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The Complete Portrait Manual: 200+ Tips And Techniques For Shooting Perfect Photos Of People (Popular Photography Books)



Synopsis

For beginners looking to master the portrait or lifelong photographers looking to try a new twist on the classic genre, this is your photo book. The Complete Portrait Manual provides over 300 tips and techniques to help you successfully capture the portrait you want. 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
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- 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

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You can easily read this book cover to cover. It is full of good tips and creative ideas, and excellent information about lighting. Because of the way it's organized, it will serve as a ready reference which is GREAT. Individual topics/sections are succinct, meat and potatoes. So you can look at the table of contents to find a specific topic, and then quickly read instructions, tips, and ideas. I am sure I will refer to this book often going forward!

Excellent basics and some simple DiY tricks that will save you loads of cash while you are experimenting. Money well spent.

Great book. Highly recommend for photographers performing in low budget. The author share a huge amount of technical information and invites you to use it in practical assignments.

Great book very insightful. The pictures are pretty and it tells you how to get great photos. I really enjoyed this book.

Some great advice for beginning photographers, as well as details on portrait photography. This should add well to my techniques.

Too basic. Nothing new. More of a beginner's book.

Very Very Very Good

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