

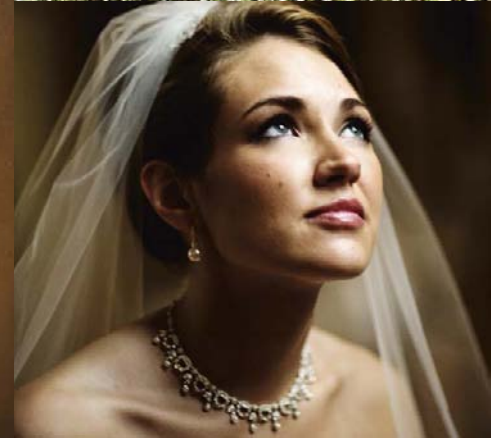
# 500 POSES *for* Photographing Brides

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FOR DIGITAL WEDDING  
PHOTOGRAPHERS

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# About This Book

**D**etermining the best way to pose a subject—a way that is simultaneously flattering, appropriate, and visually appealing—can be one of the biggest challenges in designing a successful portrait. This is especially true when creating portraits of brides, where the photographer may be called on to create anything from a very traditional head-and-shoulders pose to a more adventurous full-length look straight out of the pages of a fashion magazine. Quite simply, the variations are almost limitless—as is the pressure to perform flawlessly throughout this once-in-a-lifetime event.

This collection is a visual sourcebook designed to address exactly that problem. Filled with images by some of the world's most accomplished wedding photographers, it provides a resource for professionals seeking inspiration for their own work. Stuck on what to do with a particular bride or unsure how to make use of a location? Flip through the sample portraits, pick something you like, then adapt it as needed to suit your tastes. Looking to spice up your work with some new poses? Find a sample that appeals to you and look for ways to implement it (or some element of it) with one of your brides.

For ease of use, the portraits are grouped according to how much of the subject is shown in the frame. Thus, the book begins with head-and-shoulders portraits. Next are

waist-up portraits, featuring images that include the head and shoulders, arms and hands, and at least some of the subject's torso. Moving on to three-quarter-length portraits, the examples feature subjects shown from the head down to mid-thigh or mid-calf. The balance of the book features full-length images—the most complex portraits to pose because they include the entire body. Both the three-quarter- and full-length portraits are additionally subdivided into poses for standing subjects, seated subjects, and reclining subjects. As much as possible, images are also grouped thematically to demonstrate poses for photographing the bride with her bouquet, displaying her rings, showing the back of the dress, etc. In these subgroupings, it becomes particularly obvious how even subtle posing changes can completely transform an image—and how differently photographers can approach the creative process of posing.

It can be difficult to remain creative day after day, year after year, but sometimes all you need to break through a slump is a little spark. In this book, you'll find a plethora of images designed to provide just that.



PLATE 1. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 2.  
PHOTOGRAPH  
BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 3. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 5. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 6. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 4. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 7. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 8. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 9. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

PLATE 11 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 12 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



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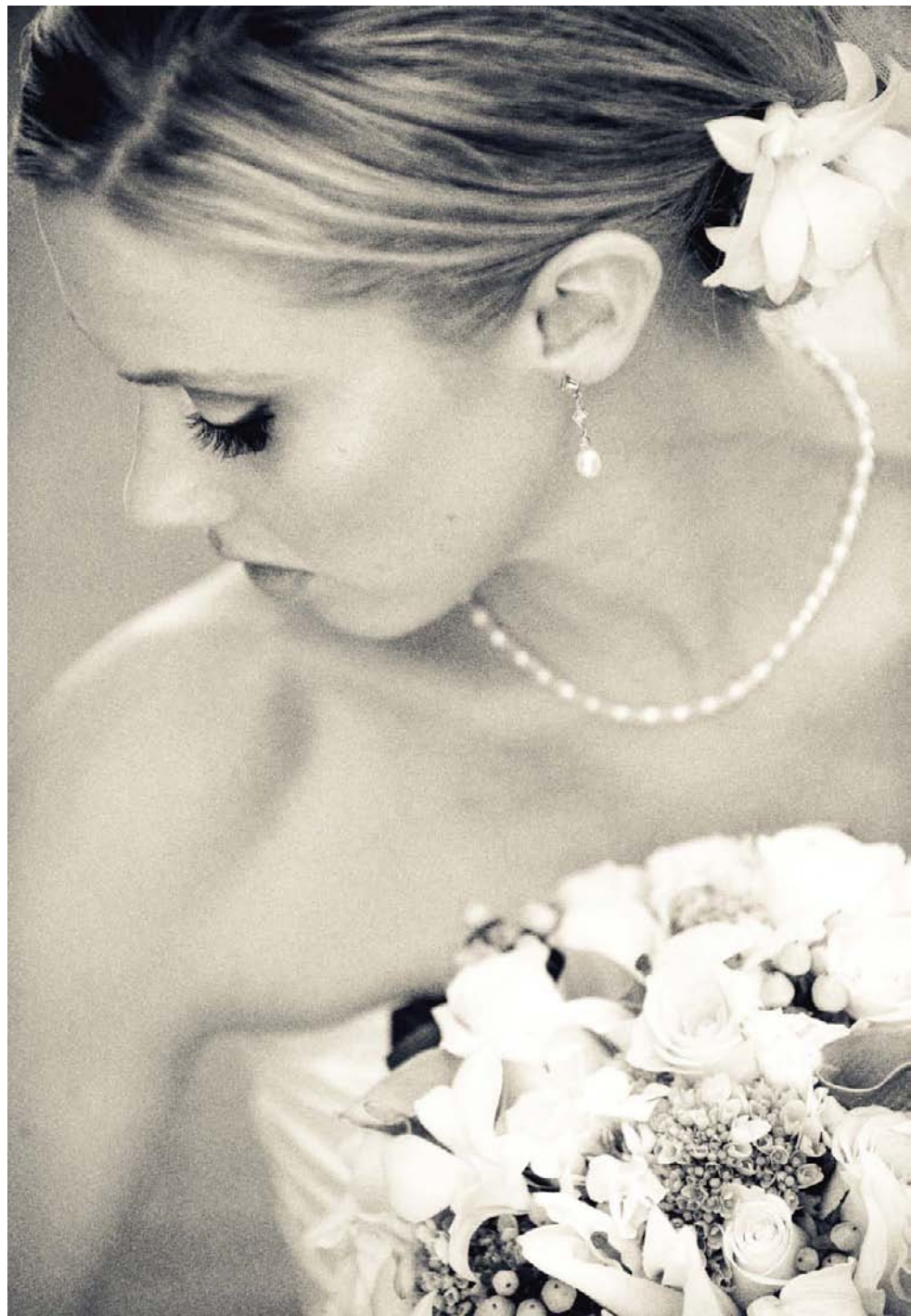




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PLATE 26 (ABOVE), PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



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PLATE 33. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 34. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.

“After we leave the bride’s house, I shoot photojournalistically until we do the family portraits after the ceremony. The one exception is the shot I create when the bride arrives at the church. To prepare for this, I advise the bride to **remain in her car when she arrives**. By letting her know exactly what to do, I can capture great moments of the groom and guests waiting inside without having to worry about missing the bride’s arrival.”<sup>1</sup>—*Marcus Bell*



PLATE 35. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 36. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 37. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



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PLATE 42 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 43 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 44 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.

