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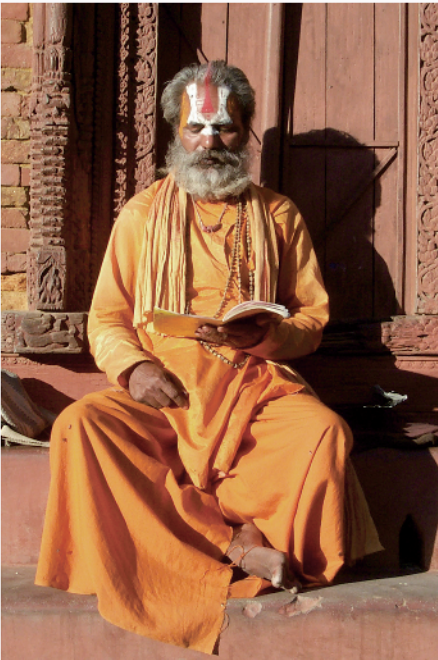
Compact Camera, Pro Results

I thought I'd start off this book with some pictures that illustrate the whole point of it. And that is: compact cameras can take pictures that rival those taken with digital SLR cameras.

So let's play a guessing game. Can you tell which pictures were taken with a compact camera and which ones were taken with a pro digital SLR camera?

You'll find the answers on the last page of this chapter, the page with the palm tree. No skipping ahead!!

People Pictures



Clockwise from top left: Marco Sammon, Croton-on-Hudson, New York; performer, Mongolia; holy man, Nepal; and Marco as a child, Upstate New York.

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friends! Here are a few people shots and a few shots of some

The guessing game continues. Guess which pictures were
and which ones were taken with my trusty compact camera.

Landscapes and City Scenes



Clockwise from top left: Botswana; Palace of the Winds, India; Palace of the Winds, India; and Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

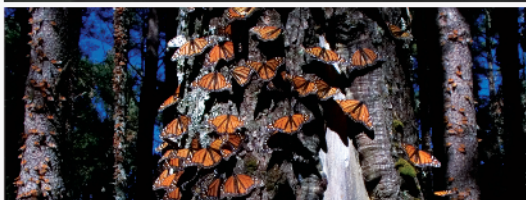
Keep on guessin’.

I like these photographs, because they bring back fond memories—some close to home and some in a far-away location.

Speaking of memories, here’s a tip to save your digital memories: Always back up your pictures in at least two places. I prefer hard drives because the write time is much faster than the write time of CDs and DVDs. I also keep one backup in my office and one in my house, just in case of fire, etc.

Again, the answers to the guessing game are on the last page of this chapter. In reading the answers, keep this expression in mind: Cameras don’t take pictures, people do!

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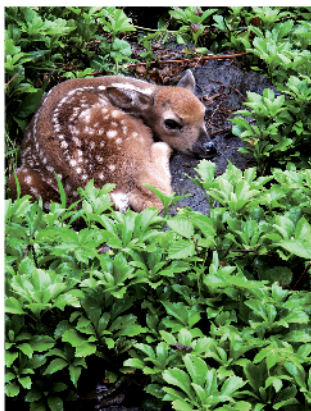


Pro Studio



Clockwise from top left: New York, New York; New York, New York;
Buffalo, New York; and New York, New York.

with Pictures





The Answers

Okay. I hope you did not skip ahead. Here's the scoop on which cameras I used for the pictures in this chapter.

The top pictures on the following pages were taken with my professional SLR camera: People Pictures, Animals, Landscapes and City Scenes, Snow and Nature, and Pro Studio.

The bottom pictures on those same pages were all taken with my compact camera.

The pictures on the Tell a Story with Pictures page were all taken with my compact camera.

What about the palm tree (Kuna Yala, Panama) on this page? Compact camera, I confess.