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The Complete Portrait Manual (Popular Photography): 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 200 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 on your smartphone, 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

For amateur photographers, there is no better resource. With high-quality design, intricate detail, and a durable flexicover, this manual is the perfect gift!

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Customer Reviews

Probably a good book for beginner to intermediate photographers. There's a nice collection of tips and ideas but the same information is freely available on many of the popular photography websites like fstoppers. For advanced or pro shooters I would look elsewhere.

I thought that the information was very nicely presented and the printing was of very high quality. The coverage of the subject portrait photography was very comprehensive. The only reason I gave it only 4 stars was the almost complete lack of lighting diagrams. It would have helped a lot if the I could have seen how the photographers lit the scenes. Almost but not quite.

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!

I really like this book! Breaks advice about taking portraits down into very direct and simply summaries with photo examples. I have read 30-40 pages and am looking forward to applying some of the techniques as I head out on a family vacation and photography my brother's beach wedding this upcoming week. This is a great buy for someone who wants to learn and improve but who may not have time or desire for a more technical book

I got this for my sister for her birthday. It tells you how to do SO much stuff, as well as has picture examples. If you have old photos you've been wanging to restore, this book can tell you how to do it!!

Wonderful mid-level photography manual! Very clearly written, with just enough humor to be funny but not annoying. And this is a little thing, but kind of cool -- the corners are rounded, not sharp 90-degree angles. That means that you can carry it around in your photography bag without it catching on things and getting all frayed. A little thing, but it shows how much thinking went into this book.

If I had browsed through this book prior to purchase, I absolutely would not get it. Very little in the way of useful information, and it seemed to have no focus whatsoever.

Well organized and put together, but I expected much more in tutorials. Lots of pretty pictures don't cut it for me. I expect to learn more... not just look and see.

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