

Dramatic Portrait The Art Of Crafting Light And Shadow

'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.

Whichever side of the camera you like to be on, in this book will show you how - with some simple camera techniques and inexpensive items of wardrobe - you can revolutionise 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.

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.

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.

Lighting and the Dramatic Portrait

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Mastering Portrait Photography

Authentic Portraits

Capture the Beauty of Natural Light for Glowing, Flattering Photographs

The Secrets to Creating Amazing Headshot Portraits

Photographing Men

Photographer, author, and educator Roberto Valenzuela has a proven track record for teaching and explaining difficult concepts to photographers of all skill levels. His remarkable ability to break down complicated ideas into understandable, approachable elements that photographers can truly grasp—and then use their newfound knowledge to improve their photography—made his first book, Picture Perfect Practice, a breakout success. In Picture Perfect Posing, Roberto takes on the art of posing. For many photographers, after learning to compose an image and even light it properly, a portrait can still easily be a failure if the pose is not natural, elegant, and serving the needs of both the subject and the photographer. Instead of just showing page after page of poses—like most posing books on the market—Roberto actually breaks down the concept of posing by examining the anatomy, starting with the core foundation: the spinal chord and neck. Building from there, Roberto discusses every component of what makes poses work, as well as fail. How should the model hold her hands? Bend her elbows? Position her fingers? Should the model look toward or away from the camera, and why? It all depends on what the photographer wants for the shot, and Roberto discusses the entire process, from the intent of the photographer through the execution of the pose. For those who have been discouraged by an inability to pose their subjects, or who have simply not known where to start in order to “figure it out,” Picture Perfect Posing is the essential resource they need to learn how posing truly works, and how they can learn to direct the exact pose they need for the shot they want.

What’s no photograph. As almost every photographer knows, the word “photograph” has its roots in two Greek words that, together, mean “drawing with light.” But what is less commonly acknowledged and understood is the role that shadow plays in creating striking, expressive imagery, especially in portraiture. It is through deft, nuanced use of both light and shadow that you can move beyond shooting simply ordinary, competent headshots into the realm of creating dramatic portraiture that can so powerfully convey a subject’s inner essence, communicate a personal narrative, and express your photographic vision. In The Dramatic Portrait: The Art of Crafting Light and Shadow , Chris Knight addresses portraiture with a unique approach to both light and shadow that allows you to improve and elevate your own portraiture. He begins with the history of portraiture, from the early work of Egyptians and Greeks to the sublime treatment of light and subject by artists such as Caravaggio, Rembrandt, and Vermeer. Chris then dives into a deep, hands-on exploration of light, shadow, and portraiture, offering numerous lessons and takeaways. He covers: • The qualities of light: hard, soft, and the spectrum in between • The relationships between light, subject, and background, and how to control them • Lighting patterns such as Paramount, Rembrandt, loop, and split • Lighting ratios and how they affect contrast in your image • Equipment: from big and small modifiers to grids, snoots, barn doors, flags, and gels • Multiple setups for portrait shoots, including those that utilize one, two, and three lights • How color contributes to drama and mood, eliciting an emotional response from the viewer • How to approach styling your portrait, from wardrobe to background • The post-processing workflow, including developing the RAW file, maximizing contrast, color grading, retouching, and dodging and burning for heightened drama and effect • How all of these elements culminate to help you define your personal style and create your own narrative

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

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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The Portrait Photography Ideas Book

