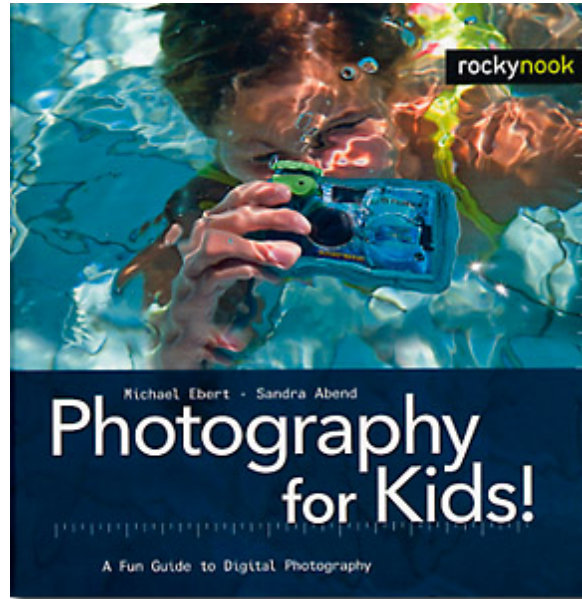




Book Reviews for August 2011

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Photography For Kids, A Fun Guide to Digital Photography *by Ebert and Abend*



Do you have a kid or two that has shown an interest in your photography? Photography for kids will help you introduce them to your world in a camera. It is designed for kids from 8 to 14 years old and covers everything from the technical aspects of a digital camera to the final editing of their images, and does it in a kid friendly way. It teaches kids the history of photography, color concepts, what makes for a good image, and how to take them. This book stresses creativity and gives the kids techniques on how to turn their images into exciting images they will be showing off to all of their friends.

This hardback book is about 9 x 9 inches, with 159 pages, retails for US-\$24.95 - and is published by Rocky Nook and distributed by O'Reilly Media and can be checked out at www.oreilly.com I Rate it: **A+**

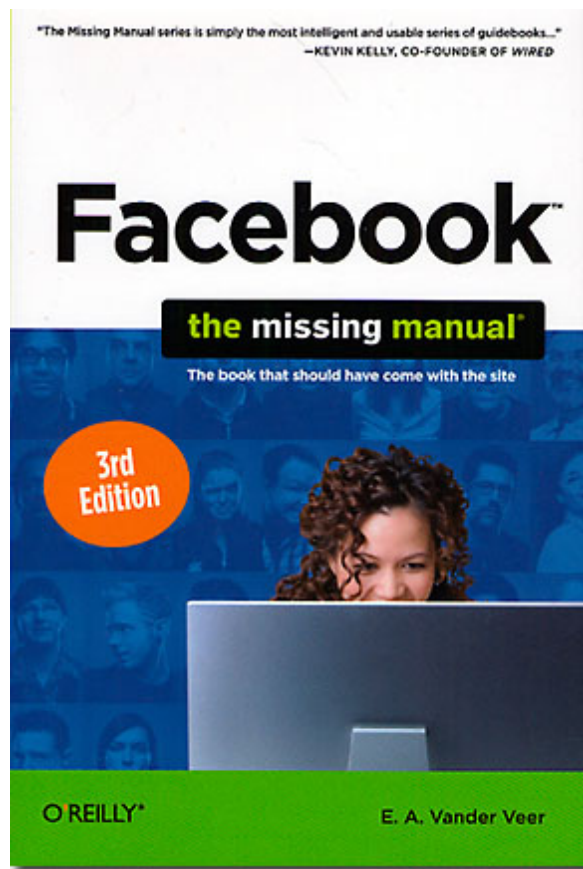
Minnesota's North Shoe
By Craig Blacklock



This recent book of the photography of Craig Blacklock covers just one subject, the north shore areas of Lake Superior, and whenever I have heard the name Lake Superior all I ever thought of was a lot of cold and a lot of water. Goes to show you just how wrong you can be! I was as wrong as I was amazed by what I learned about the incredible variety of what is found there, from coastal cliffs to incredible mountain waterfalls, from quiet harbors to fern covered forests. This area has some of the most beautiful rocky coastline I have ever seen in pictures, and I would say that this book is a "must-have" for anyone planning a photo trip to that area. Coffee table or picture book, whatever you want to call them, this is one great new photo book for any library, and it even comes with a bonus DVD movie in the back.

