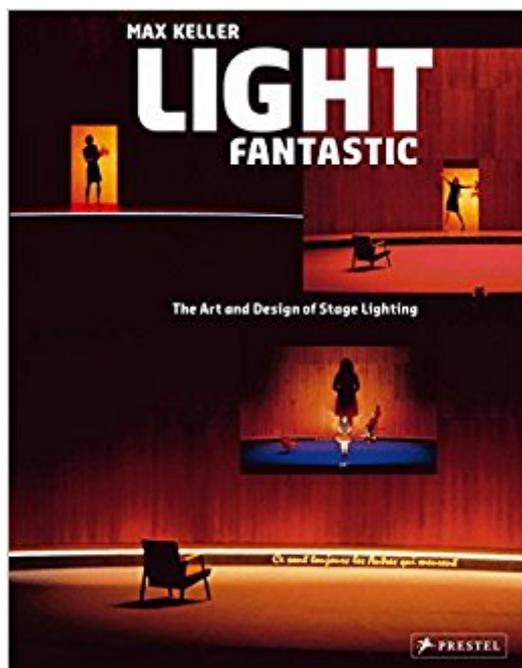


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# Light Fantastic: The Art And Design Of Stage Lighting



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The book is fantastic it has great photos and explains every thing clearly. I would recommend this book for any theater lighting class. or any kind of lighting class.

Fantastic book.

I got this for my boyfriend for Christmas (he's the technical director for our theatre company) and he said it's a great book. I was hoping it would have more pictures of stages with different lighting designs (you know, like pictures taken during performances so you could see the designs in action), but a lot of the pictures are more technical -- diagrams and things. There are still a lot of really neat pictures though, and out of all the books I looked at getting for him, this is hands-down the best one I found. It's hard to find good lighting books, but I think most of the reviewers were correct when they said this is the best book on the subject, and well worth the money. It's also an attractive enough book that it can make a good coffee table book.

Collection of pictures to study Artistic Light Aspect. Nices pictures linking with technics concepts. Too many historical, not enough up to date...But... great color pictures!

This book may not have all the LD nuts and bolts that one is looking for but the photos of the lighting are worth the cost.

This book is beautiful just to look at and includes a wealth of information. All aspects of lighting technology and elements of design are covered in thorough detail. Keller also includes a section on color theory that goes much farther than any lighting design text I've seen. Although a little advanced for the beginning designer, I recommended my students purchase the book now and use it throughout the next few levels of Lighting Design courses. I sincerely believe that if I had owned

such a book while studying lighting design, I would have had need for little else. If my copy were not constantly in use I would use it as a coffee table book! WELL worth the price!

Readers here should note that this is a book concerned with the "European Aesthetic" and techniques of Theatre Lighting.. not to say that it doesn't apply in the US - it does! - but it's not how "Theatre Lighting" is usually taught in the USA! But as I'm from Europe - I say, if you're REALLY interested in the full range of possibilities of theatre lighting, this book will OPEN your eyes to more options!! MUST read. Worth every penny. ChrisP.

I found Keller's book very interesting, however, it should be noted that this is a book for lighting techniques within the theatre realm specifically. There is comprehensive information about light bulbs, frames, and every possible piece of equipment associated with them, and Keller explains them in easy-to-understand methods that leave you with a real understanding of the products.

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