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100 Photography Exercises and Ideas to Build Skills and Find Your Artistic Style  
Independently Published  
A new spin on the classic guide to composing stunning images of nature and wildlife What is the difference between a good picture and a great one? In this fully revised edition of the classic bestseller *The Art of Photographing Nature*, master photographer Art Wolfe and former Audubon photo editor Martha Hill team up to explain the art of composing images of enduring beauty. Against a backdrop of more than 250 photographs of nature,

wildlife, and landscapes, they share insights and advice about what works and what doesn't, and how small changes can take an image from ordinary to extraordinary. Throughout, all-new tips from digital imaging expert Tim Grey show readers how to make the most of digital technology, whether by choosing the right color space, understanding sensor size, or removing distracting elements in post-processing. The result is an invaluable collection of expert advice updated for the modern age.

Weegee's New York Aperture Foundation

In *A*, American photographer Gregory Halpern (born 1977) leads us on a ramble through the beautiful and ruined streets of the American Rust Belt. The cast of characters, both human and animal, are portrayed with compassion and respect by this native son of Buffalo (now professor at the Rochester

Institute of Technology). The cities he is drawn to--Baltimore, Cincinnati, Omaha, Detroit--share similar histories with his hometown, and in this post-apocalyptic springtime all forms of life emerge and run riot. On the heels of Halpern's two previous books, *Harvard Works Because We Do* (a portrait of Harvard University through the eyes of the school's service employees) and *Omaha Sketchbook* (a lyrical artist's book portrait of the titular city), *A* continues the photographer's investigations of locations and persons that fly under the radar.

## **A Five-Step Guide to Creating Unforgettable Photographs**

Daylight Press

*PhotoWork* is a collection of interviews by forty photographers about their approach to making photographs and, more importantly, a sustained body of work. Curator and lecturer Sasha Wolf was inspired to seek out and assemble responses to these questions after hearing from countless young photographers about how they often feel adrift in

their own practice, wondering if they are doing it the "right" way. The responses, from both established and newly emerging photographers, reveal there is no single path.

*Our Landscape in Flux* CRC Press

Jason Fulford: Contains 3 Books is a silver foil-stamped box that, appropriately enough, contains three books by photographer Jason Fulford (born 1973): *Mild Moderate Severe*, *Profound*, *I Am Napoleon* and *&&*. The culmination of three years and 15 countries' worth of travel around the world undertaken by Fulford as a Guggenheim Fellow, the photographs in these three volumes receive Fulford's trademark elliptical, evocative sequencing, interspersed with texts that alternately explain and confound. *I Am Napoleon* begins with a prefatory note that can be taken as emblematic of the project as a whole: "I think any book or picture or composition of any sort, once out into the world, so to say, produces a different effect on each person who seriously tries to follow it. I certainly do not think that the author of it has any monopoly on its interpretation."

Aperture

*Within the Frame* is a book about finding and expressing your photographic vision, specifically where people, places, and cultures are concerned. A personal book full of real-

world wisdom and incredible images, author David duChemin (of [pixelatedimage.com](http://pixelatedimage.com)) shows you both the how and the why of finding, chasing, and expressing your vision with a camera to your eye. Vision leads to passion, and passion is a cornerstone of great photography. With it, photographs draw the eye in and create an emotional experience. Without it, a photograph is often not worth—and can't capture—a viewer's attention. Both instructional and inspirational, *Within the Frame* helps you on your photographic journey to make better images of the places and people you love, whether they are around the world or in your own backyard. duChemin covers how to tell stories, and the technology and tools we have at our disposal in order to tell those narratives. Most importantly, he stresses the crucial theme of vision when it comes to photographing people, places, and cultures—and he helps you cultivate and find your own vision, and then fit it within the frame.

