

## Collins Complete Photography Projects

Collins are launching a major new series of illustrated reference books covering a wide range of popular subjects and activities. Attractively illustrated in colour throughout, these handy, practical books give you all the information you need to know in a concise and accessible way. Don't know which digital camera to buy? Need to know how to get the most out of your camera's features? Want to how to take better photographs and edit images? Collins Need to Know? Digital Photography is a one-stop guide to all the kit, know-how and insider tips you need to take fantastic digital pictures. Full of easy-to-follow advice and step-by-step projects to get you started on this fascinating hobby, Collins Need to Know? through the basics of digital photography, and leads you ultimately into the realms of storing and editing images, taking great digital video footage and much much more Don't waste time wading through the manual -- get Need to Know? and get snapping 1. Introduction Types of camera available. 2. How a digital camera works 3. Choosing a camera and accessories 4. Using a digital camera Beginner's guide to controls, focus, exposure, light, colour and flash photography. 5. Storing, using and editing images Scanning and re-touching old photos, storage, media Cds, e-mailing images, software, manipulating images. 6. Uses of a digital camera Trader magazine ads, holiday snaps, kids, sports photography, nature. 7. Digital videoGlossary Web Resources Useful Addresses

With colorful and informative photos, this guide will teach kids the basics of stitching, hand sewing, and eventually using sewing machines.

During the 1960s and 1970s, a cadre of poets, playwrights, visual artists, musicians, and other visionaries came together to create a renaissance in African American literature and art. This charged chapter in the history of African American culture—which came to be known as the Black Arts Movement—has remained largely neglected by subsequent generations of critics. New Thoughts on the Black Arts Movement includes essays that reexamine well-known figures such as Amiri Baraka, Larry Neal, Gwendolyn Brooks, Sonia Sanchez, Betye Saar, Jeff Donaldson, and Haki Madhubuti. In addition, the anthology expands the scope of the movement by offering essays that explore the racial and sexual politics of the era, links with other period cultural movements, the arts in prison, the role of Black colleges and universities, gender politics and the rise of feminism, color fetishism, photography, music, and more. An invigorating look at a movement that has long begged for reexamination, this collection lucidly interprets the complex debates that surround this tumultuous era and demonstrates that the celebration of this movement need not be separated from its critique.

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Family Fun for Everyone - Terrific Technique Instructions - Playful Projects to Build Skills

The Goliath Bone

Collins Complete Photography Course

Short Photography Stories

This beautifully illustrated study recaptures the rich history of women photographers and image collectors in nineteenth-century England. Situating the practice of collecting, exchanging and displaying photographs and other images in the context of feminine sociability, Patrizia Di Bello shows that albums express Victorian women's experience of modernity. The albums of individual women, and the broader feminine culture of collecting and displaying images are examined, uncovering the cross-references and fertilizations between women's albums and illustrated periodicals, and demonstrating the way albums and photography, itself, were represented in women's magazines, fashion plates, and popular novels. Bringing a sophisticated eye to overlooked images such as the family photograph, Di Bello not only illustrates their significance as historical documents but elucidates the visual rhetorics at play. In doing so, she identifies the connections between Victorian album-making and the work of modern-day amateurs and artists who use digital techniques to compile and decorate albums with Victorian-style borders and patterns. At a time when photographic album-making is being re-vitalised by digital technologies, this book rewrites the history of photographic albums, placing the female collector at its centre and offering an alternative history of photography focused on its uses rather than on its aesthetic or artistic considerations. It is remarkable in elegantly connecting the history of photography with the fields of material culture and women's studies.

What would your life be like if you could shoot absolutely amazing portraits? If you could be in any natural lighting situation, indoors or out, and know that you'd be able to create an amazing image every time? If you've ever dreamed of making such incredible portraits that your friends and family say, "Wait a minute, this is your photo!?" then you're in luck.

Award-winning photography book author Scott Kelby teaches you exactly how to shoot and edit gorgeous natural light portraits. Scott shares all his secrets and time-tested techniques, as he discusses everything from his essential go-to portrait gear to camera settings to the portrait photography techniques you need to create absolutely stunning images. From window light to taming harsh outdoor light, from the tools and accessories you need to capture beautiful portraits in any lighting condition, Scott has got you covered.

