Just thought I'd quickly mention what gear I'm shooting with. I currently have a <u>Canon Rebel T2i</u>, which I bought with a <u>Canon EF-S 18-135mm f/3.5-5.6 IS Kit Lens</u>. It has some considerable vignetting, especially at longer focal lengths, and some chromatic aberration problems but overall it is a solid, midrange, versatile lens. I also use a <u>Canon EF 50mm f/1.8 II</u> lens for portraits and low light. For the price, it is an excellent lens. While the camera is important, great photos are taken by great photographers, not great cameras. As Chase Jarvis said, "The best camera is the one that's with you."