

Adobe Photoshop CS4 One-on-One

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A Review by Pam Raisanen

Adobe's Photoshop has always made me feel a little like Dorothy in Oz. Deke McClelland manages to take the "Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!" feeling out of it. From the navigation of files with Adobe Bridge to printing, this book walks you easily through the program. It provides an honest look at Photoshop CS4 covering changes from the CS3 release as well as a good general overview of the program.

The book is lesson based and each chapter is prefaced by a video lesson complementing the chapter.

The DVD that comes with the book includes both these video tutorials as well as files to complete the lessons. Deke also shares his set up of Photoshop and includes things such as his keystroke shortcuts and custom colors. This insures that your program looks exactly the same as what is in the book. In each lesson you have the choice of working quickly through the highlights of the program or taking your learning experience a step further by working through the "Extra Credit" portions. The explanations not only cover what you are to do but also why. The "Pearls of Wisdom" scattered throughout the book provide information that while not needed to complete a lesson provide a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

This book is well enough organized for a beginner to use yet has enough insight into the program for seasoned photo editors to find it a good learning tool. Deke McClelland certainly shines as a Photoshop expert. I would recommend this book to anyone looking to better their skills.