

The Nikon D90 Companion

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A Review by George Hawkins

If you own a Nikon D 90 this book is a must! And, if you are new to DSLR cameras it is a double must. Of all the camera, computer and tech device related books I have seen, this is without a doubt the most skillfully written.

The author doesn't take time to repeat instructions from the user's manual when they are clearly written. Instead he references pages in that manual, and concentrates on explaining how and when to use features of the camera. He only repeats manual instructions when it's necessary to explain something more precisely than the manual does, or when it's needed to illustrate a point. The obvious is not repeated.

This is much more than just a camera book. In addition to showing and explaining the camera's features, he includes chapters on photo related subjects and he uses the camera to demonstrate those subjects. He devotes chapters to digital image basics, fundamentals of taking pictures including using flash, composition, and shooting in special conditions. He also touches on using the raw format to gain more control and improve image quality.

When I buy a book of this type, I usually use it as a reference, reading only the parts that relate to what I'm seeking information about. This time, I read it from cover to cover. His clear way of explaining the subject, resulted in my gaining a lot of insight into effectively using my new camera.

If you are looking for instruction about the Nikon D 90, and good sound information about DSLR photography, this is the book for you.