This hardback book is about 12 x 13 inches, with 175 images. It retails for US-\$60.00 and is published by Blacklock Photography Galleries and can be ordered from: www.blacklockgallery.com. **I Rate it: A+**

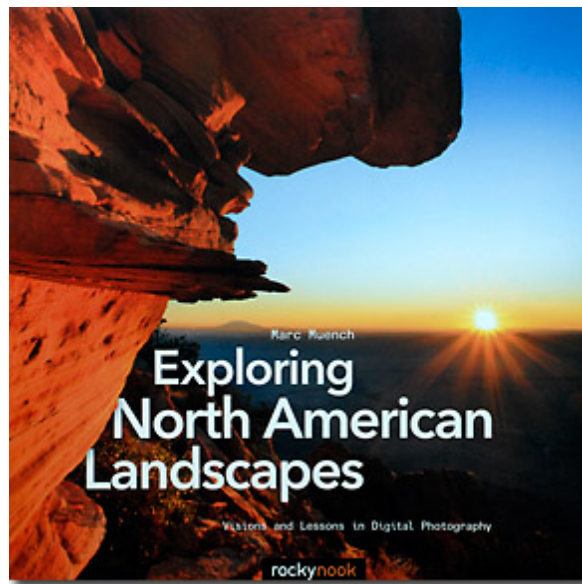
FACEBOOK the Missing Manual
The Book That Should Have Come With The Site
by E.A. Vander Veer



As soon as I received this book I went through it to learn everything I could that I could not find on the Facebook site, and I'm glad that I did. This book fully covers just about everything you will need to use your Facebook pages and get the most out of them. I say just about everything because I don't think any book could cover it all, and I did still have a few questions after reading the book, but nothing I couldn't live without. It did cover everything that "most" people will need to know from setting up your account to how to find friend and "use" them. Some of the 14 chapters cover subjects like, participating in groups, shopping, messaging, and even finding a job. If you use Facebook but don't think that you are getting everything out of it, this book is for you.

This soft cover book is about 6 x 9 inches with 271 pages, retails for US-\$19.99, and is published by O'Reilly Media. It can be checked out at www.oreilly.com. **I Rate it: A**

**Exploring North American Landscapes
Visions & Lessons in Digital Photography**
by Marc Muench



The Muench name is synonymous with top quality landscape photography, and the latest 3rd generation, Marc Muench, has turned out to be no exception to that fact. Both the images in his new book and the technical information with them covers a large part of how this family of photographers has created the masterpieces they have.

Exploring North American Landscapes is a 2-part book, with the first part covering Marc's thoughts about his work, including personal stories of what it was like to grow up with two generations of master photographers, (his grandfather Josef Muench, and his father David), plus the methods he uses to create his images, and his work in progress. Part-2 covers the process of capturing and processing an image, his HDR process, color correction of his images, and how he gets the most out of Adobe Bridge and Lightroom.

In the center of the book is a gallery of images all in the Muench style and quality of excellence. Marc also covers his sports photography with mountain climbing and skiing images like you rarely see in print. One I will long remember is of a man standing on top of a mountain peak of snow looking down into a valley of clouds with even higher mountains off in the distance. Just one of many images that you have to see to believe. The technical information in the book is also top rate in the fact that it doesn't just tell you what to do, but also includes screen shots of the tools and settings used to do them.

This soft cover book is about 10 x 10 inches with 220 pages and retails for US-\$39.95. It is published by RockyNook and distributed by O'Reilly Media and can be checked out at: www.oreilly.com. **I Rate it: A++**

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