

The Photoshop CS3/CS4 Wow! Book

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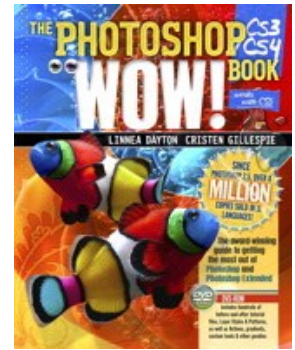
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A Review by Pam Raisanen

The second I opened it I understood why it was called the WOW book. It's the most information packed publication on Adobe's Photoshop that I have seen. My first reaction was "Yikes! Information overload." Once I calmed down and took a closer look at how the sections were structured, working through it became much easier than I originally thought.

I found the whole book valuable on many levels. The first four chapters of the book are devoted to Photoshop basics and start out with how Photoshop thinks. Although I thought I was past the beginner stage, I learned quite a bit there. There are both "Quick" sections which are short and informative and "Find Out More" boxes that lead to extensive information. When I stayed focused on a section, I was able to study in depth. Other times I would jump from one topic to the next and end up far from the original subject but that was fun too. It was very similar to surfing the web. When actually working on my photos it was easy to skip around to find exactly what I needed.

The tutorial files were clearly written and easy to apply to my own work and there are lots of full color images and shots of Photoshop tool panels which are great for visual learners. The companion DVD that comes with the book not only contains lesson files but also a wealth of goodies like presets, actions, patterns and textures. That in itself was worth the price of the book.

Whether you want to learn Photoshop in depth or just have a great reference book to grab when you need help, I highly recommend the Photoshop CS3/CS4WOW Book.