

Enhance your photos to look like a pro

Book: Photoshop CS5 and Lightroom 3, A Photographer's Handbook

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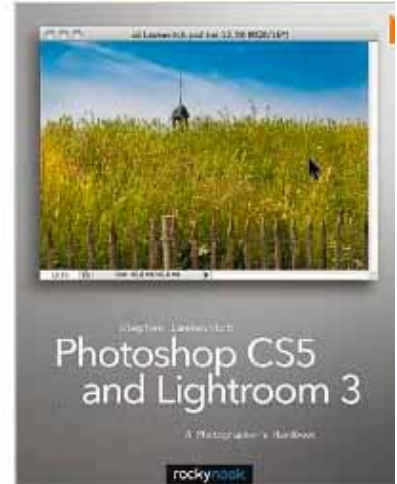
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Rating: ★★★★★

This ambitious book explains the basic steps of making professional looking images with Photoshop CS5 and Lightroom 3, Bridge, and Camera Raw. Throughout the text, colored tags on the margins mark which program is being explained. For the beginning student this topic is daunting to understand, but since I was mostly interested in Lightroom 3 and its relationship to Photoshop, I found it dynamic.

The basic work flow explained in the book is: Capture and Import of Photos, Organizing, Global Adjustments, Local Adjustments, Creative Edits and Alternates, and Output—Print, Web, and Presentation. “Global Adjustments” refers

to changes that affect the entire image such as white balance, color and tone, hue and saturation, filters, shadow/highlight, and HDR toning. “Local Adjustments” selects part of an image using gradients, adjustments brushes, and masks and layers, and they change just that part of the image.



Lightroom 3 can do what Camera Raw and Bridge do as far as organizing and editing images, but it cannot create composite images, work with layers, or resize and save your pictures in different formats. For those things you must use Photoshop.

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Some chapters on Photoshop CS5 and Lightroom require concentration to understand. Masks, gradients, the adjustment brush, and Lightroom panels are just a few. But just to test the author, I read the last two sections of the book on building a slide show and a website. Within an hour and a half, I had succeeded, going step by step, in collecting images into a “quick collection” and making a website for “Barbara’s Gallery” and turning the collection into a slideshow of the “Eastern Sierras.” Now I must get a domain name and a server.

Author Stephen Laskevitch founded Luminous Works, a training and consulting business in Seattle. He is also an Adobe Certified Instructor and has taught for 20 years. His wife, Carla Fraga, contributed some interesting photographs in front of each chapter.

The book is beautifully illustrated with many photos, charts, diagrams, and screen shots to explain each concept. Although this handbook is



Barbara Hansen made this photo by blending layers of images in Photoshop.

not an encyclopedia of Photoshop or Lightroom, it does steer a concise course for the reader to grasp basic concepts and skills. I intend to try out his instructions on Depth of Field Merge and Passerby and Noise Removal.

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