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A solid addition to the field of introductory texts on the subject of typography. — *I Love Typography*

In short, *Type Matters* is an indispensable guide to the basics of typography that no budding graphic designer should be without. — *The Point*

This book is perfectly positioned to ease the newbie into the world of typography... it is a learner's bible. — *Seattle Post Intelligencer*

This book is pleasing to the touch, the nose, the eye, and when actually read, the hungry mind. — *Blog Critics*

These may be simple tips, but they could change the way the world reads the writing you want to present. — *Columbus Dispatch*

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