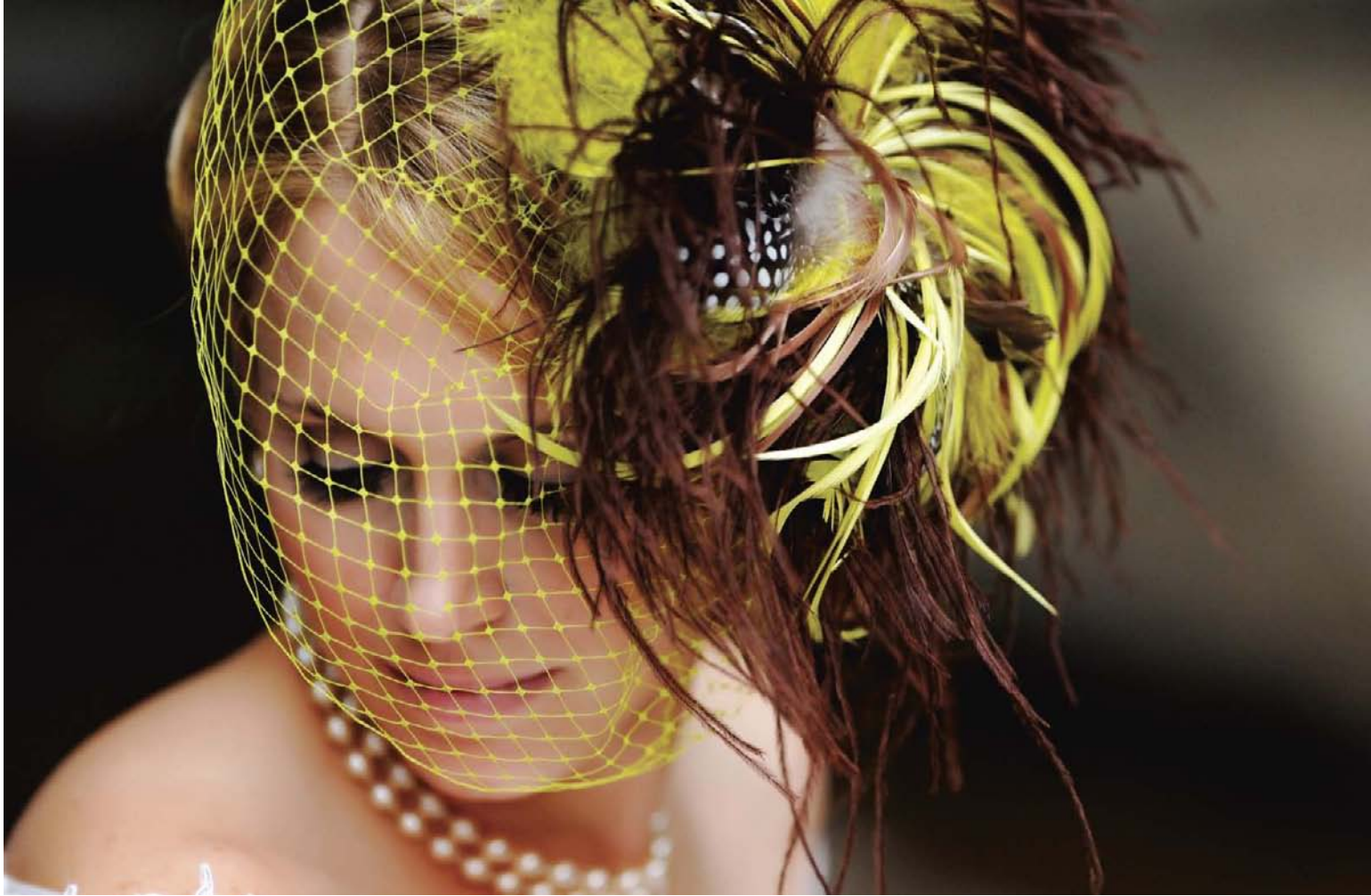


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PLATE 46 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.



PLATE 47 (ABOVE).  
PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE  
AND QUIN CHEUNG.

PLATE 48 (RIGHT).  
PHOTOGRAPH BY  
MARCUS BELL

PLATE 49 (FAR RIGHT).  
PHOTOGRAPH BY  
REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.







PLATE 50. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 51. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 52. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.

PLATE 53 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 54 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.





PLATE 55. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 56. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARCUS BELL.



PLATE 57. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

“The dress and veil are important, symbolic parts of the wedding day. Treat them gently and **style them** with care for every image.”<sup>2</sup>—*Rick Ferro*



PLATE 58 (RIGHT), PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 59. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 60. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 61. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 62. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.

PLATE (BELOW) 63. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE (BELOW) 64 PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



“I’m young and in shape, so I do whatever it takes. If I have to climb a tree, I climb a tree. [The couple] has seen me doing it at the engagement session, so they know I’m kind of nuts that way.”<sup>3</sup>—*Riccis Valladares*



PLATE 65. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 66. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 67. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 68. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 69. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 70 (FAR LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.

PLATE 71 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.

PLATE 72 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.





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PLATE 74. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 75. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



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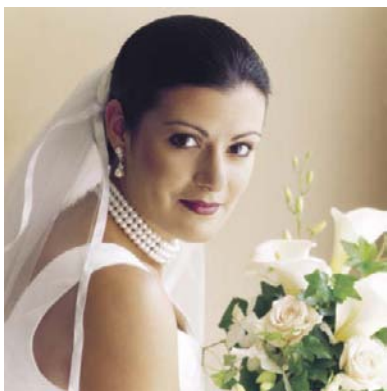


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PLATE 80 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.





**PLATE 81 (FAR LEFT).**  
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BY REGETI'S  
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**PLATE 82 (LEFT).**  
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BY REGETI'S  
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**PLATE 83 (BELOW).**  
PHOTOGRAPH BY  
CHERIE STEINBERG  
COTE.





PLATE 84. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 85. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.

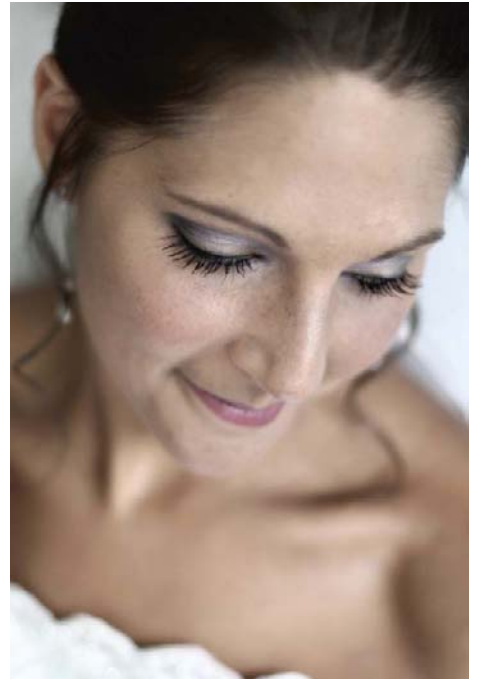


PLATE 86. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 87. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 88. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.





PLATE 89. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 92. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 90. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 91. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 93. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.

“Most people want their eyes to look as large as possible. By turning the face toward the main light and bringing the subject’s gaze back to the camera, the pupil shifts more toward the corner of the eye opening and **gives the eye more impact** as well as a larger appearance.”<sup>4</sup>—*Jeff Smith*



PLATE 94. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 95. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK FERRO.



PLATE 96. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 97. PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG BOX.



PLATE 98. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 99. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.

PLATE 100 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 101. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 103. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 102. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 104 PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 105. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 106. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 107. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 108. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 109. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 110. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 111. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

“Ask yourself what it is about a scene that draws your interest, and determine whether surrounding elements support or detract from **the subject’s magnetism**. This process will help you decide what to include and, more importantly, what not to include.”<sup>5</sup>—*Marcus Bell*



PLATE 112 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.

“I tell them, ‘You might see me doing things and wonder, **what the heck is he doing?**’ Sometimes an experimental shot works and sometimes it doesn’t, but I like to constantly challenge myself to come up with new ideas. If I don’t, it gets boring.”<sup>6</sup>—*Riccis Valladares*



PLATE 113. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 114. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 115. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.

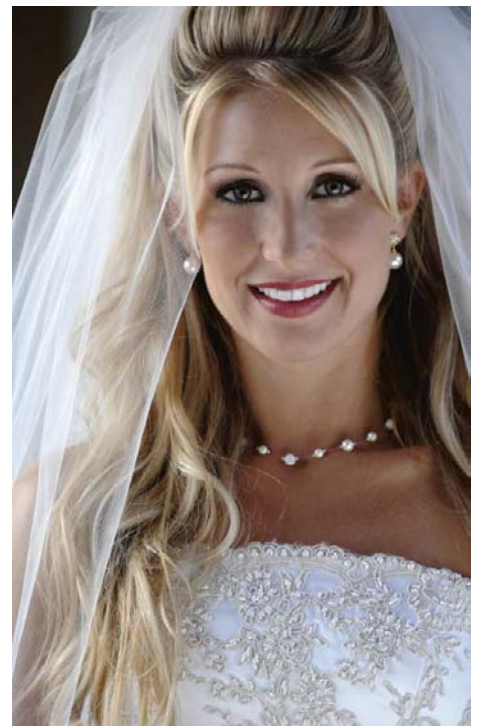


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PLATE 118. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 119. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 120. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 121. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 124. PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.



PLATE 122. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 125. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 123. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.

“The hands are best viewed at an angle to the camera. When possible, care should be taken to photograph the **side of the hand**, which gracefully continues the line of the arm.”<sup>7</sup>—*Doug Box*





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PLATE 127. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 128. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.

