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Photographer's Guide To The Nikon Coolpix P900: Getting The Most From Nikon's Superzoom Digital Camera

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NIKON COOLPIX P900



GETTING THE MOST FROM NIKON'S
SUPERZOOM DIGITAL CAMERA



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Synopsis

This book, by Alexander S. White, is a complete, clearly written guide to the operation of the Nikon Coolpix P900 digital camera. The book explains all shooting modes, menus, functions, and controls of this superzoom camera, accompanied by more than 350 illustrations and sample photographs. The guide shows beginning and intermediate photographers how to use the camera's many options to get the results they want. The book explains topics such as autofocus, manual focus, HDR (High Dynamic Range) photography, ISO, memory cards, and flash modes. It discusses techniques for using the P900's phenomenal zoom lens, with a maximum optical focal length of 2000mm, to full advantage. The book also explains the camera's features for image transfer and remote control through the P900's built-in Wi-Fi network, as well as its features for adding location data to images. The book includes sample images taken with the creative settings of the camera, including the Picture Control options, which alter the color processing of images; the Scene and Special Effects shooting modes, with settings optimized for subjects such as landscapes, birds, pets, sunsets, and action shots; and the camera's features for burst shooting and time-lapse photography. In addition, the book provides introductions to topics such as infrared photography, street photography, and macro photography. The book also explains the video features of the P900, which can shoot HD video with stereo sound and can record high-speed video at rates up to 4 times normal speed. In addition, the book describes procedures for playing back images and videos in the camera and for using the Filter Effects option to add special effects to images after they have been captured. In three appendices, the book discusses accessories for the Coolpix P900, including cases, external flash units, and charging and power options. The appendices include a list of useful web sites and other resources, as well as a section with "quick tips" to help users take advantage of the camera's features in the most efficient ways possible.

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Customer Reviews

Both the Nikon Coolpix P900 and this book are kinda hard to review and rate. The camera is so complex, and Nikon has decided not to include a paper manual in a \$600 camera that is now selling at MSRP, which I think is really shoddy -- there is plenty of room in the large box, and the idea of using a downloaded pdf that is massive is preposterous. How you gonna lug a computer around with your camera stuff? Well, all the information about this massively flexible camera is included in Mr. White's book. Particularly in the beginning, I found it hard to follow. For some reason, he begins with short discussions of the camera as it comes out of the box with enough settings to go out the door and shoot. But he does not really explore the entire setup menu until something like chapter 7. I would have moved it up much closer to the beginning. His chapters on the menus and features, once he got going, were really comprehensive and well-covered. There is really not any other choice at this point, so if you are looking for a comprehensive manual that covers the mammoth features and the few questionable decisions Nikon made (no raw files, apparent restriction on panoramas to only wide angle, for example). So while not the best organized camera book I have read and not the easiest to follow, this really does cover everything and earns the five stars, I think. Addition 10/15: Many of the features and settings do not explain why Mr. White makes the suggested choices. Occasionally he does explain why, but, for the most part, this information is missing. This is in contrast to David Busch's books that always explain why he recommends his settings. Otherwise, this is a great book and essential for shooters who want to be able to make use of the amazing features of this amazing camera.

I bought this book on Kindle the same day I bought my Nikon P900. Reading this book is ESSENTIAL to understanding the camera. Without it, you will never take advantage of most of its features. This book really taught me a lot about using my new camera.

Love it! Very well written and easy to read and understand. I'm still working my way through it. I have the Kindle version on my iPhone and iPad. Love using it at home on my tablet and in the field on my phone. Great detailed info and it's easy to access what you're looking for. It also contains many descriptive photos. I think it's a perfect fit for this amazing camera.

If you own or are seriously considering owning a Nikon Coolpix P900, this is a must buy. Not only is this guide written well, the author explains everything you need and/or want to know about this camera. The guide that comes with the camera is useless, for the most part. You would think Nikon could do better guides for their cameras. Anyway, I purchased this guide prior to purchasing my Nikon Coolpix P900 (didn't buy through because I saved \$60 through a camera store) because I wanted to know everything I could about this camera in order to determine if it was what I was looking for. This guide convinced me. I recently purchased this camera and this guide is a great teaching tool. Not only does the author explain the camera well, it is also a pretty good photo lesson. I was a photographer in the Marine Corps some years ago and continued to shoot a lot over the years but I still had a lot to learn about digital photography technology and this guide answered many questions for me. Buy this. You won't be disappointed.

Very easy to read and understand the many details of the Nikon P900 camera. All the tips given have logical consequences once the functions are applied. The manual that came with camera is small suitable for camera bag for sure, and includes many languages. I can't wait to control my camera using my smartphone or tablet as a remote. Should be great for nature pictures. I highly recommend purchasing this guide for the Nikon Coolpix P900.

Excellent guide/manual, much better than the poorly written/laid-out Nikon one. Many examples and illustrations. My P900 is much more enjoyable and usable after reading this gem.

This camera is so complex that this manual is essential. As a companion to the Nikon manual that comes with the P900, this gives you dozens of shortcuts and suggestions and ways to maximize the

abilities of the camera. The P900 is not a point and shoot camera and it lets you access the full range of capabilities in the camera. I downloaded it to my phone so I would always have it with me. I refer to it frequently when on photo outings. One of the handiest books I've ever had.

It's probably the only book out there for the Coolpix P900 right now that seems to be the most thorough in explaining the camera's key functions and features. It's not a high gloss premium product, but the quality will do for the price you pay. It's a rather organized book and the Index can help you jump easily to a topic of interest. It's a great companion to have for novice photographers who want to dive deeper into all the aspects of their P900.

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