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*Politics, Religion, and Power in the Great Lakes Region* Union Square & Company

With an artist's eye and an explorer's heart, Temple St. Clair fashions jewelry from rare colored gems with distinctive gold work to illustrate universal narratives of the earth and cosmos. In each of the one-of-a-kind pieces that comprise her Haute Couture collection, St. Clair explores our relationship to animals through a lens of whimsy and discovery and celebrates a connoisseur's level of gemstones and Florentine craftsmanship. The Golden Menagerie offers an exclusive window into the alchemic jeweler's process, illustrating the collection through St. Clair's original watercolor paintings and luminous photography of each stage of creation. From the articulated Secret Garden Serpent necklace to vibrantly jeweled Fantasy Birds earrings to a ring mounted with a falcon ready to take flight from the wearer's finger, St. Clair's creations come to life on the page, imbued with alchemy and artistry.

*Pearl Necklace* Simon and Schuster

Initially published in 1992, the Pearl Buying Guide was the first book to give consumers details on judging pearl quality and value. The 186 new colour photographs in this updated 6th edition show new types of pearls, clasps and jewellery styles. Current information has been provided on natural pearls, treatments, cultivation and identification techniques. Although technical data is included to aid gemologists in detecting treatments and identifying pearls, the easy reading style and the 364 photos make this a customer-friendly book for both consumers and professionals. If youre looking for an easy-to-read, full colour, affordable pearl handbook that will help you select flattering pearls and spot fakes, this 6th Edition is the best choice available. 186 new photographs of pearls, pearl jewellery, neck pieces and pearl x-radiographs. Updated information on pearl types, geographic sources and freshwater pearls. Expanded chapter on natural pearls. Expanded chapter on "Creating Unique Pearl Jewelry with Colored Gems". New pearls and pearl jewellery styles.

*Revolution* Lulu.com

An ambitious, lavishly illustrated survey of the most valuable of precious gems

*The Pearl Buying Guide* Read Books Ltd

Gem Identification Made Easy is the first and only book that explains in non-technical terms how to identify diamonds and colored gems, and how to separate natural gems from imitations, treated stones, synthetics, and look-alikes. The book's approach is direct and practical, and its style easy to understand. In fact, with this highly accessible guide, anyone can begin to master gem identification. Includes over 150 photographs and illustrationsover 80 in full color! Using a simple, step-by-step system, the authors explain how to properly use essential but uncomplicated instruments to identify stones, what to look for gemstone by gemstone, and how to set up a basic lab at modest cost. Three of the instruments are inexpensive, portable, pocket instruments that, when used together, can identify almost 85% of all precious and popular stones. The key to avoiding costly mistakes and recognizing profitable opportunities is knowing both what to look for and what to look out for. Gem Identification Made Easy will help you: Open your eyes to the types of treatments, imitations, synthetics, look-alikes, and fakes in the gem market today. Learn how to tell the difference between them. Quickly spot: Synthetics, including synthetic emeralds and diamonds Filled diamonds Diffused "blue" sapphires and "red" rubies HPHT-treated diamonds ... and much more! Determine how to spot the newest "composite" imitations. Learn how to identify recently discovered gems such as "Mandarin" garnet, red "emerald," and North Carolina's chromium-rich emeralds. Discover new treatments such as surface coatings to create "fancy color" diamonds and improve or change the color of many gemstones. Know when to seek help from a professional gemologist or lab. Become more professional in your business or hobby.

**Royal Rubies** Penguin

"This book ... focuses on the European invasion of the GLR. It analyses the factors that underlay the invasion, the demarcation process that followed and the indigenous people's responses to it. What is worth noting is that most of the anti-colonial struggles in the GLR were anchored in religion. Reference is made to the Maji Maji Rebellion, the Nyabingi Movement, the Lamogi Movement, Dini Ya Misambwa and the different independent churches that arose in the GLR during colonialism. Even the more secular Mau Mau Movement integrated religious cultural practices in its bondings through oath taking. The most pronounced was the Nyabingi Movement, which covered almost the whole region – Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, DRC and Uganda ... This work investigates why [the groups] resisted, the nature of their resistance and the reasons why they were defeated. It explains why and how the European colonisation of this region created material conditions and seeds for thesubsequent recurrent conflicts in the GLR."--Page 6.

