. Then, he lays out a simple six-step process designed to help you achieve your objectives (from location selection

through lighting and posing) and create a great-looking portrait of any subject in any situation. Delving further into the process, he presents individual chapters dedicated to meeting the unique challenges of creating portraits outdoors, in the studio, and at indoor locations. Concluding with tips for editing your images, Israelson charts a simple course to more appealing, more flattering portraits!

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.

This comprehensive guide to location portraits teaches the basics of good head-to-toe posing, indoors and out, and shows the classical approaches used throughout photographic history to create a pleasing rendition of the human form. Additional introductory chapters detail the four main posing styles and reveal how to determine which will work best with a subject, their clothing, the location, and the purpose of the portrait. Chapters for advanced

photographers highlight the creation of a wide variety of individual and group poses—including ground, seated, head-and-shoulders, and standing—to be utilized in tandem with stairs, rocks, and other architectural and natural elements. A chapter devoted to the essential business skills needed to professionally schedule appointments, work through consultations, manage sessions, and present and deliver final prints is also included.

In the early years of photographic portraiture, posing was an absolute necessity. With extremely slow films, equally slow lenses and a lack of artificial light sources, time dictated long exposures. Due to vastly improved technology, photographers are now able to work freely and naturally, recording spontaneity in their portraits, yet not forgetting the posing rules that existed. As Bill Hurter shows in *The Portrait Photographer's Guide To Posing*, there is room in the market for both approaches.

A trusted reference for beginners looking to master the portrait or lifelong photographers looking to try a new twist on the classic genre. The editors of *Popular Photography* pooled all their knowledge from their 70+ years of experience to bring you the most comprehensive guide to portraits on the market: *The Complete Portrait Manual*. Whether you're after snapshots of loved ones laughing, impressive studio headshots, fun yet tasteful selfies, or lightning-fast captures of athletes doing the thing

they love, this guide will help you produce the perfect portrait. In chapters on how to flatter your subjects with poses and angles, light them just right, and retouch your photos in post-production, you'll learn how to:

- Get to Know Your Subjects
- Pick Props that Show Personality
- Snap a Nice Selfie
- Craft Environmental Portraits
- Hide Flaws with Clever Angles
- Take Candid Street Shots
- Pick Poses that Flatter
- Zoom In on Telling Details
- Shoot Truly Joyful Holiday Portraits
- Freeze a Subject's Fleeting Reflection
- Set Up Avedon Lighting
- Know Your Light Sources
- Flatter with a Ring Light
- Mimic Film Noir Shadows
- Slow a Spinning Ballerina with Long Exposure
- Combine Natural and Studio Light
- Select Light Modifiers
- Capture Musicians with Limited Lighting
- Make Nostalgic Portraits with Film
- Understand Retouching Tools
- Go Classic with Black and White Conversion
- Craft Whimsical Composites
- Repair Old Photos of Loved Ones
- Minimize Lines and Skin Flaws
- Whiten Teeth and Eyes
- Make Cautious Use of the Liquify Tool
- Brighten Exposure for Breezier Snapshots

Photographers are guided through every aspect of posing—beginning with the consultation and continuing with specific tips for posing children, high school seniors, wedding parties, families, events, teams, groups, and pets—in this comprehensive manual. Maintaining that good posing is 80 percent mental and only 20 percent technical, this guide

stresses the importance of communication between photographer and subject to creating a portrait that not only captures the subject's personality but also makes the subject comfortable, fostering repeat business.

Capture the perfect portrait--even if it's with a selfie--in this updated edition of a trusted classic, now with all-new photography. Great portraits go beyond a mere record of a face. They reveal one of the millions of intimate human moments that make up a life. In *Understanding Portrait Photography*, renowned photographer Bryan Peterson shows how to spot those "aha!" moments and capture them forever. Rather than relying on pure luck and chance to catch those moments, Peterson's approach explains what makes a photo memorable, how to spot the universal themes that everyone can identify with, and how to use lighting, setting, and exposure to reveal the wonder and joy of everyday moments. This updated edition includes new sections on capturing the perfect selfie, how to photograph in foreign territory while being sensitive to cultures and customs, how to master portraiture on an iPhone, and the role of Photoshop in portraiture. Now with brand-new photography, *Understanding Portrait Photography* makes it easy to create indelible memories with light and shadow.

Photographers are always looking for perfect light. Unfortunately, the quality of available light, and the

situations in which photos are created, are rarely perfect. This is especially true when photographing weddings or portraits on location. So while finding beautiful existing light is every photographer's ideal, it isn't always possible. This is the point at which photographers tend to reach for a portable, on-camera flash. Indeed, these intense light sources can prove invaluable, but only if you know how to use them effectively. In the hands of an inexperienced photographer, on-camera flash will produce images that look flat and lifeless—images with harsh shadows, washed-out skin tones, cavernous black backgrounds, and other unappealing visual characteristics. In this book, acclaimed wedding and portrait photographer Neil van Niekerk shows you how to avoid the pitfalls photographers new to speedlights often encounter so that you can produce professional images using on-camera flash. You'll learn to use simple accessories to manipulate the quality of light from your flash and how to improve a lighting scenario by enhancing rather than overwhelming the existing light. When the available light is too low and too uneven to be combined with flash, he shows you how to override it completely with flash and, with some thought and careful application of specialized techniques, still get results that look great. On-camera flash is one of the most challenging light sources to master, but with the techniques in this