Black and White Portrait Photography Look Book

Stories and Techniques from a Photographer's Photographer

Shot in the Dark

Crafting the Natural Light Look

Posing, Lighting, and Shooting Techniques for Portrait and Fashion Photography

Shooting in Sh*tty Light

In Portrait Photography: From Snapshots to Great Shots, author and photographer Erik Valind shows you how to get the best shots of your subjects—whether you’re in a studio or outdoors, at a family get-together, or at a formal event. Starting with the fundamentals of portrait photography, including how to select the right camera settings and lenses and how to compose your shots, Erik covers building a rapport with your subject, and offers suggestions for poses that flatter your subject to achieve great shots. He then addresses the problems and opportunities of both natural and indoor light, offering ways to resolve lighting challenges of both, showing when and how to use a flash and how to add and modify light to improve the quality of your images. Finally, he walks through several portrait scenarios, including creating single-person shots such as headshots and environmental shots, and group shots such as family and wedding photos. Follow along with Erik and you will: Learn the basics of capturing great portraits, such as focusing on the eyes, stepping back and zooming in, and turning your subject into the light Evaluate focal length, compression, and working distance to select the best lens for any given shoot Establish trust with your subject and provide helpful direction and feedback so they feel at ease and look their best Address challenges associated with natural light such as shade and direct light—and tame or redirect the light for improved photographs Improve the light with modifiers and other helpful tools such as strobes, umbrellas, and reflectors Go “behind the scenes” and walk through the process of creating great portraits with two chapters of start-to-finish examples Beautifully illustrated with large, vibrant photos, this book teaches you how to take control of your photography to get the portraits you want every time you pick up your camera.

A monochromatic image is composed of one color. The term monochrome comes from the Ancient Greek: μονόχρωμος, romanized: monochromos, lit. 'having one color'. A monochromatic object or image reflects colors in shades of limited colors or hues. Images using only shades of grey are called grayscale or black-and-white.

When photographing people, you can have a great composition, perfect light, and the right camera settings, but if your subject doesn't look right—if the pose is off—the shot will not be a keeper. Posing is truly a crucial skill that photographers need to have in order to create great photographs. If you're looking to improve your ability to pose your subjects—whether they're men, women, couples, or groups—best-selling author and photographer Lindsay Adler's The Photographer's Guide to Posing: Techniques to Flatter Everyone is the perfect resource for you. In the first half of The Photographer's Guide to Posing, Lindsay discusses how the camera sees, and thus how camera angle, lens choice, and perspective all affect the appearance of your subject. Lindsay then covers things that ruin a pose—such as placement of the hands, and your subject's expression and posture. Next, Lindsay dives into "posing essentials," outlining her approach to start with a "base pose," then build on that to create endless posing opportunities. She also discusses posing the face—with specific sections dedicated to the chin, jaw, eyes, and forehead—as well as posing hands. In the second half of the book, Lindsay dedicates entire chapters to posing specific subject matter: women, men, couples, curvy women, families and small groups, and large groups. In each chapter, Lindsay addresses that subject matter's specific challenges, provides "go-to poses" you can always use, and covers how to train the eye to determine the best pose for your subject(s). Lindsay also teaches you how to analyze a pose so that you can create endless posing opportunities and continuously improve your work.

It used to be that the only people that needed professional-looking headshots were actors and models, but now thanks to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and social media in general, headshots are hot! They've never been more in demand than they are today, and Peter Hurley's unique headshot style and trademark look have made him the most sought-after headshot photographer in the world today. Here's your chance to learn exactly how to create "the look" that everybody's after. This is bankable stuff! If you're not adding headshots to what you offer as a photographer, you're leaving a lot of money on the table. Peter knows first-hand the secrets to not only lighting your headshots like a pro (there's a whole chapter on that alone), but in this book he reveals, in the very same fashion that made him a famous name with photographers everywhere, how he gets authentic expressions and incredibly flattering positioning that will make your clients look better than they ever have in any photo—period! It's all here: he shows you his positioning techniques, his secrets for getting genuine smiles and images that look so natural you won't believe they're posed (but of course, they are), and you'll learn the very same techniques that Peter uses to create amazing headshots for everyone from execs at top Fortune 500 companies, to Silicon Valley startups, to actors and public figures who know all too well how important a great-looking headshot really is. Peter doesn't hold anything back. He reveals all his tricks of the trade, from his trademark lighting look, to how to create good-looking backgrounds on location, to positioning tricks you won't hear anywhere else, and it's all written in Peter's fun, quirky, inspiring style that lets you know, right from the beginning, you can do this, and you can do this big! These are the techniques that Peter has crafted from years in front of the lens, as a model for top brands like Abercrombie & Fitch and Guess, and years behind the lens, giving him an insight few photographers will ever possess, and he's willing to share every bit of it—every trick, every technique, and every nuance—in this book that will pay for itself at your very next shoot. Yes, it's that good.