*The Golden Menagerie* Springer Science & Business Media

Loren has always loved the fabled stone necklace her mother keeps hidden in her jewellery box. Steeped in lore and legend, it is said that it must be guarded from all who seek it. Unable to resist the lure of the beautiful stone, Loren accidentally invokes its magical properties, catapulting them to another realm. Soon everything is wrong. The Welsh valleys are flooded, the moon is fractured, and dragons—who should only live in storybooks—fill the skies. As Loren and her two siblings are drawn into a future that is barely recognisable, they team up with Orca, a cowardly lechrad, who helps

them travel the enchanted land and protect the stone. They'll need to fight evil and right their wrongs if they ever hope to return home again—and the stone's peculiar magic might be their only chance.

**The Physics and Chemistry of Color** Arnold'sche

Since early 1989, a gem dealer I've known for years has been calling me every few weeks to brief me on mounting mayhem in Colombia's lucrative emerald market. The troubling gist of these calls is always this: There is a full-fledged turf war going on between that South American country's bustling drug and gem trades for control of its emerald ex port business. According to this dealer and several others, anywhere from two to four thousand emerald industry people, mostly miners and deal ers, have been murdered since 1980. No doubt the gem sector, itself never gun shy, has retaliated in full and in kind. After all, the two groups have banded together in an intermittent alliance against a common enemy-Communist guerillas-with results the CIA would envy. I mention this bloodshed because of something the gem dealer once said to me: "I bet you never think of what a gem has to go through to get to a jewelry store:' He's right. I tend to think of colored stones as things of beauty, not objects of gruesome power struggles between mining kingpins and drug lords. Can you blame me, or anyone with insider knowledge, if a gem sheds any connection with its past once sculpted by a cutter into the glittering mar vel we see in a jeweler's showcase? Like Odysseus listening to the sirens' song, we become victims of an aesthetics-induced amnesia.

**Rock and Gem** Getty Publications

An updated and revised second edition of the acclaimed classic Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue, or a ruby red? This classic volume studies the physical and chemical origins of color by exploring fifteen separate causes of color and their varied and often subtle occurrences in biology, geology, mineralogy, the atmosphere, technology, and the visual arts. It covers all of the fundamental concepts at work and requires no specialized knowledge. Author Kurt Nassau includes hundreds of illustrations, tables, and photographs-as well as end-of-chapter problems-that aid in visualizing the concepts discussed. An updated bibliography permits readers to pursue their own particular interests and an expanded series of appendices cover advanced topics. The Physics and Chemistry of Color, Second Edition is a one-of-a-kind treatment of color that provides both detailed physical and chemical properties of color and a more general overview of the subject. It will prove highly useful to specialists and non-specialists alike-and fascinate those with varied interests from optics to art history.

*Practical Gemmology - A Study of the Identification of Gem-Stones, Pearls and Ornamental Minerals* SAS Institute

Revolution is a collection of eleven short stories that act as a vital bridge between the novels Exile and Liberty. But it is also so much more than that. Ejersbo had a remarkable and unaffected talent for getting inside the heads of his characters: Moses, a worker in a Tanzanite mine who lives in hope of striking it rich; Sofie, a Greenlander who joins a French conman on his trip around the world; Rachel, who tries to make a life for herself in a city where everyone sees her as a whore in waiting. You feel that Ejerbso could have written from the heart of every person living in Tanzania; and that you could go on reading them forever.