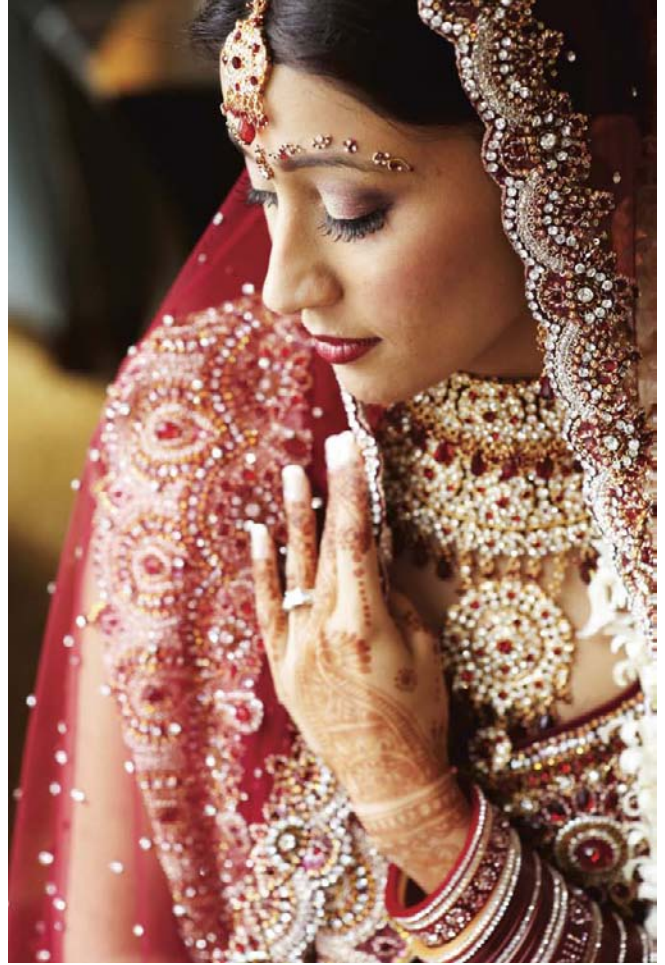


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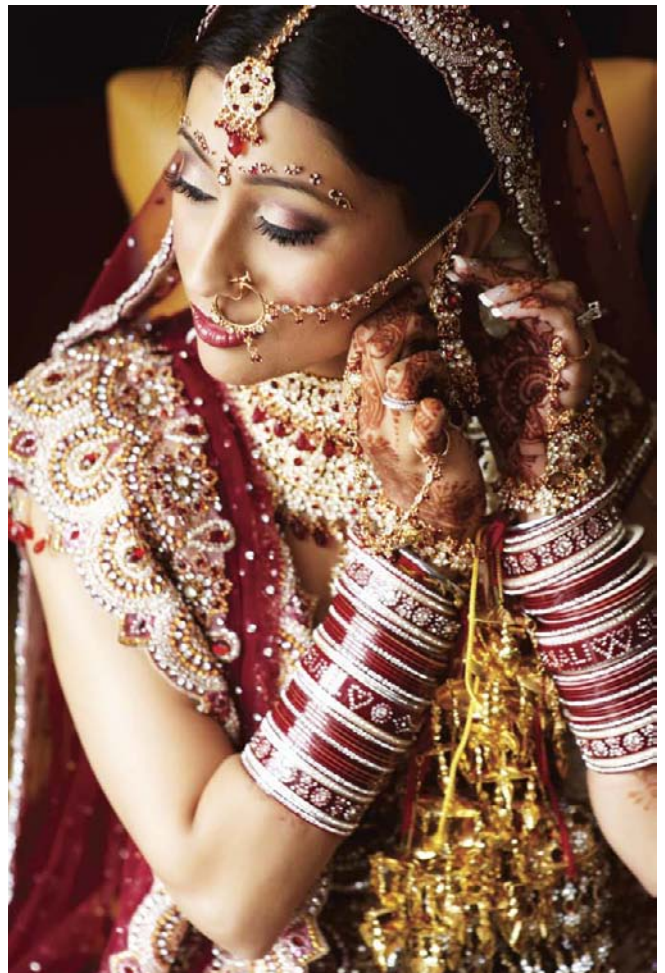


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PLATE 131. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 132. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF SMITH.



PLATE 133. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARC WEISBERG.

PLATE 134. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.





PLATE 135. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARCUS BELL.



PLATE 136. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARCUS BELL.



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PLATE 138. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 139. PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.



PLATE 142. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 140. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 143. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 141. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 144. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 145. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



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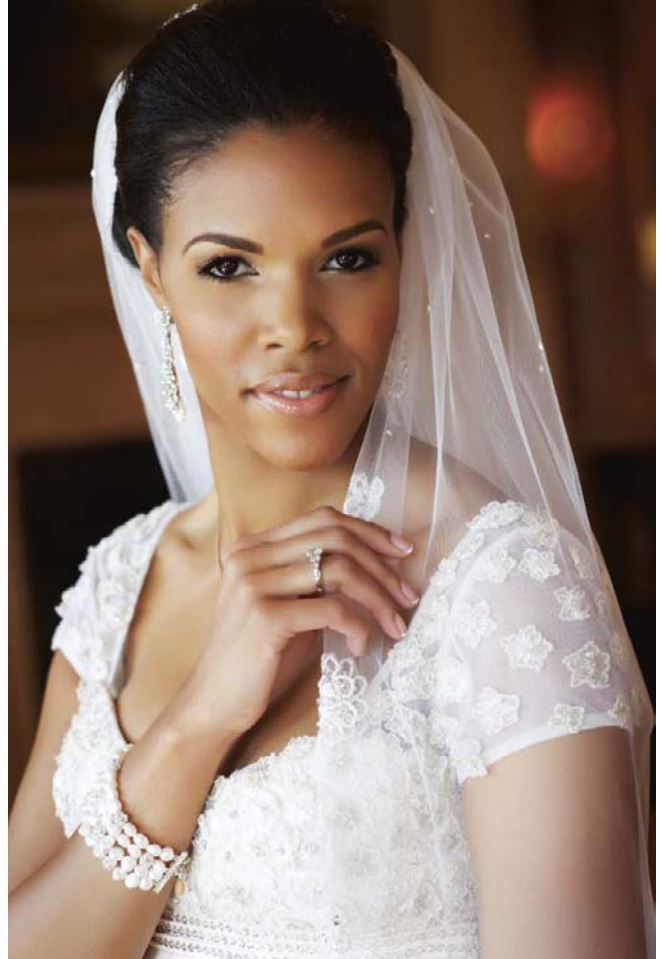


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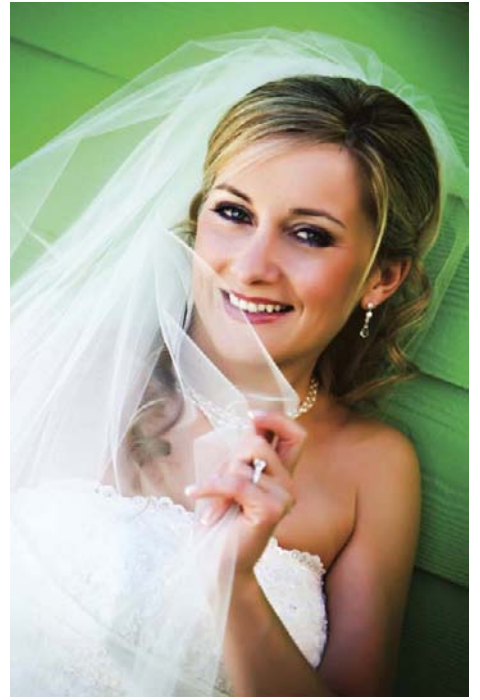


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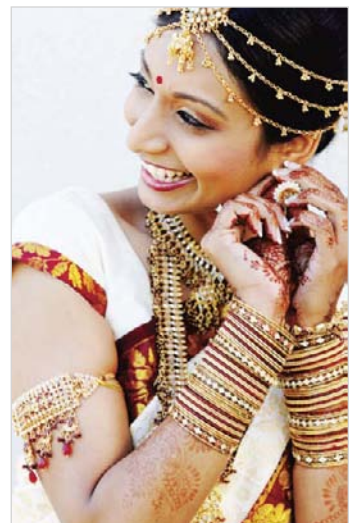


PLATE 166. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 167. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.

“When an image is created at the exact height of the subject’s emotion, there is a certain level of vulnerability. That moment is as far as you can get from the stale smiles and deer-in-the-headlights looks you often find in formal photographs. In a moment of purity, you are able to catch **the truth about all they are feeling**; you are actually making a study of the human condition.”<sup>8</sup>—*Tracy Dorr*



PLATE 168. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.

