

Low Budget Shooting

A book review by George Hawkins, Computer Operators of Marysville & Port Huron

Photography has been one of my hobbies for over 55 years. *Low Budget Shooting*, written by Cherill Harnischmacher, and published by Rocky Nook, is one of the most unique photography books I have ever seen. It adds a perspective to one aspect of photography that is indeed eye-opening.

The whole subject of the book is about using and balancing light sources in a studio for near close-up and tabletop photography. It illustrates how you can, with very common and readily available materials and tools, construct very functional light management devices for a fraction of the cost of buying ready-made equipment.

Although not everyone will use each device illustrated, this book makes an excellent reference should the need arise.

Full color pictures of what using these devices accomplish, along with illustrations showing their construction, make for easy reading and understanding. Lacking drawings and detailed instructions for building the devices is not necessarily a negative; the reader, once the concept is understood, is free to tailor the construction to their own needs.

With the advent of digital cameras and the general use of personal computers, the quality of “snapshots” has improved to levels that were reserved for only the serious amateur just a decade ago. This very inexpensive book (\$19.95) should be well worth its price for the serious amateur photographer and camera/computer users who want to improve the quality of their pictures.

This book is available through O’Reilly books on line at: <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/1933952105/index.html> where user group members can get a 35% discount by entering the discount code DSUG when placing the order.

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