

# Resources for aspiring Photographers

## Books

(These books are applicable to all types of Photography. When you decide what sort of photography you want to primarily do you can find tons of books on that subject.)

Understanding Exposure, Fourth Edition: How to Shoot Great Photographs with Any Camera  
Brian Peterson

ISBN-10: 1607748509

ISBN-13: 978-1607748502

Light is what makes a photo. And exposure is the term we use for how we control that light.

Photographic Composition: Book One of John Waaser's Photography Course:  
Because a Technically Perfect Picture Without Good Composition is of No Interest to Anyone!  
John Wasser

ISBN-10: 1975782720

ISBN-13: 978-1975782726

Gets to the meat of teaching you how to take GOOD pictures, before teaching you the technical intricacies of photography.

VisionMongers: Making a Life and a Living in Photography

David duChemin

ISBN-13: 978-0321670205

ISBN-10: 0321670205

This is 'the' book that is equal parts realistic and encouraging about becoming a successful working photographer. David has gone on from here (this was his first book) to develop an entire environment of creative professionals for support and teaching. [Craft & Vision](#) (It is currently down for a major overhaul.)

Read This If You Want to Take Great Photographs

Henry Carroll

ISBN-10: 1780673353

ISBN-13: 978-1780673356

It contains no graphs, no techie diagrams and no jargon. Instead, it inspires through iconic images and playful copy packed with hands-on tips. Funny but some serious lessons.

50 Paths to Creative Photography: Style & Technique

Michael Freeman

ISBN-10: 1781573476

ISBN-13: 978-1781573471

In Freeman's own words: "There's a long line of opinion, from Plato through Kant, that holds creativity to be unteachable, and to be the province of genius. You have it or you don't. End of story. I don't agree"

## Web Based Training Sites

### Paid Sites

(These sites have subscription style memberships.)

<https://kelbyone.com/>

A full featured, one stop shop for training videos on all topics photographic. Leading voices in the industry teach hour long, easy to follow along with classes on a subject in their particular genre of photography. There are Free and Paid options. And you can test drive the site for a week with no charge at all. Plus, I know Scott and he is a heck of a nice guy and is truly driven to provide the best photography and associated subjects training available.

[Lynda.com](https://www.lynda.com)

<https://www.lynda.com/Photography-training-tutorials/70-0.html>

A part of the LinkedIn network, this site features in depth tutorials on 700 different Photographic related subjects. All taught by industry experts. They have a Free Month trial and then a monthly fee. But you get access to ALL of the LinkedIn Learning network with over 10,000 expert led courses on subjects like Software Development, Design, Business and more.

[New York Institute of Photography](https://www.nyip.edu/)

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The New York Institute of Photography is the largest and longest running photography school in the world. Their affordable online photography courses make learning photography fun and easy for students everywhere.

### Free sites

[Introduction to Photography and Related Media](#): Video lectures from a semester-long undergraduate-level course at MIT. Covers the fundamentals of analog and digital SLR, film exposure and development, darkroom techniques, digital imaging, and studio lighting.

[Basics of Photography: The Complete Guide](#): A comprehensive resource for beginning photographers, compiled by the friendly folks at Lifehacker. Starts by explaining how a digital camera works and goes on to explain image composition, technique, and editing. Mostly in text format, interspersed with a few explanatory videos.

[Free Beginner Nikon Digital SLR Photography](#): This highly-rated course teaches you how to use all the buttons and dials on your camera (e.g. exposure, aperture, shutter speed and the mode dial) by doing rather than memorizing. Not just for Nikon camera users.

[Photography: Ditch Auto – Start Shooting in Manual](#): As the name suggests, a course for amateur photographers who have been using their DSLR or fancy Point-and-shoot camera in “auto” mode, but want to learn to unlock to its full potential

[Karl Taylor’s FREE Photography Course](#): Among the most popular courses on Udemy (almost 50,000 students enrolled, hundreds of rave reviews). Instructor Karl teaches using a mix of videos and PDF fact sheets. In his words, all you need is “a camera and some enthusiasm”.

### [Alison Photography Courses](#)

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Courses Available:

Introduction to Digital Photography

Beginner Digital Photography

Intermediate Digital Photography

Advanced Digital Photography

Diploma in Digital Photography