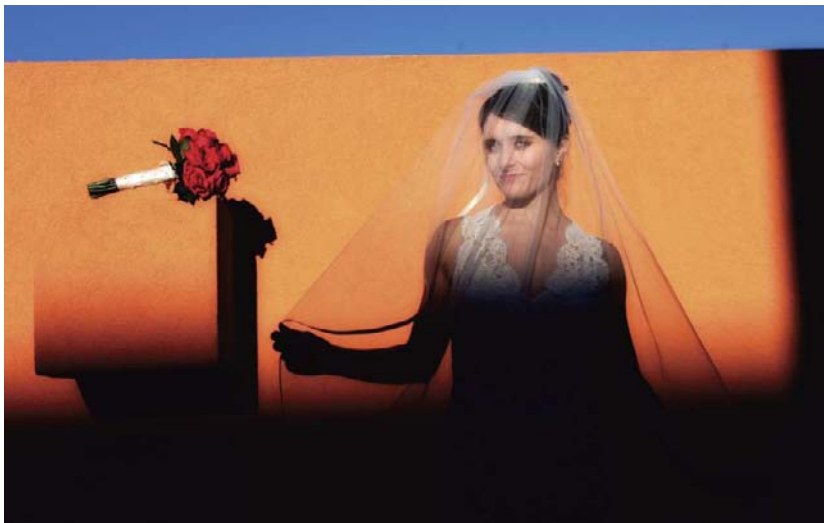


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PLATE 170. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



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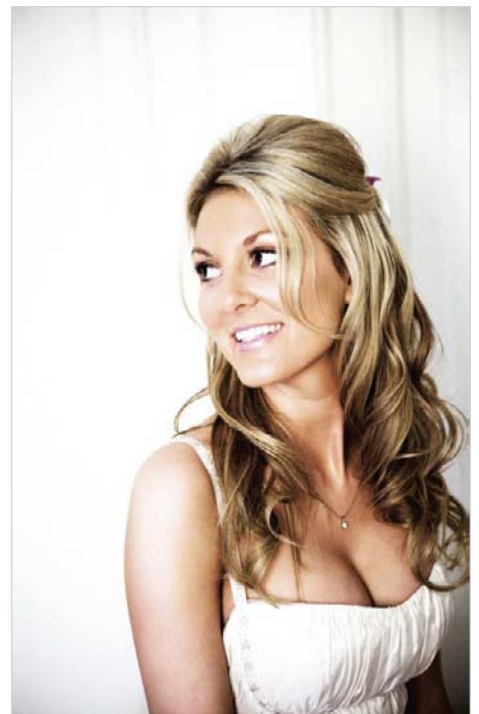


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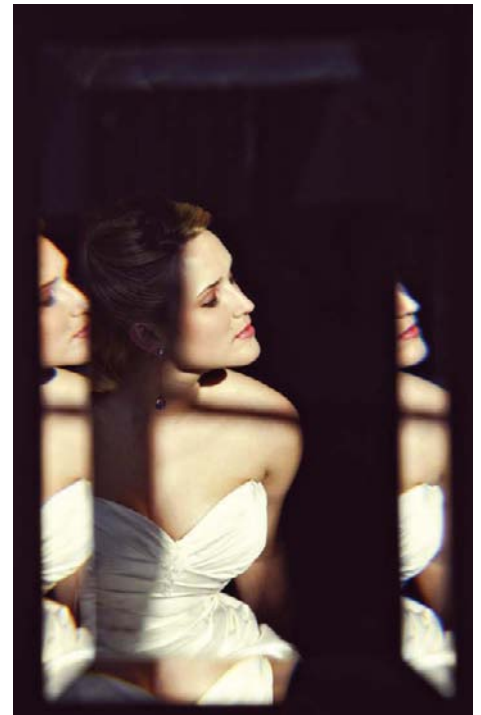


PLATE 182. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.

“The size of the bustline is determined by the appearance of cleavage. Cleavage is nothing but a shadow. Turn the subject toward the shadow side of the frame and you will, in turn, increase the apparent size of the bustline.”<sup>9</sup>—*Jeff Smith*

“I urge you to pay close attention to the details. Little things like a **not-so-perfect veil** or the stems showing on a bouquet can ruin an otherwise beautiful portrait. They may not seem like much, but the details can make or break your image.”<sup>10</sup>—*Rick Ferro*



PLATE 185. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 183. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 184. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 186. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 187. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 188. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.

“Brides who are into the art of photography [. . .] want to see themselves in those magazine-style images, and that makes my job great, because they have no problem giving me **the time it takes** to create those pictures.”<sup>11</sup>—*Dawn Shields*



PLATE 189. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARC WEISBERG.



PLATE 190 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 191. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 192. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



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PLATE 194 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.

PLATE 195 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



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PLATE 208 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.

PLATE 209 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.





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“Ten years ago, I looked at wedding photography and said, ‘If I’m going to do wedding photography, I need to do **something different** with it.’ So I started to do things like cross-processing and infrared. I got really good at those techniques, but the minute I mastered them, I thought, ‘Okay, I know how to do this, I don’t want to do it anymore.’ I always want to move on and learn something new.”<sup>12</sup>—*Cherie Steinberg Cote*



PLATE 227 (ABOVE), PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

PLATE 228 (BELOW), PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN



PLATE 229. PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG BOX.



PLATE 230. PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG BOX.







PLATE 231. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

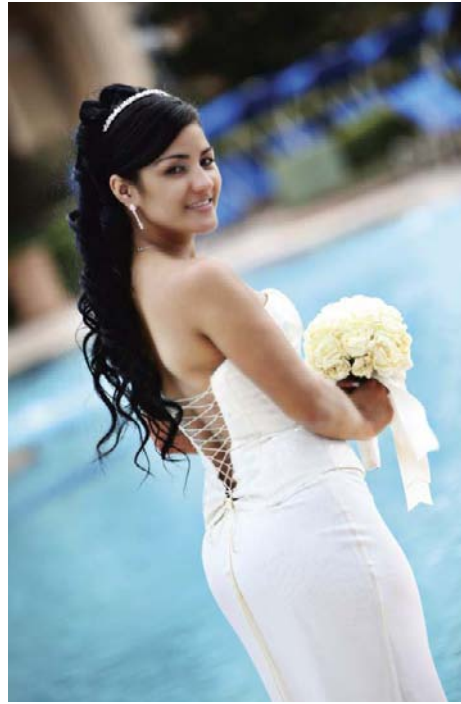


PLATE 232. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 233. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 234. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 235. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 236. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.

“The bouquet is a special part of the bride’s attire and an important prop for your photography. Treat it with care. You may wish to shoot it in different areas—in the bride’s hands, cradled in her arms, sitting on a nearby ledge, etc. Be sure the bride holds the bouquet gracefully and naturally.”<sup>13</sup>—Rick Ferro



PLATE 237. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICCIS VALLADARES.



PLATE 238. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICCIS VALLADARES.



PLATE 239. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 240. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 241. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 242. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 243. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 244. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.

PLATE 245. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.

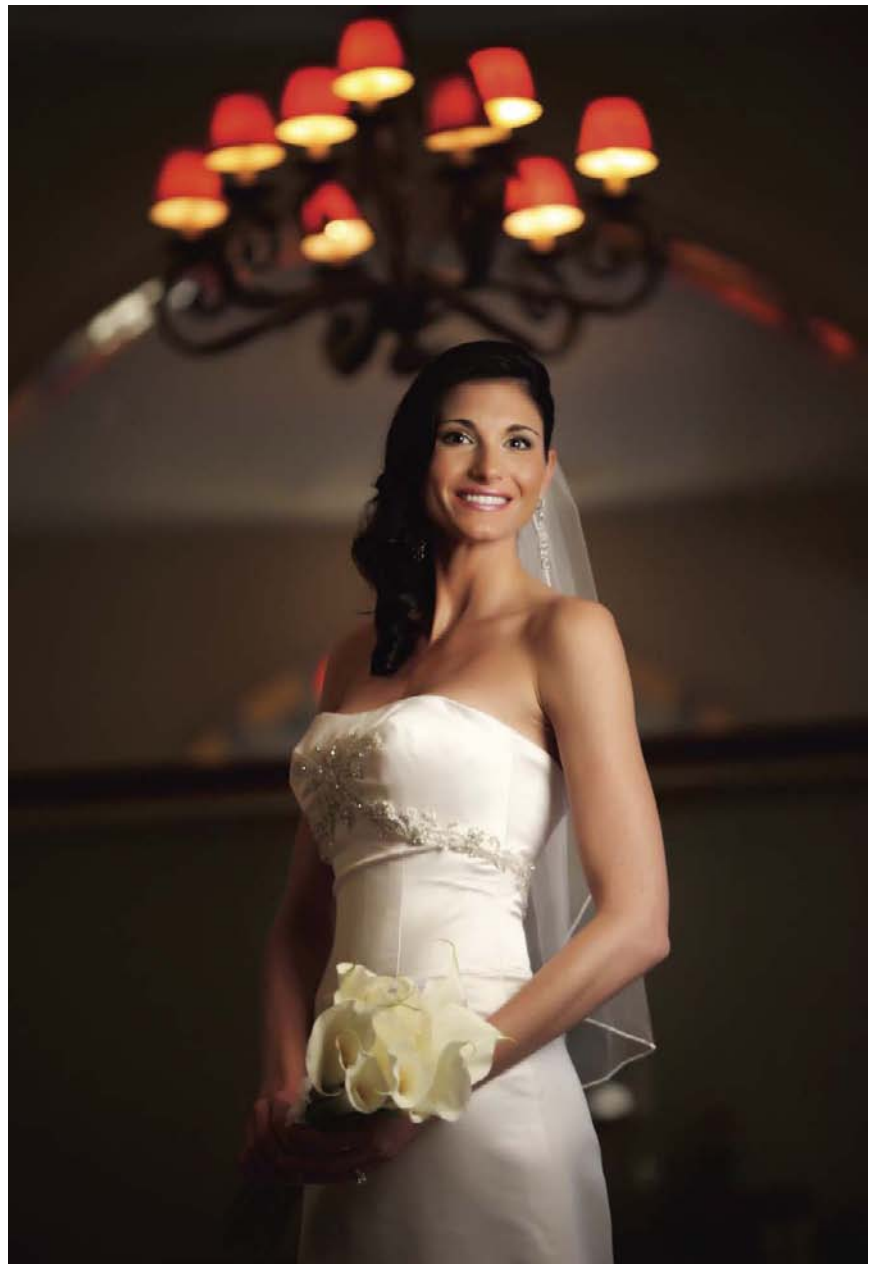




PLATE 246. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 247. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 248 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