Among many other topics, you'll learn:

- The secrets to getting super-sharp portraits every time without breaking a sweat.
- Exactly which camera settings work best for natural light portraits (and which ones you should avoid).
- How to create separation with a silky smooth, out-of-focus background no matter which lens you have.
- How to tame even the harshest light and turn it to your advantage to create soft, beautiful, wrapping light.
- Which lenses will get you the best results and why.
- What gear you need, which accessories work best, and a ton of killer tips that will help you create better images and make the entire experience that much more fun.

It's all here, including an entire chapter on post-processing and retouching, and another with detailed portrait recipes, and best of all, it's just one topic per page, so you'll get straight to the info you need fast. There's never been a natural light portrait photography book like it!

Have you ever wondered what it is that professional photographers do day in and day out that enables them to take consistently compelling images? Or thought that unravelling the insider secrets of the professionals could inspire you? Nature Photography: Insider Secrets from the World's Top Digital Photography Professionals takes a contemporary and innovative approach to revealing the day-to-day habits of the world's most successful wildlife, landscape and macro photographers, divulging the core skills and techniques through which they excel. This book is crammed full with expert advice taken from the world's leading pros directly from the field. It will empower the development of your skills to a professional level and fire your imagination. Starting with the basics of how to plan a rewarding field trip, whether locally or afar, for one day or a month, and covering all aspects of camera handling and photographic technique including: how to make perfect exposures every time, ensure pin-sharp images of moving subjects, decipher the complexities of camera menus and controls, and break through the mysteries of composition. And, having learned the secrets to success, the book maps out some simple yet powerful photo exercises and self-assignments to encourage you to explore all facets of digital photography and put into practice the essential skills that will make you, too, a highly successful photographer.

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Great by Choice

The British Journal of Photography

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Why Some Companies Make the Leap...And Others Don't

The book all amateur digital photographers need – learn how to take the perfect photograph every time, from the authors of the bestselling Collins Complete Photography Course.

Artist Petra Collins and actress Alexa Demie create nine erotic stories in a contemporary reimagining of a fairy tale book. Fairy Tales is an erotic folklore of short stories shot by Petra Collins starring Alexa Demie. The pair created the concept and text collaboratively. Alexa portrays nine characters that embody new stories they would have liked to see. As children, Petra and Alexa were both enamored with fairy tales, which provided an escape from their own painful realities. Each of the nine tales are set in unique spaces, ranging from suburban homes and parking lots to fantastical sets. Petra and Alexa 's chapters of elves, mermaids, sirens, water sprites, fallen angels, fairies, witches, and banshees blend their own stories with retold fairy tales. The photos combine elements of camp, prosthetics, and shibari in a surreal update to the imagery of the Brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Anderson, Charles Perrault, and others.

The sixth title in the bestselling Collins Guide series, this book covers the fungi of the British Isles, with considerable relevance for Europe and the wider temperate world.

Uncertainty, Chaos, and Luck--Why Some Thrive Despite Them All

The Ultimate Guide to 'Tween and Teen Learning

Your Key to Taking Good Pictures

Collins Complete Guide to Photography

Strikeout Queen of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League

Complete Ceramics marries modern appeal with an age-old craft. This book features a collection of techniques beginning with basics such as making pinch pots, coil building and slab construction to more advanced techniques such as throwing and mould-making. All techniques are followed by several inspiring projects such as the square-slabbed dish and square porcelain wall boxes. Once familiarised with the basics, the reader can progress to more advanced projects, which include glazing and wheel projects. Each project is designed to appeal to both the beginner and the seasoned potter. In addition to step-by-step instructions for all techniques, this must-have reference book also features a history of the subject and information about various clays and kilns. No matter your age or skill level, Complete Ceramics is guaranteed to be a classic in both style and content. (25,000 words) • Over 20 classic and contemporary ceramic projects • Features beginner, immediate and advanced techniques • Each chapter includes beginner, intermediate and advanced projects • Beautiful photography and concise instructions accompany each project Collins & Brown is proud to expand on this ever-popular series with this new title that will surely win over young and trendy crafters. Other titles in the series include Creative Embellishing (9781843404613), Complete Feltmaking (9781843403692) and Complete Origami (9781843403975).

