



A light reading off the bright sky in this Monte Nagler photograph underexposed

the Joshua trees so that they appear here as dark silhouettes.

## Silhouettes make drama

Two weeks ago, I wrote on how backlighting can add impact to your shots. Today, I'll take backlighting one step further to where it can produce truly dramatic photographs.

And this extra step? Silhouettes. Instead of using backlighting as rim lighting or as lighting to accentuate textures, use it to obtain striking silhouettes of your subjects.

How do you make silhouette pictures? Easy. Effectively using early morning or late afternoon sun will do the trick.

Compose carefully, placing a strong subject in the foreground with the sun behind. The sun can be just outside the viewfinder or directly behind the subject. Take your meter reading off the sky.

Because it is so bright, the sky will "call for" a minimum exposure, that is, a small aperture and/or a fast shutter speed. The foreground subject will then be underexposed to the point where it will appear in the finished print as a silhouette.

**WHAT SUBJECTS** are good to use? Some of my favorites are stark trees, flying birds, interesting architectural forms, even people (you can produce interesting profiles).

Try including the sun directly in your picture. Use medium speed film, an aperture of f-16 and a shutter speed of 1/500 second, paying no attention at all to your camera's meter.

The result is that your foreground subject will reproduce as a black silhouette and the sun will appear as a shining star. Be careful not to look directly at the sun through the viewfinder because eye damage can occur.

For slide shooters, here's an idea that will result in truly exciting results. On an overcast day, shoot pictures of trees, birds, airplanes, lighthouses, etc., with the bald sky in the background.



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**THEN REMOUNT** these slides with transparencies of sunsets, clouds, or any other subjects your imagination can produce. The densities of both layers of film will darken the "sandwich" sufficiently so that the subject will appear as a silhouette.

Producing silhouettes is fun and exciting. It's an area in photography where your imagination and creativity can truly excel.

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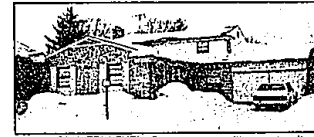
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