PLATE 249 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



“We are all about real moments, but we also want to capture some stylish fashion images—so we are not embarrassed to say we are posers. Not all of our wedding clients are models; they usually need a little direction.”<sup>14</sup>—*Damon Tucci*



PLATE 250. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 251. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 252. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 253. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 254. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 255. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 256. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 257. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 258. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 259. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 260. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 261. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 262. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 263. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 264. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.

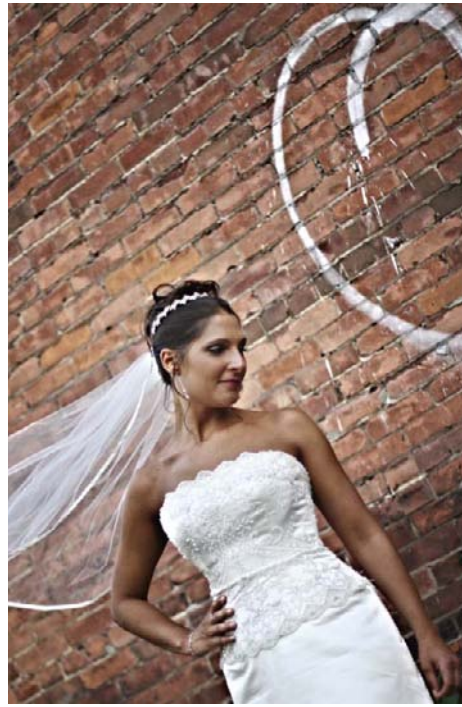


PLATE 265. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.

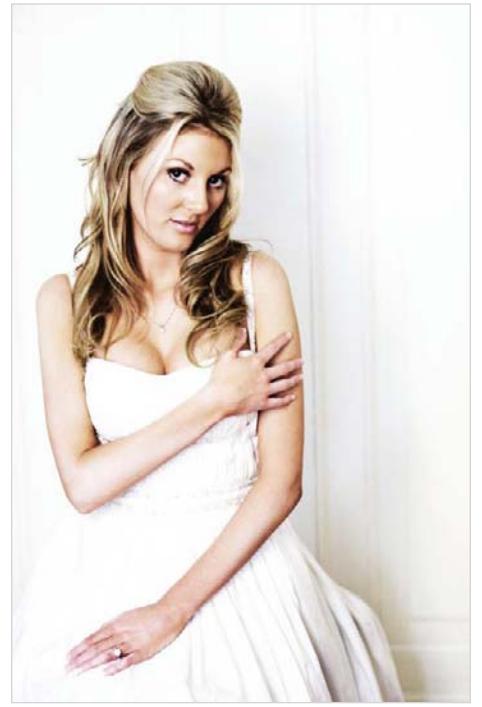


PLATE 266. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.

PLATE 267. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.







PLATE 268. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 269. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 270. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 271 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.

PLATE 272 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

“Technical efficiency can be a very satisfying thing, but the real **spine-tingling**, goose-bumping experiences come from the creation of a really awesome image. To hear our creative voice, we have to silence the technical chatter as much as possible. This comes with experience.”<sup>15</sup>—*Kevin Kubota*



PLATE 273 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY RICCIS VALLADARES.

PLATE 274 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY HUYNH NGUYEN.



PLATE 275. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 276. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 277. PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG BOX.



PLATE 278. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 279. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 280 (LEFT).  
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY  
AND JULIA WOODS.

PLATE 281 (BELOW).  
PHOTOGRAPH BY  
HUY NGUYEN.





PLATE 282 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.

PLATE 283 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 284 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.

PLATE 285 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.





PLATE 286. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 287. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.

“‘Shift your weight’ is a key phrase that can really help flatter the subject in their photos. Some people have a difficult time learning to **shift their weight** away from the camera, and it may take some practice. [The engagement session] allows some time for this, so you don’t have to slow down the portraits on the wedding day.”<sup>16</sup>—*Kathleen Hawkins*



PLATE 288. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 289. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 290. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 291. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 292. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 293 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

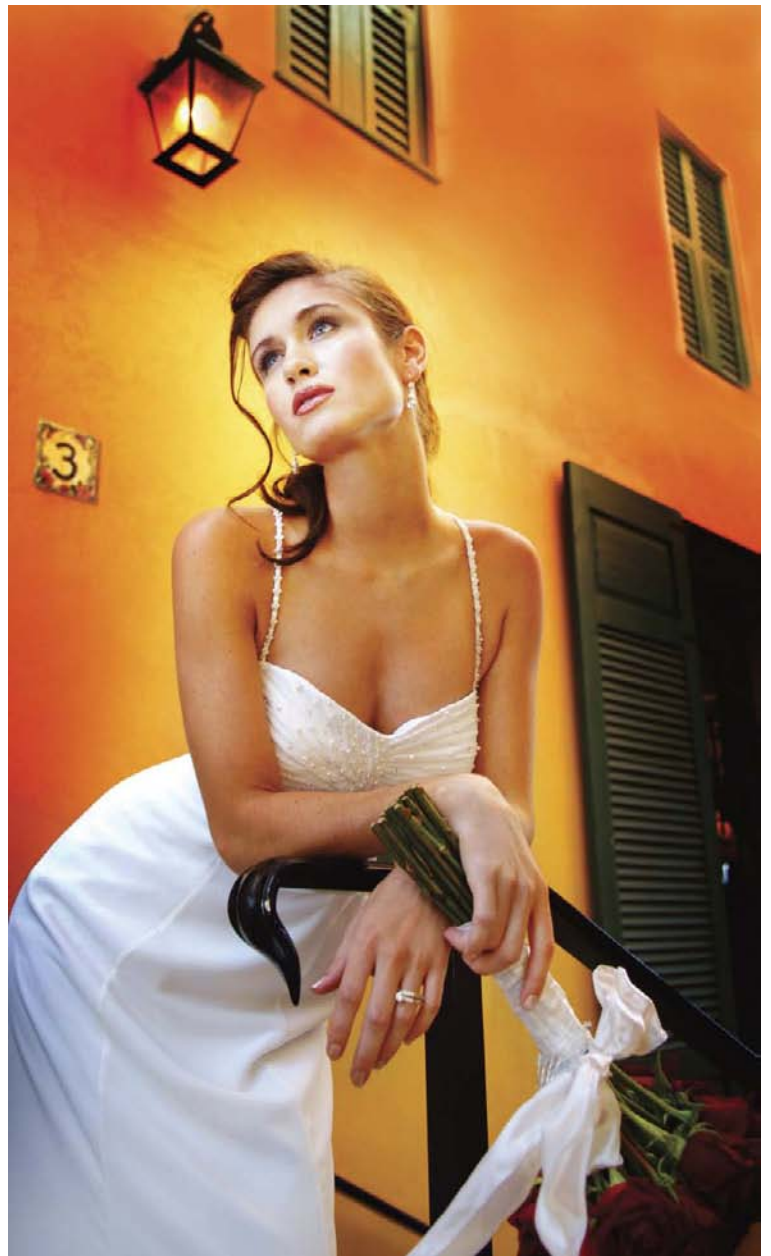


PLATE 294 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

PLATE 295. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



“I like to put a little ‘dance’ in my poses—a sense of swing or movement that makes the photograph a **more vivid** and natural portrait. After all, if you are looking for elegance in your images, why would you want poses that just make your subjects look stiff?”<sup>17</sup>—*Rick Ferro*



PLATE 296. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.