*Ruby* Simon and Schuster

Prepare to be dazzled by this shining and sumptuous visual guide to the world's greatest treasures. Feast your eyes on glittering gemstones, kaleidoscopic minerals, and famous trinkets in this comprehensive exploration of Earth's finest jewels. Following a foreword from Aja Raden, hundreds of pages take a lavish look at precious stones, precious metals, and organic gems in all their natural wonder. From agate to zoisite, everything under the Sun is encapsulated in spectacular photography and accessible text. Trace the history of gemmology and get the inside story on our planet's most famous and fabulous gems, including the mysterious Hope Diamond, the stunning Koh-i-Noor of the Crown Jewels, and exquisite Fabergé eggs. Find out their physical properties, check the price tags, and discover the most remarkable record-breakers. This exceptionally extravagant book is a picture-packed, fact-filled celebration guaranteed to bring sparkle to your life and your library.

*Exobiology as Goddess* Charisma Media

Poetry. African American Studies. This book of poetry by accomplished artist, novelist, playwright, and poet Will Alexander uses the language of science to address spiritual and personal revelations. Praising the figure "Solea," EXOBIOLOGY AS GODDESS is a love poem written in the specifics of the natural world. "William Blake merges with Sun Ra in the ecstatic flicker of evanescent transience. This work blazes with an holographic imaginary that is our only defense against the Dark."--Charles Bernstein

**Looking at Jewelry** Nightingale Books

Today's twisted pictures of gender roles create confusion over how a woman should define herself. Women and men are encouraged to move closer to center and away from the traits that distinguish male from female. How can women feel good about themselves when society is constantly dictating what they can and should be? In FIGHT LIKE A GIRL, Lisa Bevere exhorts us to embrace the differences between sexes. Her goal is to encourage women to celebrate the unique aspects of femininity. Instead of trying to adopt ill-fitting character traits, women should see themselves as designed and valued by God and savor their femininity as their strength, not a flaw.

**Wishing-well and Other Fantasies** Paradigm Publications

Gives pointers on how to buy gemstones, with advice on price comparison, quality evaluation, fake stones, gem treatments, and gem cleaning and care.

**Extraordinary Vessels** Fair Winds Press

From the dawn of time, ruby and sapphire have both attracted and fascinated humans in ways that few other items could. While objects of desire are found throughout the natural world, physical beauty is too often ephemeral. From the allure of a man, woman, flower or butterfly, through the fleeting moments of a sunset, there is little that lasts and practically nothing that can be passed down to our descendants. The exception is precious stones. Not only are they the most durable creations of mother nature, but their visual splendor is truly eternal. In this companion to his 2013 book, *Ruby & Sapphire--A Collector's Guide*, Richard Hughes examines these gems from the gemological standpoint, delving into these gems not just from the aesthetic, but also from the scientific point of view. The product of nearly 40 years of firsthand experience, it covers every aspect of the subject from A-Z. History, sources, prices, quality analysis, synthetics and treatments, everything is here. *Ruby & Sapphire--A Gemologist's Guide* represents the most comprehensive book ever written on a single precious stone. With over 1000 photos, maps and illustrations and 3500 references, it is nothing less than a tour-de-force of gemological scholarship.

**The Essential PROC SQL Handbook for SAS Users** Wiley-Interscience

The most powerful force in the world economy today is the redefinition of the relationship between state and marketplace - a process that goes by the name of privatization though this term is inadequate to express its far-reaching changes. We are moving from an era in which governments sought to seize and control the 'commanding heights' of the economy to an era in which the idea of free markets is capturing the commanding heights of world economic thinking. Basic views of how society ought to be organized are undergoing rapid change, trillions of dollars are changing hands and so is fundamental political power. Great new wealth is being created - as are huge opportunities and huge risks. Taking a worldwide perspective, including Britain, where the process began with Mrs Thatcher, Europe and the former USSR, China, Latin America and the US, **THE COMMANDING HEIGHTS** shows how a revolution in ideas is transforming the world economy - why it is happening, how it can go wrong and what it will mean for the global economy going into the twenty-first century.