The Natural Light Portrait Book

Chroma

One Face, Fifty Ways

Your Key to Better Portrait Photography Anywhere

Light It, Shoot It, Retouch It

Innovative Artist: Drawing Dramatic Landscapes

A Photographer's Guide to Shooting in Unconventional Locations

Wedding photographers are under tremendous pressure to capture once-in-a-lifetime moments—from the bride's preparations, to the ceremony, to the reception and the exit. They are forced to shoot in low light in every wedding—whether in poorly lit ceremony and reception venues or, later in the day, when the peak lighting has faded. This presents myriad problems and obstacles to achieving beautiful, artfully executed images of the events of the wedding day. In this book, popular photoeducator Brett Florens and contributors provide digital photo techniques and lighting solutions—from reflectors, to LED lights, to flash—that will help you ensure that no important image is lost to poor light or exposure concerns. From choosing and using the best camera settings to scouting locations with interesting, workable light, to creating gorgeous artistic effects, this book provides the skills you need to get THE shot at every stage of the wedding and in any locale.

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.

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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 create gorgeous-looking lips • How to remove blemishes fast and keep the most detail • The pros' tricks for making 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.

Understanding Portrait Photography

The Perfect Portrait Guide

Best Business Practices for Photographers, Third Edition

Monochrome

The Art of Crafting Light and Shadow

Picture Perfect Posing

Lighting and the Dramatic Portrait: The Art of Celebrity and Editorial Photography

In How to Draw Classic Heads & Faces, the first book in the new Walter Foster Collectibles series, artists can step back to a simpler time and become acquainted—or reacquainted—with the roots of Walter Foster's art. Gracing each beautifully designed page of this must-have collector's title are original step-by-step instructional drawings and art tips from four books that helped artist Walter Foster grow into the legend he is today: How to Draw the Head, Heads from Life (18), Heads from Life (18A), and 101 Heads. Practical advice and easy-to-follow instructions make this inclusive drawing book as relevant today as when the original titles were first published.

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The most successful portraits take us well beyond the surface of how someone looks and show us the inner essence of who someone is. They reveal character, soul, and depth. They uncover hidden hopes and profound truths, revealing that authentic and deeply human light that shines within. And while technical expertise is undoubtedly important, it's not the light, camera, or pose that creates a great portrait. It's you, and it's the connection you create with the subject that makes all the difference. In Authentic Portraits, photographer Chris Orwig teaches you that the secret to creating meaningful portraits is simple: curiosity, empathy, kindness, and soul...plus a bit of technique. While Chris spends significant time on the fundamentals of "getting the shot"—working with natural light, nailing focus, dialing in the correct exposure, effectively posing and directing the subject, intentionally composing the frame—he also passionately discusses the need for personal development, creative collaboration, and connection with the subject. Because who you are directly and deeply affects what you create, and it is only through cultivating your own inner light that you will be able to bring it out in your subjects. Filled with instruction, insight, and inspiration, Authentic Portraits is an honest and personal book about creating better frames. It's also about becoming your best self. Take the journey, and you'll learn to find your vision and voice, bring intention to your photography and your life, embrace mystery, and understand the importance of gratitude and empathy. Along the way, you will teach the camera to see in a way that replicates how you feel, and you'll find you have all you need to create work of lasting significance.

In this first-ever showcase of his work, Gregory Heisler, one of professional photography's most respected practitioners, shares 50 iconic portraits of celebrities, athletes, and world leaders, along with fascinating, thoughtful, often humorous stories about how the images were made. From his famously controversial portrait of President George H.W. Bush (which led to the revocation of Heisler's White House clearance) to his evocative post-9/11 Time magazine cover of Rudolph Giuliani, to stunning portraits of Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington, Hillary Clinton, Michael Phelps, Muhammad Ali, and many more, Heisler reveals the creative and technical processes that led to each frame. For Heisler's fans and all lovers of photography, Gregory Heisler: 50 Portraits offers not only a gorgeous collection of both black-and-white and color portraits, but an engrossing look at the rarely seen art of a master photographer at work. With a foreword by New York City mayor Michael R. Bloomberg.