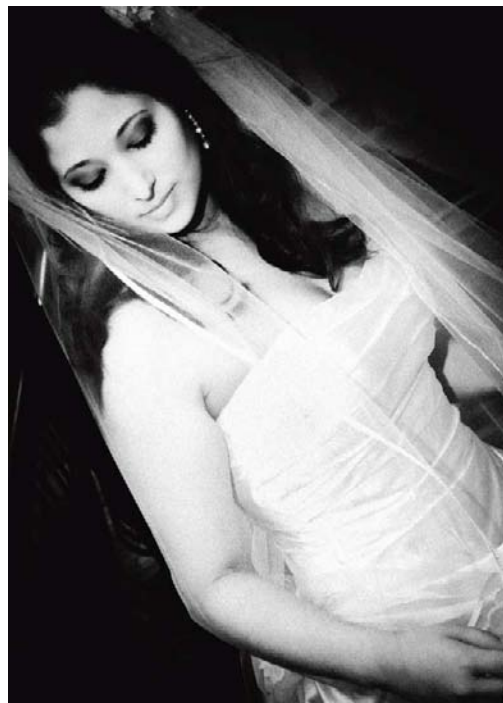


PLATE 297. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 298. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 299. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 300. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.





PLATE 301. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 302. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 303. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 304. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.

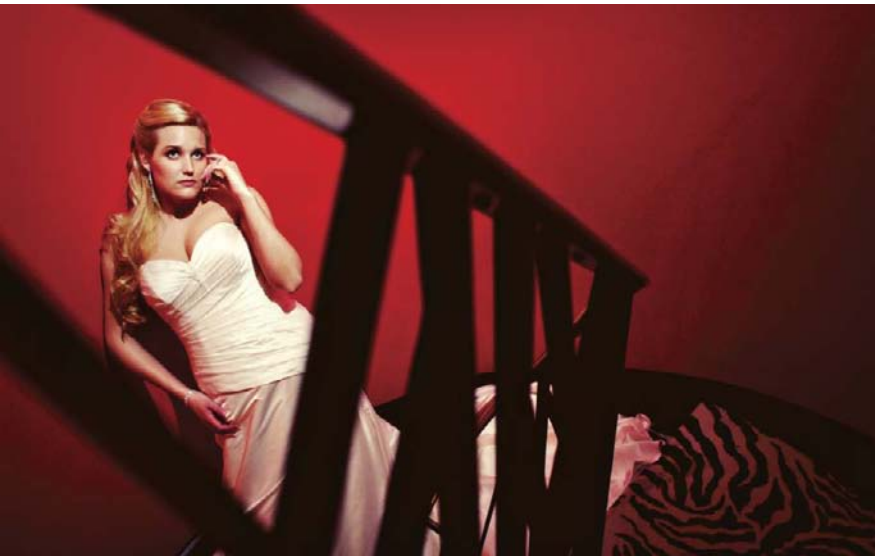


PLATE 305. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 306. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 307. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 308 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 309. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.

“A wedding is an uncontrolled situation. Sometimes you hit **home runs**, sometimes you strike out. But if I only shot what I knew I could get, it would be boring. We all make mistakes, but hopefully they are outweighed by our successes.”<sup>18</sup>—*Huy Nguyen*



PLATE 310. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 311. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 312. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 313. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 314. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 315. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 316. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 317. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 318. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 319. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 320. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 321. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 322. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 323. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.

PLATE 324 (BELOW), PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.

PLATE 325 (RIGHT), PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 326. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 327. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 328. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



“We spend fifteen to twenty minutes doing a mini photo shoot with the bride alone [before the ceremony]. We are mindful not to get her dress dirty and usually ask the **maid of honor** to help with the train. We also carry a sheet to lay down under the dress. If you don’t have a sheet, you can usually score some towels, tablecloths, or sheets from the venue.”<sup>19</sup>—*Damon Tucci*

PLATE 329. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 330. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 331. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 332. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 333. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 334. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 336. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 337. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 335. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 338. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.





PLATE 339. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 340. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 341. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 342. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.

“Be confident when instructing [subjects] on poses you are looking for. **Your confidence** will assure them that they are in good hands and encourage them to put their trust in you.”<sup>20</sup>—*Rick Ferro*



PLATE 343 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 344 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 345. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 346. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 347. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 348. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 349. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



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PLATE 351. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARCUS BELL.



PLATE 352. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.

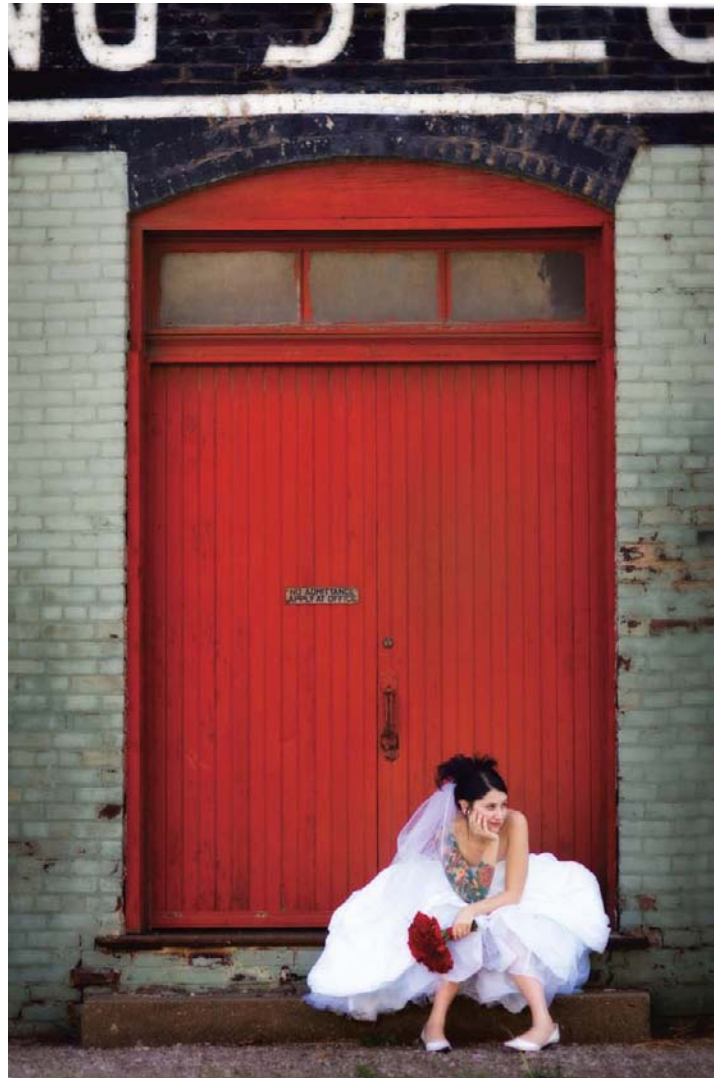


PLATE 353. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 354. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 355. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 356. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 357. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 358. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 359 PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 360. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 361. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 362. PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



PLATE 363 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY MARCUS BELL.

PLATE 364 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 365. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.

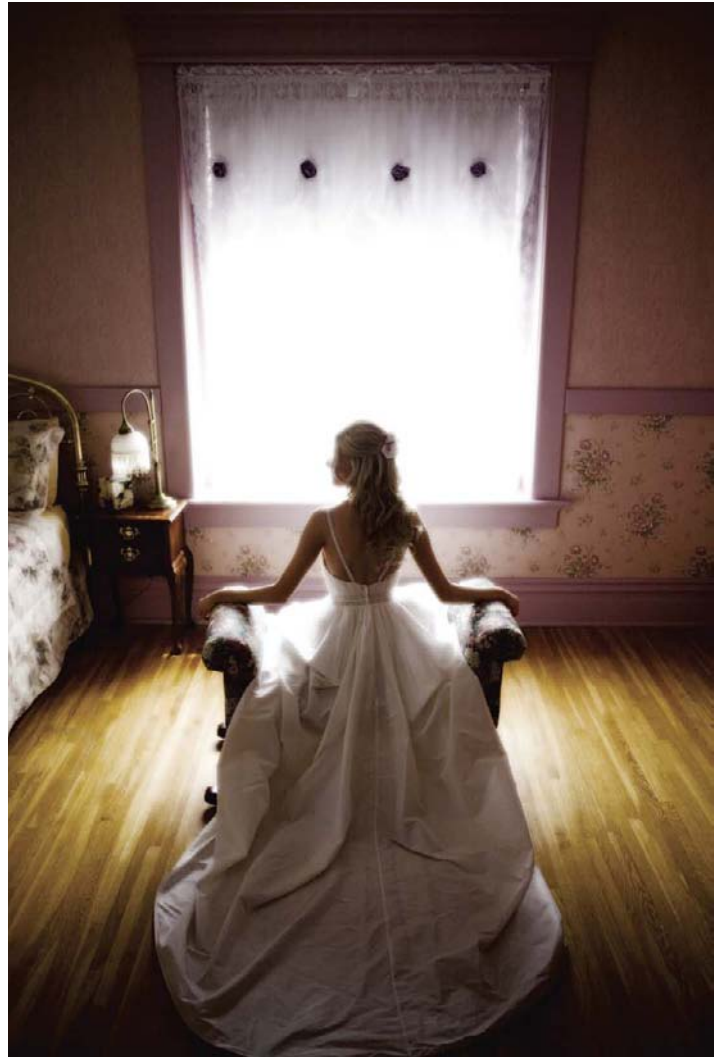


PLATE 366. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 367.  
PHOTOGRAPH BY  
HUY NGUYEN.