As World War II depleted the available manpower available to the major and minor leagues, Chicago Cubs owner Phillip Wrigley came up with a plan to ensure baseball would continue in the war years: the creation of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. The inaugural season in 1943 was so successful that two additional teams were added for 1944. One of the players brought in to fill the rosters of the new teams was Dottie Wiltse, a star softball player from Southern California. Assigned to the newly formed Minneapolis Millerettes, Wiltse went on to become one of the dominant players in the AAGPBL. During her six-year career with the Millerettes and the Fort Wayne Daisies, Dottie Wiltse Collins (married to Harvey Collins in 1946) pitched in 223 games, with a 117-76 record, 1205 strikeouts, and an earned run average of 1.83. Based on extensive research and interviews with Collins and other principals, this work covers the pitcher's early career as a softball player, her triumphs in professional baseball, and her part in the renewed interest in the women's league in the late 1980s.

One of the most challenging aspects in photography is discovering new subjects to shoot. Once the basics have been mastered, the key to developing your skills and experience is through practice, but finding the motivation to keep taking pictures can be hard. Author and photographer Chris Gatcum solves the problem in this inspirational book that delivers 52 photography projects offering something new to shoot every week, ensuring a year of fun, informative and practical shooting ideas to make you a better photographer. - Discover new skills, techniques and photographic genres. - Stay inspired with something new to shoot every week of the year. - All projects rated by difficulty level to ensure you learn and develop at your own pace. - 52 photography ideas guaranteed to radically improve your photography.

How to Fill Any Home with Happy Plants

John Hedgecoe's Complete Guide to Photography

Nature Photography: Insider Secrets from the World's Top Digital Photography Professionals

52 Weekend Digital Photo Projects

Over 100 Ways to Clean Your Home Naturally

In contrast to the jargon-filled manuals that come with most digital cameras, The Beginner's Photography Guide presents step-by-step digital slr camera basics, while introducing and demonstrating a wide variety of techniques that will inspire the novice digital photographer. Grouped together by themes-color, composition, natural light, framing, and more-each camera technique is broken down into an easy-to-follow step-by-step sequence, and features annotated photographs and suggestions on getting the best from digital slr cameras and taking eye-catching photos.

In this book, John and Graeme apply their years of experience as professional photographers and instructors to teaching you the techniques and tips for capturing your friends and family, children and pets, holidays, sports days, celebrations, parties, festivals, weddings, births and birthdays.

The bestselling American mystery writer of all time brings back his world-famous PI Mike Hammer for his biggest--and most dangerous--case. In the midst of a Manhattan snowstorm, Hammer halts the violent robbery of a pair of college sweethearts who have stumbled onto a remarkable archaeological find in the Valley of Elah: the perfectly preserved femur of what may have been the biblical giant Goliath. Hammer postpones his marriage to his faithful girl Friday, Velda, to fight a foe deadlier than the mobsters and KGB agents of his past--Islamic terrorists and Israeli extremists bent upon recovering the relic for their ownagendas. A week before his death, Mickey Spillane entrusted a substantial portion of this manuscript and extensive notes to his frequent collaborator, Max Allan Collins, to complete. The result is a thriller as classic as Spillane's ownI, the Jury, as compelling as Collins'sRoad to Perdition, and as contemporary asThe Da Vinci Code.

New Thoughts on the Black Arts Movement

Natural Home Cleaning

Good to Great

Inspirational Projects\*camera Skills\*equipment\*imaging Techniques

Collins Fungi Guide: The most complete field guide to the mushrooms and toadstools of Britain & Ireland

"A guide to selecting and growing plants for your home, including a plant profile quiz"--

Digital Photo magazine is the essential publication both for amateur and for professional digital photographers. With its in-depth guides to the best equipment, the most innovative methods, and with original competitions and briefs, Digital Photo encourages even beginners to create beautiful digital images. In association with Digital Photo, here are 52 projects, providing a year's worth of weekends creating your best photography yet. The featured projects are simple enough to complete in a weekend, but will result in beautiful images every time. The subjects covered include night photography (including fireworks and the night sky), portraits in natural light, the natural world, holiday gatherings, city lights, reflections, motion blurs, capturing colour, special effects, abstracts, architecture, stormy weather and sunsets. With invaluable advice and fully illustrated step-by-step guides to each project, 52 Weekend Digital Photo Projects is the ultimate chance to create digital images that look professional and show off your creative skills at their very best. Photography is not only a wonderful way of documenting the world around us, but a fun way to express creative talent - and this collection of projects is the perfect way to inspire keen photographers everywhere to push their skills to the limit.