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Techniques to Flatter Everyone

Professional Portrait Retouching Techniques for Photographers Using Photoshop
How to Shoot Great Pictures of People Anywhere

Nightshade
New Ideas and Innovative Techniques Using Mixed Media
Portrait Photography

The secrets of great portraits are shared with photographers at every level in this resource that includes sections on cameras, illumination, film and digital, lighting set-ups, creativity and conceptualization, connecting with the subject, and having a point of view. Original.

Renowned celebrity photographer Michael Grecco's seminal bestselling book "Lighting and the Dramatic Portrait: The Art of Celebrity and Editorial Photography" is a photographers "lighting "bible". A must-have for portrait photographers, Grecco reveals step-by-step every aspect of his craft including exact diagrams for perfect lighting while inspiring the true art of the portrait. You'll learn exactly why "Time,"

"People," and "Business Week" and celebrities such as Chris Rock, Salma Hayek, Kate Winslet, and Lucy Liu all trust Michael Grecco to shoot their coveted celebrity covers. Grecco's beautiful, insightful work is all around us--on movie posters, in advertising, on magazine covers, everywhere. "I delight in inspiring people," he writes. "I want them to stop, think, and feel." Now Grecco shares the secrets of great portraits with photographers at every level, in "Lighting and the Dramatic Portrait." Sections on cameras, illumination, film and digital, creativity and conceptualization, connecting with the subject, and having a point of view, plus intriguing case studies that show "how I got that picture," make this book a resource photographers will use again and again through the years. Whether the subject is a star or a soccer mom, Grecco shows how to add artistry, drama, wit, humor, and personality to their portrait.

Aspiring photographers are always looking for that edge, that fresh point of view to add drama to their images. Photographer Joey L. found his vision early, drawing critical acclaim as a brilliant commercial photographer with a distinctive technical expertise for lighting. In Photographing Shadow and Light, Joey lifts the curtain on his dramatic, creatively fearless approach to portraiture, sharing his personal philosophy and a behind-the-scenes look at 15 striking photo sessions—from personal projects shot in Africa, India, and Brooklyn to commercial shoots for 50 Cent, the Jonas Brothers, and Project Runway All Stars. Joey provides readers with a step-by-step description of how he visualized each shoot, formed meaningful connections with his subjects, and "built" his signature dramatic lighting effects—one light at a time. Featuring more than 95 stunning portraits, detailed lighting diagrams, and a foreword from industry icon David Hobby (aka Stroblis), Photographing Shadow and Light shares the creative process behind one of today's most exciting photography talents, providing serious amateurs and professionals a fresh perspective on creating compelling, professional quality portraits. "Joey Lawrence is . . . the future of photography. Get used to it." —David Hobby (Stroblis) Get inside the images of commercial and fine art portrait photographer Joey L. with this behind-the-lens guide to his fearless approach, creative vision, and signature lighting techniques. Also available as an ebook

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

Low-Light Techniques for Wedding and Portrait Photography

Inside the Dramatic Lighting Techniques and Creative Vision of Portrait Photographer Joey L.

The Dramatic Portrait

An Introduction to Photographic Lighting

Diane Arbus
Practicing the Art of Posing for Photographers and Models

Dramatic Portrait, 1st Edition

Learn to use a one-light approach for recreating the look of beautiful, natural window light for portraiture!

At its best, natural light is magical for portraiture. The quality of natural light streaming through a window can be extraordinary—gorgeous, wrapping light that flatters your subject and can be used to create multiple looks. For years, photographer Sandra Coan exclusively used natural light in her portraiture work. And while the results could be magnificent, she also learned that she could not rely on it to build a business and create consistently great photographs. That's because natural light is frustratingly unpredictable: sometimes it rains, sometimes the light is too harsh when your clients are available, and sometimes—depending on the time of year—it's just too dark.