PLATE 368. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 369. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 370. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.

PLATE 371 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY MARCUS BELL.



PLATE 372 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.

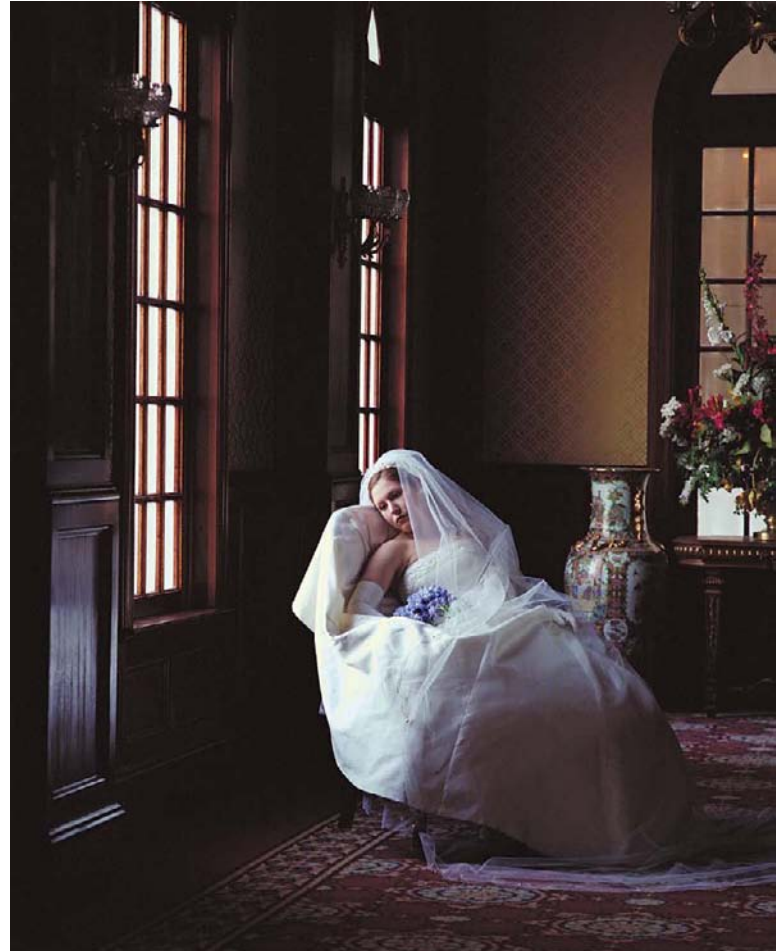




PLATE 373. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



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PLATE 375. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 376. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 377. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 378. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

PLATE 379 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.





PLATE 380. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 381. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 382. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



“It’s important that we are on the same page and they know where I’m coming from. If they see me as the hired help or just some photographer guy, they’re not going to let me do what I do. We need to develop a relationship where they are **totally at ease** with me. If we cannot achieve that, then I’m not going to be able to capture the best images I can. That’s 80 percent of the hard work. After that, it’s all about having fun.”<sup>21</sup>—*Riccis Valladares*

PLATE 383. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

“Once in a while, you’ll have clients with brilliant ideas and good taste. They will devote extra resources to make their wedding special. When you see these things, shoot them. Make it a continuation of a creative process. The clients will be happy that their efforts were documented, and your album will look great.”<sup>22</sup>—Mark Chen



PLATE 384 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 385. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 386. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 387. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 388. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

“I don’t accept every client. It is important our styles and personalities mesh. Recently, I had a woman tell me that the photography wasn’t very important to her. I knew that **wasn’t going to work**, so I told her we just weren’t a good match.”<sup>23</sup>—*Kevin Jairaj*



PLATE 389. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 390. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.

“When shooting the bride’s portrait, it is important to keep in mind her personality and the image she has worked to create. Your aim is to provide her with one of the most beautiful photographs she will ever see of herself, a lasting reminder of youth, beauty, and love.”<sup>24</sup>—*Marcus Bell*



PLATE 391. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 392. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 393. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.





PLATE 394 (LEFT), PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.

PLATE 395 (BELOW), PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 396. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 397. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 398. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARCUS BELL.



PLATE 399. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 400. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

“In the art production phase, we can create more mood than in the straight photo. This makes it much easier to sell. Clients see **a great photo** and get connected to it immediately. Then they can’t leave without buying it.”<sup>25</sup>—*Jeffrey and Julia Woods*



PLATE 401 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 402 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 403. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 404. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

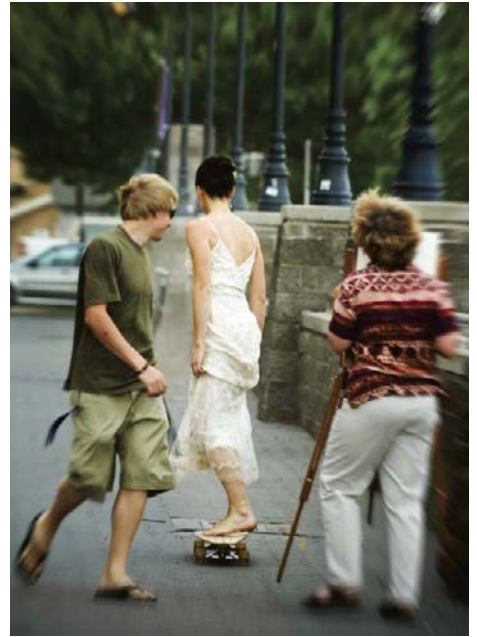


PLATE 405. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 406. PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG BOX.



PLATE 407. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 408. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.

“A good pose starts with a strong foundation. When posing your subject, you must pay attention to the feet—whether or not you plan to include them within the photographic frame. I have the person stand with their **weight on their back foot** (the one farthest from the camera). This lowers the back shoulder and shifts the line of the hips, giving some flow to the body and creating a more dynamic, appealing line.”<sup>26</sup>—*Doug Box*

PLATE 409 (BELOW), PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

PLATE 410 (RIGHT), PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 411 (ABOVE), PHOTOGRAPH BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.

PLATE 412 (RIGHT), PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.





PLATE 413. PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG BOX.



PLATE 416. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 414. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 415. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 417. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 418. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 420. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 419. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 421. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 422. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 423 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 424. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 425. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 426. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 427. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 428. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 429. PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG BOX.



PLATE 430. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.





PLATE 431. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 432 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 433 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 434. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 435. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 436. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



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PLATE 438. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



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PLATE 441. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.

“Never take things at face value. Make yourself responsible for adapting a good idea to fit your needs. The most unhappy and unsuccessful people in any profession, and in life in general, are the ones who consistently look at new ideas and say that they won’t work. The **happy and truly successful people** in the world look at new ideas and think, ‘It could work—and I think I can make it even better.’”<sup>27</sup>—*Jeff Smith*

“Photography before the ceremony is a lot of fun. Photography after the ceremony is a task. Between the ceremony and the reception, people are always looking at their watches. **What time is the reception?** When do we need to get out of the church? If I can avoid that, their whole experience with me will be really free and fun.”<sup>28</sup>—*Dawn Shields*



PLATE 442. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 444. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 443. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 445. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 446 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.

PLATE 447 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 448. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 449. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 450. PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACY DORR.



PLATE 451. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 452. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 453. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 454. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 455. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 456. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 457. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



PLATE 458 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

PLATE 459 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.



PLATE 460. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICCI VALLADARES.



PLATE 461. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARC WEISBERG.



PLATE 462. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARC WEISBERG.



PLATE 463. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 464. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 465. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 466 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.

PLATE 467 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.







PLATE 468 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.

PLATE 469 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 470 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN SHIELDS.



PLATE 471 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 472 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.

PLATE 473 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

PLATE 474 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 475 (FAR LEFT).  
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND  
KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

PLATE 476 (LEFT).  
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND  
KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 477 (LEFT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.

PLATE 478 (BELOW). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 479. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 480. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 481. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 482. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 483. PHOTOGRAPH BY RICK AND DEBORAH FERRO.



PLATE 484. PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.



PLATE 485. PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERIE STEINBERG COTE.



PLATE 486. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 487. PHOTOGRAPH BY HUY NGUYEN.



PLATE 488. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK CHEN.



PLATE 489. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE AND QUIN CHEUNG.



PLATE 490. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 491. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 492. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.



