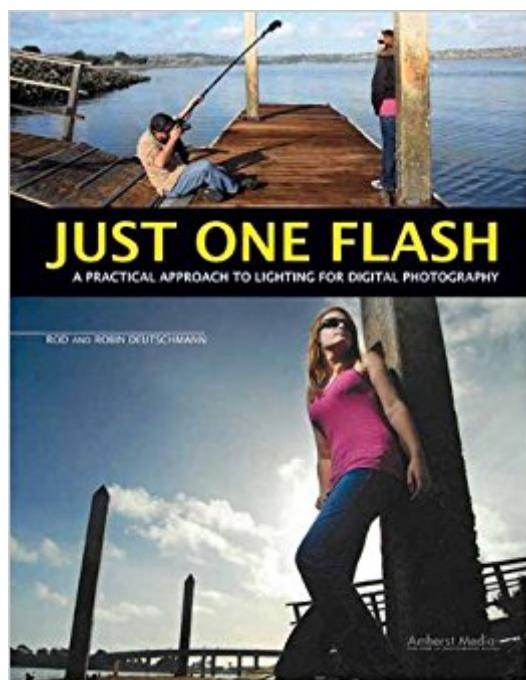


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Just One Flash: A Practical Approach To Lighting For Digital Photography



Synopsis

Filled with tips for producing paramount effects using a single flash, this guide shows amateur and professional photographers how to lighten their gear load and free up their budget. With an in-depth look at equipment and special features, this manual covers essential topics such as shooting in RAW format, manual versus automatic, selecting the right ISO setting, the effect of aperture, using the flash's zoom feature, changing the angle of the flash, and wireless triggering. Also including creativity-enhancing exercises and approaches, this guide gives examples of creative lighting applications for still life, editorial images, wedding shots, and landscape photos.

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"[This book] aims to teach people to be artists with their cameras." www.BookNews.com

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i.e., it is not brand specific. Rob and Robin insist on manual camera and manual flash techniques which challenge the photographer to start afresh, fall on his or her face, and figure out the ambient and flash exposure process by trial and error. This is not as helpful as the Zettl book and the van Niekerk books, published by the same publisher.

It's a few kernels of real information on flash mixed in with a bit over a hundred pages of fluff and woo about growing your inner artist. The one thing I did like was the juxtaposition of "the shot" with a wider view of how the shot was set up. If you're looking for in depth information on flash photography techniques, look elsewhere. If you're looking for pat on the back encouragement about how you can be an artist too, you might like it. The multiple flash book by the same authors has the same problem.

This is one of the worst photography books I've ever seen. If it were titled "Flash Buyer's Guide" it would maybe deserve 2 stars. I kept reading about all of these accessories and couldn't wait to get to the part where instruction was given and examples were shown, those parts never came. Incredibly though, 11 pages are devoted to making a "light scatterer", and 10 pages are devoted to putting your flash on a homemade stick. A whole page shows 4 pictures on how to hold your flash at the 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock positions, so I guess you could in some way call that instruction. The photography is terrible for the most part, I'd be ashamed to show shots like this to my friends let alone publish them in a book. Even worse the photos don't make sense in the context of teaching anything. 4 photos shot with a diffuser just show 4 shots taken with a diffuser, exactly alike. I would think you'd have one shot without one, then 3 at varying distances if you were actually trying to illustrate a point. You'd not only save some money but learn a lot more from just downloading manufacturer's brochures and looking at the pretty pictures in them, at least then you'd be looking at pretty pictures.

I purchased three books related to flash light photography at the same time, and was bored reading the other two when Just One Flash arrived through mail. I was hooked with it and finished reading it very quickly. It felt like when I was in college and thinking myself not interested in certain subject, but a different professor made all difference to let me believe that I could actually be very good at it. Just One Flash is informative, with plenty "know how and Know why" instructions, plus alternative options. And the most importantly, for a person who had relied on shooting with available light, this book made me confident to experiment with flash light.

VERY GOOD

This is a great Guide.

I was rather disappointed with this book. The content is for the most part very basic and general. If you've been following the Strobist site & have read David Hobby's Lighting 101 then you won't find much new in the book. Beyond a few technical specs and setup shots, this book does not provide much discussion of the intent and technique used in the example pictures.

I Love this book and the way it is presented in a very user friendly manner. This book grips you from the start to the finish. If you are a Photographer this is a must buy book for you. Tons of Information and in a pick and do way. I would definitely give this book a 10 stars rating and plan to buy more books from this writer

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