**Tanzanite** BHC Press

Navigate the world of the powerful SQL procedure with Katherine Prairie's *Essential PROC SQL Handbook for SAS Users*. Written in an easy-to-use, logical format, this comprehensive reference focuses on the functionality of the procedure, as well as the accomplishment of common tasks using PROC SQL, enabling readers to quickly develop and enhance their SQL skills. Features include more than 300 examples of PROC SQL code, plus queries and diagrams showing how the statements are processed, tips and techniques highlighting "need-to-know" concepts, and an appendix designed specifically for SQL Pass-Through Facility and SAS/ACCESS users. This practical guide is written for SAS users of all levels who want to learn how to integrate the SQL procedure into their Base SAS and/or SAS/ACCESS programs as well as SQL programmers who want to adapt their current skills to SAS. This book is part of the SAS Press program.

**Clean My Space** National Geographic Books

From glittering gemstones to fascinating minerals and fossils, this incredible reference book is a stunning celebration of the Earth's buried treasures. Innovative, specially commissioned photography captures the essence and beauty of over 450 superb specimens, while lively and informative text describes the characteristics of each and its unique and changing relationship to humankind through the ages. Organized by rock classes and

chemical groups, each rock, mineral and fossil entry contains a photograph of the specimen together with lively, wide-ranging text describing its qualities and history of use. In addition, a detailed, at-a-glance reference panel provides key data for identification and classification.

**Ruby and Sapphire** FaithWords

Honor life's milestones and bring sacredness into everyday life. *The Book of Blessings and Rituals* shows you how to create ceremony and meaning around the most important events in your life. Drawing from different world traditions, leading metaphysical teacher Athena Perrakis presents blessings to cover a wide array of occasions and intentions, including holidays and sacred days, love, healing, protection, prosperity and success, lunar blessings and rituals, and manifestation. Organized by month, you'll be able to celebrate the sacred all year long. Create medicine bundles and altars to support blessings and ceremonies. Know which crystals to use to amplify rituals and clear energy. Learn how to smudge for clearing and protection. Use the power of invocations to assist in strengthening goals and intentions. Deepen your experience of the sacred, find inspiration, and heal with this non-denominational guide to blessings and rituals.

**The Commanding Heights** Ten Speed Press

Here will be found a shortened but complete course in gemmology, following the traditional lines adopted in teaching students at Chelsea Polytechnic in preparation for the Gemmological Association Examinations. This book contains classic material dating back to the 1900s and before. The content has been carefully selected for its interest and relevance to a modern audience.

**Emerald** Penguin

A practical guide to the many healing and purifying uses of the mineral known as shungite • Explains how shungite counteracts the harmful effects of EMF and radiation from computers, cell phones, Wi-Fi, and other electronic devices • Cites many double-blind scientific and medical studies on shungite • Explores how shungite acts as a natural antioxidant, immune booster, pain reliever, and allergen suppressant as well as water purifier and revitalizer • Reveals how shungite contains fullerenes, which recent research shows are able to slow both the growth of cancer cells and the development of AIDS. Found near the small village of Shunga in Russia, the remarkable mineral known as shungite formed naturally more than two billion years ago from living single-cell organisms. Used in Russian healing therapies since the time of Peter the Great, shungite contains almost the entire periodic table of the elements as well as fullerenes, the hollow carbon-based molecules that recent research shows are able to slow both the growth of cancer cells and the development of the AIDS virus. Citing many double-blind scientific and medical studies on shungite, Regina Martino explains its many protective, healing, and detoxifying properties, including its ability to counteract the harmful effects of electromagnetic fields and radiation from computers, cell phones, Wi-Fi, and other electronic devices and appliances. Acting as a natural antioxidant, immune booster, pain reliever, and allergen suppressant, shungite and "shungite water" can be used to treat skin ailments and musculoskeletal diseases, accelerate the healing of cuts and wounds, cleanse internal systems, and increase the body's intake of vital energy. Detailing shungite's many microelements and biologically active substances, Martino reveals how the stones have been proven to purify and revitalize water. Exploring the energetic properties of shungite, she reveals how it facilitates energetic transfers between the chakras and higher energies outside the body and can be used to harmonize living spaces. Truly a marvel of the natural world, shungite offers protection against the perils of our modern technological world and healing for both body and spirit.