PLATE 493. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 494 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 495 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 496 (TOP LEFT), PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

PLATE 497 (ABOVE), PHOTOGRAPH BY DAMON TUCCI.

PLATE 498 (LEFT), PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 499 (ABOVE), PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 500 (LEFT), PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 501. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.



PLATE 502. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 503. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY AND JULIA WOODS.



PLATE 504. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

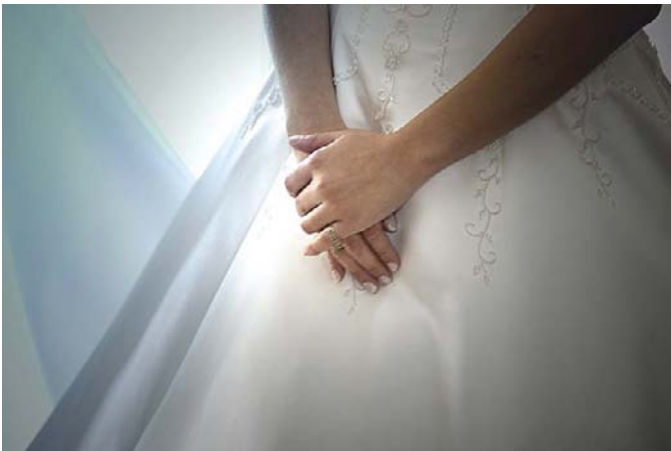


PLATE 505 (ABOVE). PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

PLATE 506 (RIGHT). PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN KUBOTA.





# Posing Basics

**T**his section covers the fundamental rules of traditional posing—techniques that are illustrated in many of the images in this book. While these rules are often intentionally broken by contemporary photographers, most are cornerstones for presenting the human form in a flattering way.

## Portrait Lengths

There are three basic types of poses, each defined by how much of the length of the subject's body is included in the image. Head and shoulders portraits, or headshots, show the subject's head and shoulders. If the hands are lifted to a position near the face, these may also be included. Waist-up portraits include the subject's head and shoulders along with at least some of the torso. In portraits of women, these images are often cropped just below the bustline or at the waist. (Waist-up portraits are sometimes considered a type of headshot.) Three-quarter-length portraits show the subject from the head down to the mid-thigh or mid-calf. In some cases, one foot may be visible. Full-length portraits that show the subject from the head down to the feet (or at least the ankles). In some cases, only one foot may be visible.



HEAD AND SHOULDERS PORTRAIT BY DAMON TUCCI.



WAIST-UP PORTRAIT BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.



THREE-QUARTER-LENGTH PORTRAIT BY DOUG BOX.



FULL-LENGTH PORTRAIT BY REGETI'S PHOTOGRAPHY.

When including less than the full body in the frame, it is recommended that you avoid cropping at a joint (such as the knee or elbow); this creates an amputated look. Instead, crop between joints.

### Facial Views

The most flattering facial view depends on the bride, the lighting, and the mood you are attempting to create.

In the full-face view, the subject's nose is pointed at the camera. This is the widest view of the face, so it may not be well suited to brides with rounder faces.

In the three-quarters view (sometimes called the two-thirds view), the subject's face is angled enough that one ear is hidden from the camera's view. This is a flattering, slimming view for most faces. In this pose, keep in mind that the far eye will appear smaller than the near eye because it is farther away from the camera. Also, be sure not to turn the head so far that the tip of the nose extends past the line of the cheek or that the bridge of the nose obscures the far eye.

In the profile view, the subject's head is turned 90 degrees to the camera. When creating a profile, be sure to turn the bride's face so that the far eye, eyebrow, and eyelashes are obscured.

### The Shoulders

The bride's shoulders should usually be turned at an angle to the camera. Having the shoulders face the camera directly makes her look wider than she really is and can yield a static composition. With a slim bride, however, squaring the shoulders to the camera can give the image an assertive mood that is quite appealing.

THE BRIDE'S SHOULDERS ARE AT AN ANGLE TO THE CAMERA.  
PORTRAIT BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



### The Head

**Tilting the Head.** Tilting the head slightly produces diagonal lines that can help a pose feel more dynamic. In portraits of women, the head is traditionally tilted toward the near or high shoulder, but this rule is often broken. The best practice is to tilt the bride's head in the direction that most flatters her.

**Chin Height.** A medium chin height is desirable. If the chin is too high, the bride may look conceited and her neck may appear elongated. If her chin is too low, she may look timid and appear to have a double chin or no neck.

**Eyes.** In almost all portraits, the eyes are the most important part of the face. Typically, eyes look best when the eyelids border the iris. Turning the face slightly away from the camera and directing the bride's eyes back toward the camera reveals more of the white of the eye, making her eyes look larger.

### Arms

The bride's arms should be separated at least slightly from her waist. This creates a space that slims the appearance of her upper body. It also creates a triangular base for the composition, leading the viewer's eye up to her face. Additionally, keep in mind that simply bending the elbows creates appealing diagonal lines in your composition—and placing these carefully can help direct the viewer of the image to the bride's face.

### Hands

Keep the hands at an angle to the lens to avoid distorting their size and shape. Photographing the outer edge of the hand produces a more appealing look than showing the back of the hand or the palm, which may look unnaturally large (especially when close to the face). Additionally, it is usually advised that the hands should be at different heights in the image. This creates a diagonal line that makes the pose more dynamic.

**Wrist.** Bending the wrists slightly by lifting the hand (not allowing it to flop down) creates an appealing curve that is particularly flattering in bridal portraits.

**Fingers.** Fingers look best when separated slightly. This gives them form and definition.

**Props.** Hands are often easiest to pose when they have something to do—either a prop to hold or something to rest upon. When photographing the bride holding her bouquet, have her grasp it gently, or opt to hid her hands behind the bouquet. When photographing the bride's rings, give her something to rest her hands upon (her lap, the back of a chair, etc.).



LEAVING SPACE BETWEEN THE ARMS AND THE BODY SLIMS THE TORSO. PORTRAIT BY KEVIN JAIRAJ.



THE HANDS REST GRACEFULLY ON THE BRIDE'S LAP. PORTRAIT BY JEFF AND KATHLEEN HAWKINS.

## Chest

Selecting a pose that places the torso at an angle to the camera emphasizes the shape of the chest and, depending on the lighting, enhances the form-revealing shadows on the cleavage. Turning the shoulders square to the camera tends to flatten and de-emphasize this area. Good posture, with the chest lifted and shoulders dropped, is also critical to a flattering rendition.

## Waist and Stomach

Separating the arms from the torso helps to slim the waist. In seated poses, a very upright posture (almost to the point of arching the back) will help to flatten the stomach area, as will selecting a standing pose rather than a seated one.

## Legs

Although most brides wear full-length gowns, posing the legs properly remains desirable because it impacts the posture of the entire body. Asking the bride to put her weight on her back foot shifts the body slightly away from the camera for a more flattering appearance than having the weight distributed evenly on both feet. Having her slightly bend her front knee will also help to create a nice line on the lower part of the gown.

## Hips and Thighs

In some gowns, this area will naturally be concealed. If the bride has opted for a gown that is fitted through the hips and thighs, pose her hips at an angle to the camera and away from the main light. In a seated pose, have the bride shift her weight onto one hip so that more of her rear is turned away from the camera.

## Feet

Brides are often very proud of their shoes, but pictures of feet with the toes pointed straight at the camera tend to look distorted. Instead, photograph the feet at an angle to the camera—better yet, place them at two different angles to the camera. A good rule of thumb is to ensure that at least one foot is turned enough that the heel is shown.

DETAILS OF EFFECTIVE FOOT POSING: PORTRAITS BY DAWN SHIELDS (LEFT) AND KEVIN JAIRAJ (RIGHT).



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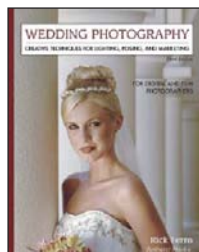
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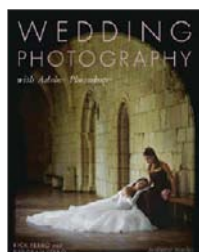
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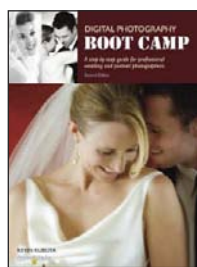
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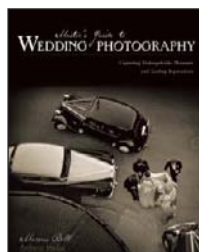
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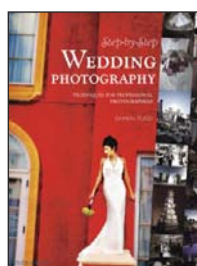
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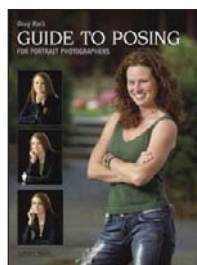
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