*Photographers' Sketchbooks* Amphoto

Books

*Cathedral of the Pines* presents Gregory Crewdson's first new body of work in over five years. The series marks a return to Crewdson's classic style of storytelling via the single image, using light and color to create newly intimate, psychologically charged imagery. This body of work marks a time of transition for the artist, including the end of his marriage and a retreat from New York to a remote home and studio in western Massachusetts—a period of time during which Crewdson chose to remain socially withdrawn, instead committing to daily, long-distance, open-water swims and cross-country skiing on wooded paths. *Cathedral of the Pines* is named after one of these trails, deep in the forests of Becket, Massachusetts, the site where he found the inspiration to make these new pictures. It was there that he felt

darkness lift, experienced a reconnection with his artistic process, and moved into a period of renewal and intense creative productivity. The photographs are accompanied by an essay by Alexander Nemerov, who addresses the work in relation to the American past, focusing in particular on the way the images draw space and time down to ceremonial points, in which "all that ever happened in these places seems crystallized in his tableaux, as if the quiet melancholy of Crewdson's scenes gathered the unruly sorrows and other little-guessed feelings of people long-gone who once stood on those spots."

**Footprint** Oxford University Press  
Photographs of custodial, maintenance, and food service workers of Harvard University are accompanied by brief statements by those pictured, including Bill Brooks, janitor to three university

presidents and David Noard, security guard at the Fogg Art Museum  
Raising Frogs for \$\$\$  
The Photographer's Playbook 307  
Assignments and Ideas Presents assignments and ideas, with stories and anecdotes from professional photographers, offering advice for better shooting and editing and creative ways to start new projects.  
The Education of a Photographer  
"A game, a series of essays, an abstract visual storybook...all of the above? The design of Jason Fulford's third photobook is rigid and deliberate, while its meaning is flexible. 'The intention of this edit and layout,' Fulford explains, 'is to create as many relationships as possible between the pictures as well as the chapters. I like the idea of a meticulously planned-out event that remains unpredictable.' The work in RAISING FROGS FOR \$ \$ \$ was selected from his personal archive, taken between 1997 and 2005 in various countries"--  
**Digital Photography Complete Course**  
Yale University

Press  
An invaluable resource for photography educators, this volume is a survey of photographic education in the first decade of the 21st Century. Drawing upon her 25 years of teaching experience and her professional network, Michelle Bogre spoke with 47 photo educators from all over the world to compile this diverse set of interviews. The themes of these conversations explore: Why students should study photography  
The value of a formal photography degree  
Teaching philosophies  
Whether video and multimedia should be an essential part of a photographic curricula  
The challenges of teaching photography today  
Changes in photographic education overall

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The second half of the book shares 70 photography assignments of varying level of difficulty from these educators, some paired with examples of how students completed them. This book will inspire and invigorate any photography educator's curriculum.

*Photographs Not Taken*  
CRC Press

Presents assignments and ideas, with stories and anecdotes from professional photographers, offering advice for better shooting and editing and creative ways to start new projects.

The Trap Laurence King Publishing  
Words of wisdom from American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie Focusing on Carnegie's most famous essay, "The Gospel of Wealth," this book of his writings, published here together for the first time, demonstrates the late steel

magnate's beliefs on wealth, poverty, the public good, and capitalism. Carnegie's commitment to ensuring and promoting the welfare of his fellow human beings through philanthropic deeds ranged from donations to universities and museums to establishing more than 2,500 public libraries in the English-speaking world, and he gave away more than \$350 million toward those efforts during his lifetime. The Gospel of Wealth is an eloquent testament to the importance of charitable giving for the public good. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles,

Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

*The Photography Storytelling Workshop*  
Penguin  
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work in 'Raising Frogs for \$ \$ \$' was selected from the photographer's personal archive, from images taken in various countries between 1997 and 2005. Fulford's photographs have been used on book covers by Don Delillo, John Updike, Bertrand Russell, Terry Eagleton, Ha Jin and many others.

*Rock Seen* Ilex Press

Build your photography skills step-by-step with an independent photography course that guides you through every aspect of digital photography. Includes advice and stunning images, this e-guide will help you master your photography and image-editing skills, and maximize your artistic talent in as little as 20 weeks. Digital Photography Complete Course uses a combination of tutorials, step-by-step demonstrations, practical assignments, and Q&As to help you understand and use your camera to its full capacity. Choose your own pace to work through the modules- the program is completely customizable to your schedule. As you work through the lessons, test your new knowledge and troubleshoot common issues. With the aid of helpful text and innovative graphics in Digital Photography Complete Course, you'll explore a wide range of genres: Find out how to create landscapes, portraits, still life, and action shots as you discover the full range of your camera and learn how to take professional-looking pictures you'll be proud to display.

