

Photography: Adapted from the Life Library of Photography. 1985. 9780316887526. Little, Brown, 1985. Barbara London, John Upton

Photography is the art of capturing light with a camera, usually via a digital sensor or film, to create an image. With the right camera equipment, you can even photograph wavelengths of light invisible to the human eye, including UV, infrared, and radio. The first permanent photograph was captured in 1826 (some sources say 1827) by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce in France. You'll find some fascinating galleries of photos from the 1800s or early 1900s captured in full color, worth exploring if you have not seen them already. These scientist-magicians, the first color photographers, are hardly alone in pushing the boundaries of one of the world's newest art forms.

5. The Photography Book
Author: Editors of Phaidon Press This one is especially handy when you need a little bit extra inspiration. The book is filled with unique photographs that are a simple pleasure to flip through. The photographs cover a range of topics providing photographers with an example of what excellent photography is all about.

6. Understanding Exposure, 3rd Edition: How to Shoot Great Photographs with Any Camera Author: Bryan Peterson We can all agree that exposure is a relatively complex concept that takes some time to master. This book will inspire you to master exposure and share From the best photography books for beginners right through to advanced-level skills guides – plus beautiful coffee table photography books, insightful guides to the business of photography and more – these are the best photography books money can buy. If you're on the hunt for a shiny new camera to put these skills into practice with, don't miss our round-up of the best digital cameras in 2020 money can buy.