Finding, Transmitting, Receiving is the first major anthology of the work of the photographer and filmmaker Hannah Collins. She documents the omnipresence of a universal modernism and the global features of modernity. At the same time, her lens reveals the cracks and fissures through which the ancient and the culturally specific become visible. This book consists of photographs, film scripts, found family portraits and childhood drawings, bringing a breadth of vision and understanding to Collins' photography.

Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team ... Accomplishment Report

Teaching Digital Photography

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Digital Photography

Houseplants for All

The most complete book on the market for homeowners, the BLACK+DECKER The Book of Home How-To, Updated 2nd Edition offers current, full color step-by-step photographic instruction for thousands of home repair and home maintenance jobs. Written and compiled by the knowledgeable editors at Cool Springs Press—recognized experts in DIY home improvement and maintenance with more than thirty years of experience in home improvement and hundreds of best-selling books under the BLACK+DECKER brand—this is DIY instruction you can trust. BLACK+DECKER The Book of Home How-to, Updated 2nd Edition is the ultimate reference for maintaining any type of home, from a small apartment to a mega mansion. This book is the most essential tool in any homeowner's belt, providing expert know-how on how to repair almost anything in easy, accessible instruction. This A-to-Z encyclopedia offers precise how-to instructions and clear photos on every page. With an expanded index that is incredibly intuitive and a simple, alphabetical strategy for organizing the information, you won't spend precious time wading through stuff you don't need to know. Finding first-rate information on home care has never been easier, and all the most common tasks around your home are covered—including: Electrical Plumbing Flooring Walls Windows and doors Cabinetry Insulating Heating and cooling Roofing and siding And that's just scratching the surface. Just about any repair or remodeling project you can imagine is right here, at your fingertips.

Are you becoming more conscious of the ingredients you use to clean your home? Are you fed up with using strong chemicals and aware these could be having a detrimental effect on your health? In this book, you will find over 110 recipes for practically any cleaning dilemma, from natural disinfectant to safe and effective stain removal. Each chapter covers every room in your home with simple recipes to make your house sparkly clean, as well as being good to the environment and your health. From bathroom battles to kitchen messes, this book solves every cleaning problem that you might come up with at home. Learn how to make everyday products, such as an all-purpose cleaner and laundry detergent, but also the best way to clean things, such as pillows or carpet that you don't clean every day. You can also find out how to scent your homemade products with essential oils to make your home smell how you want it to. Homemade cleaning products can just as powerful as store-bought, and Natural Home Cleaning shows you how.

Ten years after the worldwide bestseller Good to Great, Jim Collins returns withanother groundbreaking work, this time to ask: why do some companies thrive inuncertainty, even chaos, and others do not? Based on nine years of research,buttressed by rigorous analysis and infused with engaging stories, Collins andhis colleague Morten Hansen enumerate the principles for building a truly greaterenterprise in unpredictable, tumultuous and fast-moving times. This book isclassic Collins: contrarian, data-driven and uplifting.

The Natural Light Portrait Book

Dottie Wiltse Collins

Complete Photo Guide to Home Repair & Improvement

All the Kit, Techniques and Tips You Need to Get You Started

Eyes Open: 23 Photography Projects for Curious Kids

This book provides a full-year curriculum for educators wishing to teach a digital photography/multimedia class that will endow students with the technical skills for producing complex digital imaging projects.

The opportunities that digital technology presents are almost limitless, but so are the problems that can arise when trying to retrofit a film-based photography business to the new digital marketplace. This guidebook explores digital imaging technology with some of the world's leading wedding, portrait, and commercial photographers, drawing on the experiences of professionals for practical advice for photographers who are still struggling to perfect their digital work flow. Topics include the selection and purchase of the right equipment, choosing the right business model, and tips on innovations in color management and retouching. Step-by-step instructional images and screen shots are included throughout, allowing for a concrete grasp of the detailed processes and techniques.