book you'll learn to use it with confidence. For wedding and environmental portrait photographers who must work in ever-changing lighting scenarios, this can mean better images and better sales. Everything needed to create top-dollar portraits is covered in this handbook, including tips on selecting a camera, setting calibrations, controlling direction and intensity of light, and the use of digital cameras, all illuminated by 130 portraits from twenty of the industry's finest portrait photographers. Original. This practical book explains the basic rules of portraiture, as well as covering more complex ideas of image making. Set out in chronological order as a photographer would approach a shoot, it explains each step of the process, including post-production and printing. Explains how to make the most of your camera and lenses, and the fundamentals of photography. Advises on how to approach shoots, whether for a baby or for a larger family grouping, and suggests poses for successful portraits. Explores the more creative aspects of photographic portraiture and includes master classes on more in-depth areas of portraiture. This practical book will help you learn about portrait photography and how to work creatively to take great photographs. Aimed at all professional and amateur photographers including the full range - portrait, glamour, hair, beauty and fashion. Superbly illustrated with 106 colour photographs. Saraya Cortaville is one of the

most respected UK portrait photographers and regularly teaches workshops.

The definitive monograph on the pioneering photographer Marcel Sternberger, whose psychological portraits have defined the way we see the icons of recent history. Photographer Marcel Sternberger pioneered the technique of the "psychological portrait," and redefined the boundaries of portrait iconography in the twentieth century. Combining an interest in contemporary art and science with the desire to break free from the constraints of conventional portraiture, Sternberger's pictures reveal as much about their author and their time as they do about their subjects. He photographed many of the most influential figures in art, science, and politics, ranging from Franklin Roosevelt and Albert Einstein to Frida Kahlo and George Bernard Shaw. Engaging his subjects—encouraging conversation, play, and gesture during photography—he elicited expressions of their characters that transformed his portraits into living works of art, and defined the public perception of his subjects' personas. With an introduction describing Sternberger's remarkable career and hundreds of unseen photographs, sketches, notes, and contact sheets, this is the first book to celebrate the work of one of the twentieth century's most important image-makers.

For those that love taking pictures, or having their

picture taken, this book is a creative resource of possibilities. Get shooting. Whichever side of the camera you like to be on, this book will show you how - with some simple camera techniques and inexpensive items of wardrobe - you can revolutionize your portfolio. That's always been the mission of photographer Mark and presenter/model Imogen in their smash-hit YouTube channel WeeklyImogen, and their expertise has attracted 160,000 subscribers with well over a million views a month (and growing). In this book they'll turn the practical wisdom so popular with thousands of photographers worldwide into a simple and accessible guide. You won't need to spend a fortune on props, studios or equipment; photographers and models alike will quickly learn how to create an exciting, varied portfolio of fresh portrait photography.

Portrait photography competition results.

Master of portraiture Monte Zucker presents page after page of essential photographic lessons to enable photographers to achieve and exceed their financial and artistic goals. Providing instructions on how to conduct a well-crafted client consultation, readers will learn which angles of the face to photograph, how to pose the body, where to place the camera, and the proper positioning of lighting equipment in order to cultivate an emotional connection with clients to produce an ideal image.

Chapters with expert advice on digital imaging cleanup and finishing techniques, clothing and makeup selection, and location and studio backdrop options to reinforce portrait concepts are also included.

What would your life be like if you could shoot absolutely amazing portraits? If you could be in any natural lighting situation, indoors or out, and know that you'd be able to create an amazing image every time? If you've ever dreamed of making such incredible portraits that your friends and family say, "Wait a minute, this is *your* photo!? *You* took this?" then you're in luck.

Award-winning photography book author Scott Kelby teaches you exactly how to shoot and edit gorgeous natural light portraits. Scott shares all his secrets and time-tested techniques, as he discusses everything from his essential go-to portrait gear to camera settings to the portrait photography techniques you need to create absolutely stunning images. From window light to taming harsh outdoor light, from the tools and accessories you need to capture beautiful portraits in any lighting condition, Scott has got you covered.

Among many other topics, you'll learn:

- The secrets to getting super-sharp portraits every time without breaking a sweat.
- Exactly which camera settings work best for natural light portraits (and which ones you should avoid).
- How to create separation with a silky smooth, out-of-focus background no matter which lens you have.
- How to tame even the harshest light and turn it to your advantage to create soft, beautiful, wrapping light.
- Which lenses will get you the best results and why.
- What gear you need, which accessories work best, and a ton of killer tips that will help you create better images and make the entire experience that much more fun.

It's all here, including an entire chapter on post-processing and retouching, and another with detailed portrait recipes, and best of all, it's just one topic per page, so you'll get straight to the info you need fast. There's never been a natural light portrait photography book like it!

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In this sexy, bold book, Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer Brian Smith tells the stories behind the photos and lessons learned in 30 years of photographing celebrities and people from all walks of life. Smith's long list of famous and infamous subjects includes pro basketball players Dwayne Wade and Shaquille O'Neal; billionaires Bill Gates, Richard Branson, and Donald Trump; tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams; actors Anne Hathaway, Antonio Banderas, Christopher Walken, Taye Diggs, Jane Krakowski, and William H. Macy; and many more. You'll get the inside scoop on what goes on at a celebrity photo shoot in this gorgeous guide to making professional portraits. Smith has mastered how to make a meaningful portrait on a magazine's budget and on a celebrity's schedule, which can sometimes be 15 minutes or less. Smith reveals his tips on connecting with people, finding the perfect location, telling a great story through portraiture, getting the ideal pose, capturing emotion and gestures, arranging unique group shots, and lighting the scene just right. You might not be photographing the rich and famous, but after reading Smith's tell-all guide, you'll know how to give everyone who makes their way in front of your camera the star treatment.

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