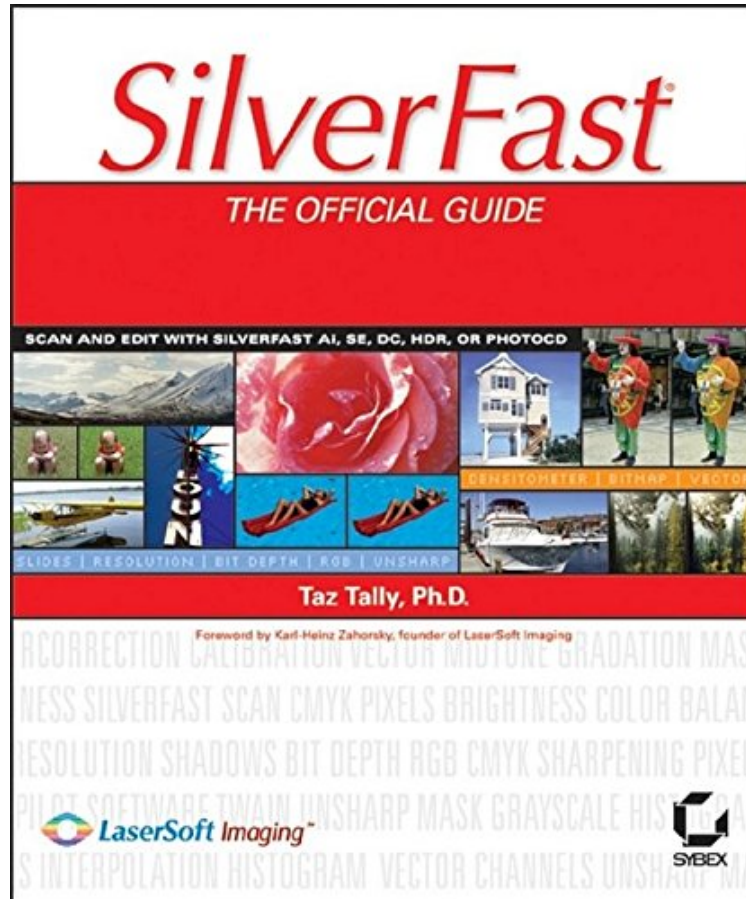


SilverFast: The Official Guide

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73 of 73 people found the following review helpful. If you use Silverfast, you need this book!By Conrad J. ObregonIf you own SilverFast software, do you need this book? In a word, yes. But the larger question inevitably raised by this book is, do you need SilverFast software?SilverFast AI is software that allows photos digitized with a variety of different scanners, including flat bed scanners and negative scanners, to be manipulated as to their color content in the scanning process. The software may either come installed with your machine or provided by the manufacturer or may be purchased separately as an after-market item. The software allows for color correction while scanning a picture in a manner similar to that provided by the standard program for manipulation of digital images, PhotoShop, for images that have already been digitized. SilverFast allows for setting levels, adjusting tone curves and changing hue and saturation in a manner that parallels PhotoShop. It is designed to pass the corrected image on to PhotoShop in a machine-readable form.Unfortunately the documentation that comes with SilverFast is presented as a computer file that could most charitably be called difficult to follow. Tally provides a clear, narrative description of the process for

using SilverFast AI, as well as several related products, that embodies the current digital photography buzzword, workflow. Follow his clearly written instructions and you will proceed in an orderly manner to color correct your photographs, either for individual pictures or for batch processing. This is not to say that Tally's instructions are comprehensive. For example, although the SilverFast software that I use with my scanner provides for three different methods for focusing, Tally gives no guidance regarding focusing. The publication itself doesn't consider reader convenience. All of the color plates are located together on some central pages while black and white illustrations are located with the text about the operation being described. This leads to a lot of page flipping that seems particularly inappropriate for a text, one of whose main purposes is to describe color correction. But if you want to use SilverFast, this is as good as it gets. Do you need SilverFast? Tally says yes, because doing color correction in the scanning process results in the least loss of information in the image. Another expert suggests that significant manipulation in scanning is impossible because of the low grade of the pre-scan. My own belief is that with certain difficult scans (say, a white swan against a dark background) pre-scanning manipulation will capture some data that otherwise might be lost. However, in this day, when the current version of PhotoShop provides far more data depth than most printers can use, this is probably less important. So, do you need SilverFast? Well, if your scanner came with it, or some other software that allows pre-scanning manipulation, of course you should use it. I'm not certain most photographers will benefit from paying extra hundreds of dollars to purchase it. On the other hand, if you have SilverFast, you must have this book. Period. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The book has great potential if you get the whole product (book and ... By scrodd The book has great potential if you get the whole product (book and CD). It's geared toward using the included CD that is not included so beware of what you purchase. The book has printed right on it \$30.00 US and yet it's being sold used for more than that. If you like reading about exercises that you can't do, then it might work for you. Buyers be aware that when it's stated that the CD is not included this is key information and avoid buying. You will be missing exercise material and several trial versions of the software. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer This gave me the best basics that all the scanner books have missed out on

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