**Blue Violet** Soon Inst

"Trap" is the language of hip-hop from the southern states, especially from the city of Atlanta. But "trap" is also slang for the place where drug deals are made. And, last but not least, a "trap" is also a snare. All of this collides when the documentary photographer Vincent Desailly sets out to capture the world behind the lyrics in Atlanta. His pictures are witnesses to the feeling of life and the atmosphere that comes from this music. Haunting portraits show dealers, musicians, or simply residents of the city. On display are guns, crime scenes, and tableaux of everyday life. The photographs are enchantingly beautiful and narratively elegant. Each one is full of meaning and history. Thus, the visual evidence becomes poetry. The portrayal of everyday life begins to speak in the photos. And this language is none other but rap, to whose driving beats and direct lyrics the pictures again open up. "Trap" is the language of hip-hop from the southern states, especially from the city of Atlanta. But "trap" is also slang for the place where drug deals are made. And, last but not least, a "trap" is also a snare. All of this collides when the documentary photographer Vincent

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Born in 1908 in France, Henri Cartier-Bresson is considered to be the father of modern photojournalism. Early on he adopted the versatile 35mm format and helped develop the popular "street

photography" style, influencing generations of photographers that followed. In his own words, he expressed that "the camera is a sketch book, an instrument of intuition and spontaneity, the master of the instant which, in visual terms, questions and decides simultaneously. . . . It is by economy of means that one arrives at simplicity of expression." In 1947 Cartier-Bresson founded Magnum Photos with four other photographers. August 22 will be the 100th anniversary of his birth.

*Art Can Help* White Lion Publishing

The photographic community is rife with talented and creative practitioners and artists. But making great photographs does not always translate into an ability to teach effectively. This new edition of *Teaching Photography* approaches photographic education from a point of view that stresses the how and why of the education. It includes the resources that will inspire new and

seasoned teachers to help students expand their technical and aesthetic abilities and techniques, as well as their visual literacy and the way photography fits into the wider world.

Fully updated to include the online/hybrid classroom environment, collaborative learning, rubrics, and using digital technology, plus techniques for inspiring conversations and critiques.

Within the Frame The Monacelli Press, LLC With a powerful juxtaposition of portraiture and landscape photography, this book explores Dawoud Bey's vivid evocations of race, history, time, and place Dawoud Bey (b. 1953) is an American photographer best known for his large-scale portraits of underrepresented subjects and for his commitment to fostering dialogue about contemporary social and political topics. Bey has also

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<p>found inspiration in the past, and in two recent series, presented together here for the first time, he addresses African American history explicitly, with renderings both lyrical and immediate. In 2012 Bey created The Birmingham Project, a series of paired portraits memorializing the six children who were victims of the Ku Klux Klan's bombing of Birmingham, Alabama's 16th Street Baptist Church, a site of mass civil rights meetings, and the violent aftermath. Night Coming Tenderly, Black is a group of large-scale black-and-white landscapes made in 2017 in Ohio that reimagine sites where the Underground Railroad once operated. The book is introduced by an essay exploring the series' place within Bey's wider body of work, as well as their relationships to the past, the present, and each other. Additional essays investigate</p>	<p>the works' evocations of race, history, time, and place, addressing the particularities of and resonances between two series of photographs that powerfully reimagine the past into the present.</p> <p><i>Harvard Works Because We Do</i> Abrams</p> <p>This book provides guidance and subject material for you to seek out, create, discover, imagine, contemplate, and photograph. The more you push yourself to create images beyond what comes easy, the more you will grow and develop as an artist and photographer.</p> <p><i>100 Photography Prompts</i> Hatje Cantz</p> <p>Everything you need to know in one take-anywhere field guide! This all-in-one guide from renowned photographer, instructor, and author Bryan Peterson will help you take better</p>	<p>photos anytime, anywhere-with any camera. Want to finally understand exposure? Interested in learning to "see" and composing your images more creatively? Ready to master the magic of light? It's all here, the techniques every amateur photographer needs to take better nature, landscape, people, and close-up photos. You'll even get creative techniques, like making "rain" and capturing "ghosts," and practical advice on gear, equipment, and postprocessing software. Filled with Bryan's inspirational photographs, this is the one essential guide for every camera bag.</p> <p><u>Bryan Peterson's Understanding Photography Field Guide</u> Harry N Abrams Incorporated</p> <p>Photography has always been about</p>
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