

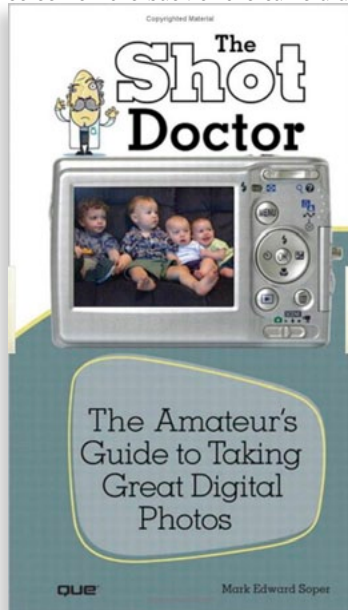
The Shot Doctor

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At first glance, you know this book is different. It measures 4 ½ by 8 inches and has a comb binding, making it easy to hold open or to store in a camera bag. The book is full of wrong and right illustrations. These are mostly pictures of people, family type snapshots as opposed to prize winning landscapes and still life.

The intended audience is the average consumer who is new to digital photography and does not intend to take up photography as a hobby or business. The book is easy to read with much of its message being in the illustrations and captions. When referring to a particular part of an illustration there are numbered red circles calling out the specific locations.

The book is organized so that the reader should be able to look at the LCD screen on the back of the camera and quickly determine how to correct whatever is wrong with the image.



The author appears to be torn between limiting the coverage to only basics of point and shoot digital cameras or including hints for users of digital single lens reflex cameras. In the end, he compromises with occasional mention of features found on his Canon Rebel, a popular single lens reflex with many advanced features. For example, there is one page devoted to the RAW image format and two pages devoted to histograms.

Some of the basic concepts in digital photography suddenly show up with no definition. The term “white balance” appears on page 42 with no explanation. Apertures or “f-stops” get similar treatment.

A beginner reading this book will need a little guidance and explanation to really comprehend the subject matter. Computer editing of digital images is discussed in only one place and picture composition is not mentioned at all. In the back there is an extensive index.

In summary, this is a good book for a beginner wanting a quick introduction to digital picture taking and who also has access to someone who can explain the gaps and foreign terms.

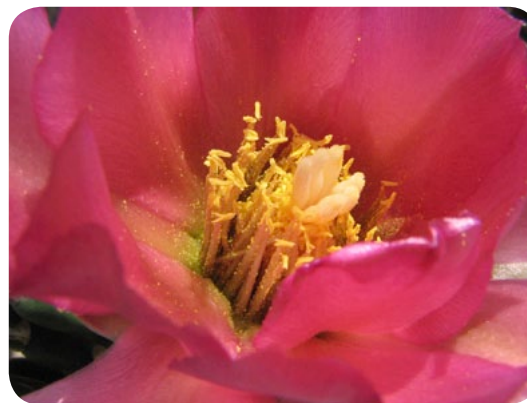
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