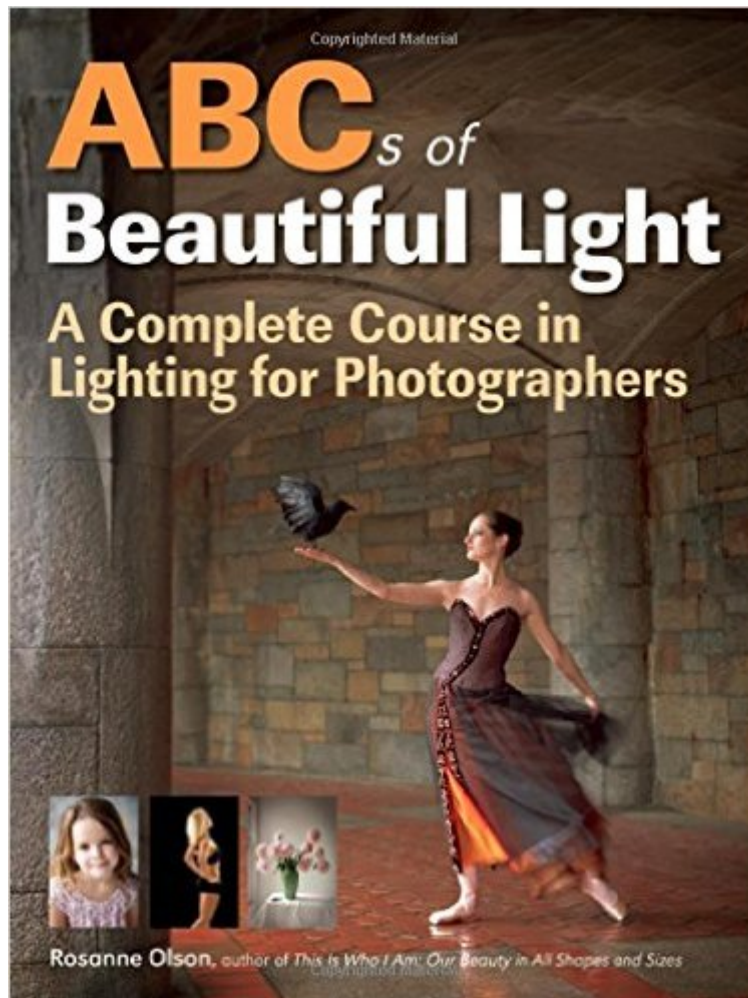


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# ABCs Of Beautiful Light



## Synopsis

Everything we see is lit by one source or another. The questions are: what and how? That is what this book is designed to teach you. Through Rosanne Olson's tried-and-true course on lighting principles for photography, video, and art in general, you will discover how the angles and heights of your light sources affect your pictures. You will learn how to work with light modifiers to change the quality of your light, and how to control light to create a feeling of depth and dimension; whether you're shooting with natural light, continuous artificial light, studio strobes, dedicated flash, or a combination of sources. Assignments are included to help you put each concept into practice as you perfect your skills and train your eyes to see the subtleties of light. You will never look at a photograph or painting in the same way after you read this book!

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Some books tell you a few things; others are game changers. For me this book is a game changer. I do know a bit about light. But this book made me realize that I have only been speaking a pigeon-light. • A tourist, not a native. Now, I am looking for difference in catchlights, and edges, and shadows in everything now. I see the world differently. And I love books that do that. And it is not a giant tome. Olson is so clear and easy to understand, it's a pleasure to read. The first chapter does an amazing job of getting a diverse audience on the same page, using the same terminology. I loved her inclusion of a system of naming, saving and archiving photos to you

don't get lost in a wilderness of files • later on. Been there. I also like the simple explanations she gives of technical choices, so you really understand, for example, why you want photograph RAW rather than jpeg files if possible. She says a RAW file is like an raw egg with the possibility of being made into a thousand different things from frittatas to soups, whereas a .jpeg is like a hard-boiled egg. The possibilities are much more limited. She did not mention the word pixel once, but I totally got it. Chapter Two to has a wonderful, concise collection of composition tips. Good lighting can improve at badly composed photo, but it won't fix a boring composition. After setting the table, she starts the light banquet in Chapter 3, The Language of Light. Once she helps you see the world differently, she goes into practical ways to create the lighting you want, using different light sources, angles, and modifiers. She always helps you see how light tells stories. But, once again, she makes it very easy to grasp. On one page, she compared lighting modifiers like grid, softbox and beauty dish on a billiard ball.

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