Using a photographer's perspective, this introduction to digital photography shows how digital photography relates to traditional photography, how it can improve traditional picture-making, and how it diverges from traditional photography to open up new avenues for creative growth. It shows how to customize digital images for many modes of distribution, including desktop printers, World Wide Web, CD-ROMs, film recorders, and alternative non-silver processes. It provides detailed, step-by-step guidance throughout the entire range of digital studio processes, and explains how specific procedures can lead to better image making. Each topic is conveniently covered in a self-contained, two-page spread. Color Photography. Introduction to Digital Imaging. Image Capture and storage. Basic Image Editing. Beyond Basic Image Editing. Digital Printing and Electronic Publishing.

Easy techniques and over 20 great projects

Black & Decker The Book of Home How-to, Updated 2nd Edition

Fairy Tales

The Beginner's Photography Guide

Women's Albums and Photography in Victorian England

Presents an instruction guide for taking professional-quality photographs, discussing basic techniques, color, composition, subject matter, different types of cameras, lenses, and film, and a special chapter on digital photography.

Michael Flieck is an award winning fine art photographer whose work has been selected for publication and exhibition by leaders in the field of photography from around the world including curators of photography from the Art Institute of Chicago, the Philadelphia Art Museum, and the New Mexico Art Museum. In the foreword of "Short Photography Stories" award winning photographer Chuck Kimmerle concluded: "The photo essays Michael has included in the book are wonderful examples of documenting not only the places he has visited, but also his experiences and his emotional connections with these places. The resulting images transcend the level of mere "pretty", although they are that, and rise to provide us with the basics of a narrative which, when considered, tells us a story. The exact wording of these stories is different for each of us, and tells us something not only about Michael, or about his subjects, but about ourselves. That is fine-art." His introduction to Short Photography Stories describes a project thinking approach to thematic photography. His introduction follows: Long ago something I refer to as project thinking led to a deeper and more satisfying pursuit of photography. Project thinking involves the linking of photographs through thematic connections in subjects and/or methods versus simply photographing anything and everything that is interesting. The latter approach leads to some compelling but unconnected or unrelated individual photographs. These individual photographs may or may not eventually become a part of a thematically connected project. What I refer to as project thinking is a conscious awareness or search for thematic connections while making photographs. The thematic connections increasingly occur on multiple levels. At a high level much of my photography to this point has been linked predominantly by one of three large themes of nature studies, architecture speaks and with people. A fourth larger theme, transportation, has been emergent for several years and is introduced in this book. These large themes are not bound by a particular place or time. Photographs that fit these large themes may be set in locations across the country or around the world. Within these larger themes I've increasingly searched for smaller projects that are more cohesive and linked by themes associated with the emotions or an aura of mood and tone associated with a particular time and place. This was a natural development associated with photography becoming a major purpose for travel. On my first international travel experience that involved the crossing of an ocean I found myself in the midst of a city where I was a minority and did not speak the language. The city was surrounded by and in the middle of natural wonders. The culture and standard of living were unlike anything in my previous experience. I'm challenged to imagine a more fertile creative influence for photography than the emotions associated with such an experience of place and time. I continue to seek out travel experiences on a regular basis and it is while traveling that I search for smaller photographic projects that capture the emotions and an essence of the times and places. These smaller, more cohesive photography projects are bound together by more concise themes related to the time and place. While there are no rules, these projects tend to consist of something like eight to twenty or so photographs. I see these projects as short photography stories. To stretch the analogy with literature a bit further, these short photography stories tend to fall along a continuum from poetic to narrative ... from primarily evoking contemplation or emotion to the telling of a story. The four larger themes sometimes intermingle within a particular short photography story."

The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good and will, quite frankly, upset some people. " Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

Finding, Transmitting, Receiving

The Best of Professional Digital Photography

Creative Kids Complete Photo Guide to Sewing

Popular Photography

Complete Ceramics

Compiled by Magnum photojournalist Susan Meiselas, Eyes Open is a sourcebook of photography ideas for kids--to engage with the world through the camera. Twenty-three enticing projects help inspire a process of discovery and new ways of telling stories and animating ideas. Eyes Open features photographs by young people from around the globe, as well as work by professional artists that demonstrates how a simple idea can be expanded. Playful and meaningful, this book is for young would-be photographers and those interested in expressing themselves creatively.

A practical, affordable and accessible home photography tutor. This inspiring project-based course book covers everything from basic composition to the latest digital darkroom techniques.

52 weekly projects to make you a better photographer

"Ladies, Mothers and Flirts "

Introduction to Digital Photography