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Ostensibly about landscape photography, *More Than a Rock* is a passionate and personal book about creativity and expression. In this series of essays, photographer and teacher Guy Tal shares his thoughts and experiences as an artist who seeks to express more in his images than the mere appearance of the subject portrayed.

Tal makes an argument to consider creative landscape photography?expressing something of the photographer's conception through the use of natural aesthetics?as a form of visual art that is distinct from the mere representation of beautiful natural scenes.

Tal covers topics such as the art of photography, approaches to landscape photography, and the experiences of a working photographic artist. His essays also include reflections on nature and man's place in it, living a meaningful life, and living as an artist in today's world.

The book is decidedly non-technical and focuses on philosophy, nature, and visual expression. It was written for those photographers with a passion and interest in creative photography. Anyone who is pursuing their work as art, is in need of inspiration, or is interested in the writings of a full-time working photographic artist will benefit from reading this book. The book is visually punctuated with Tal's inspiring and breathtaking photography.

"Some images look like things, while others feel like things; some images are of things, while others are about things. ...A creative image is not a record of a scene nor a substitute for a real experience. Rather, it is an experience in itself?an aesthetic experience?something new that the artist has given the world, rather than a contrived view of something that already existed independent of them." ~Guy Tal

**** *Guy Tal's photography is thoughtful, compassionate, and poetic; it's no wonder then that his writings evoke similar feelings in me. If you want to be a better camera user, read your manual. If you want to be a stronger, deeper photographer, read Guy Tal.* ~David duChemin

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