In order to grow her business with dependably great results and a high level of professionalism, Sandra finally decided to tackle artificial light. She spent years honing her ability to use artificial light to recreate the look of beautiful, natural light. And now, with a simple one-light approach, she produces “natural” light whenever and wherever she likes, creating great portraits in any situation, at any time of day or night. It's an approach that has led to a successful career spanning two decades and a signature look to her work. Here, in *Crafting the Natural Light Look*, Sandra shares her knowledge and techniques so that you, too, can learn to quickly and dependably create the look of natural light in your own portraiture. Unlike other books that address artificial light, Sandra's tone is conversational and easygoing, and she does not cover everything there is to know about artificial light. In fact, there are no two- or three-light setups here. Instead, Sandra's method is straightforward and easily actionable. She covers:

- The key characteristics of light (intensity, distance, direction)
- Equipment: strobes, flashes, light meters, triggers, receivers, modifiers, reflectors, and light stands—including what she uses, and what she recommends if starting out on a budget
- Shutter speed and its relationship with artificial light

- Where to position the light and the subject for consistent, flattering results
- Creating four lighting patterns and looks with one setup—flat light, loop light, side light, and backlight
- Using a light meter to determine the perfect flash power (whether you shoot film or digital)

- Working with individuals, families, and groups
- The role of shadows in its contribution to the drama and mood of a portrait
- Common mistakes and how to avoid them

- What she does in post-production (very little!)

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"Engrossing...I loved each and every brushstroke!" Ian Rankin 'Nightshade is a glorious novel... full of twisted sexuality, art and power' Observer Could the creative urge be the most destructive - even the deadliest - impulse of all? Could it end in death? Eve Laing, once the muse of an infamous painter, is now - forty years later - an artist herself. But she has sacrificed her career for her family. She resents the global success of her old college roommate. She is slowly unravelling. When Eve embarks on her most ambitious work yet, she takes a wrecking ball to her comfortable life, jettisoning her marriage for a beautiful young lover who seems to share her single-minded creative vision. This timely novel explores sexual politics, asking if the true artist must relinquish the ordinary human need for love and connection to pave the way for desire and ambition, leading to a fatal awakening...

Bring a new level of innovation into your landscape drawings. This book is aimed at artists who wish to explore new ways of using a variety of drawing media to create striking, dramatic landscapes. The author, Robert Dutton, combines media such as liquid graphite, inks, metallic inks, charcoal and water-soluble painting and drawing pastels. He also experiments with collage work.

Predominantly focusing on working in black and white, Drawing Dramatic Landscapes explores basic drawing techniques using a limited range of media, then introduces new techniques and products as the reader progresses. This is a highly instructive guide to the techniques Robert himself uses, with numerous exercises and larger step-by-step projects throughout the book showing how he works. Alongside these will be numerous examples of the author's finished artworks accompanied by informative captions explaining the methods used to create them, thereby providing both instruction and inspiration. Robert works outdoors from life much of the time, finishing his artworks in the studio later. His work is both achievable and aspirational, making this a highly attractive book for artists of all abilities.

Diane Arbus was one of the greatest photographers of the last century. Her portraiture of freaks, circus performers, twins, nudists and others on the social margins connected with a wide public at a deep psychological level. Her suicide in New York in 1971 overshadowed the reception to her work. Her posthumous exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art a year later drew lines around the block. She was born into a Russian-

Jewish family, the Nemerovs, who owned a department store on Fifth Avenue. They were family friends with the Avedons. Richard Avedon later championed Arbus's work. Avedon rose to greater and greater commercial success through the magazine world. Arbus died in a rent-protected apartment scrambling to earn her keep with odd teaching assignments. Lubow's biography begins at the moment Arbus quit the world of commercial photography to be an artist. She was uncompromising in that ambition. The book ends with her death. The entire narrative is a slow march towards that event.

If you want to learn to create out-of-this-world photos that capture the heart and soul of a dog, you've come to the right place. Whether you're a professional looking to up your dog photography game, or an amateur striving to take better pictures of your four-legged best friend, Dogtography is your guide to crafting jaw-dropping photographs that are exploding with personality. And there is no better teacher than Kaylee Greer, one of the world's most in-demand dog photographers. Kaylee travels the globe photographing dogs for some of the biggest pet brands on Earth, teaches industry-renowned workshops, and stars in Nat Geo Wild's original television mini-series Puppapazzi , chronicling her colorful adventures photographing dogs across America.

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- Shutter speed and its relationship with artificial light

- Where to position the light and the subject for consistent, flattering results
- Creating four lighting patterns and looks with one setup—flat light, loop light, side light, and backlight
- Using a light meter to determine the perfect flash power (whether you shoot film or digital)

- Working with individuals, families, and groups
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