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Business Secrets from the Bible Ballantine Books

An all-encompassing guide to skin care for readers of any age draws on the expertise of a Fifth Avenue dermatologist, providing the same advice she gives to her celebrity patients while explaining how to achieve positive results with a minimum of time and money. 50,000 first printing.

Esoteric Mysteries of the Underworld Macmillan

The Fire Opal Mechanism is the fast-paced and lively sequel to Fran Wilde's *The Jewel and Her Lapidary Jewels* and their lapidaries and have all but passed into myth. Jorit, broke and branded a thief, just wants to escape the Far Reaches for something better. Ania, a rumples librarian, is trying to protect her books from the Pressmen, who value knowledge but none of the humanity that generates it. When they stumble upon a mysterious clock powered by an ancient jewel, they may discover secrets in the past that will change the future forever. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Gem Identification Made Easy (6th Edition)

Random House Trade Paperbacks

The tale begins over three-hundred years ago, when the Fair People—the goblins, fairies, dragons, and other fabled and fantastic creatures of a dozen lands—fled the Old World for the New, seeking haven from the ways of Man. With them came their precious jewels: diamonds, rubies, emeralds, pearls... But then the Fair People vanished, taking with them their twelve fabulous treasures. And they remained hidden until now... Across North America, these twelve treasures, over ten-thousand dollars in precious jewels, are buried. The key to finding each can be found within the twelve full color paintings and verses of *The Secret*. Yet *The Secret* is much more than that. At long last, you can learn not only the whereabouts of the Fair People's treasure, but also the modern

forms and hiding places of their descendants: the Toll Trolls, Maitre D'eamons, Elf Alphas, Tupperwerewolves, Freudian Sylphs, Culture Vultures, West Ghosts and other delightful creatures in the world around us. *The Secret* is a field guide to them all. Many "armchair treasure hunt" books have been published over the years, most notably *Masquerade* (1979) by British artist Kit Williams. *Masquerade* promised a jewel-encrusted golden hare to the first person to unravel the riddle that Williams cleverly hid in his art. In 1982, while everyone in Britain was still madly digging up hedgerows and pastures in search of the golden hare, *The Secret: A Treasure Hunt* was published in America. The previous year, author and publisher Byron Preiss had traveled to 12 locations in the continental U.S. (and possibly Canada) to secretly bury a dozen ceramic casques. Each casque contained a small key that could be redeemed for one of 12 jewels Preiss kept in a safe deposit box in New York. The key to finding the casques was to match one of 12 paintings to one of 12 poetic verses, solve the resulting riddle, and start digging. Since 1982, only two of the 12 casques have been recovered. The first was located in Grant Park, Chicago, in 1984 by a group of students. The second was unearthed in 2004 in Cleveland by two members of the Quest4Treasure forum. Preiss was killed in an auto accident in the summer of 2005, but the hunt for his casques continues.

The Gem Merchant - How to Be One - How to Deal with One Baker Books

Celebrities and fashion runways are glittering with gemstones, more than ever these days. But for the growing hordes of jewellery makers, gemstones can prove very daunting to work with. Nancy Alden of the popular *Beadworks* series gives readers a full introduction to the craft and, in her typical fashion, takes all the anxiety out of the process. Readers will learn how to create stunning gemstone earrings, necklaces and bracelets - with a gem and corresponding project to complement any look. Plus today's wide availability and competitive pricing of precious and semi-precious stones, makes what had once been exclusive, expensive projects

completely doable.

Jewelry & Gems, the Buying Guide Macmillan

Idaho's clear flowing rivers are world famous for fly fishing, but finding that elusive perfect spot to land a trophy in the vast wilderness requires a lot of time and knowledge. Fortunately, writer, angler and conservationist Chris Hunt has traveled to some of the state's most idyllic areas to find the best fishing the Gem State has to offer. Adventurous anglers can follow his directions off the beaten path to enjoy excellent scenery and even better fishing. Brimming with expert tips and seasonal strategies for each location, this handy guide will find its place in a dry pocket for every successful excursion.

Jewels Harvard University Press

Beginner's Guide to Gemmology presents the profiles of the principal gem materials. This book discusses the interesting characteristics of gemstones as the growing consumer market jewelry resulted in increased sales of gem testing instruments. Organized into 12 chapters, this book begins with an overview of the development of the science of gemmology. This text then explains the fundamental qualities necessary in a gem, including color, hardness, specific gravity, crystallography, refractive index, pleochroism, critical angle, luminescence, and absorption spectra. Other chapters consider the organic gem materials, including amber, ivory, coral, tortoiseshell, jet, ebony, and pearl. This book discusses as well the various methods used in the production of man-made gemstones and the commercial use in gem testing. The final chapter deals with the composition of synthetic gemstones. This book is a valuable resource for gemmologists and jewelers. Students who intend to become a qualified gemologist will also find this book extremely useful.

Trading Secrets ebooks

This is the story of one man's endeavor to discover precious gems and to lead a life filled with loyal friends and extraordinary adventures. He finds it all in the Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan but not without risking his life. In this book Gary W. Bowersox spins his tales of thirty two

years of discovery both introspective and worldwide. Along the way he encounters danger and intrigue as he builds lasting friendships. He has traded gems and stories with Afghan miners, ethnic peoples, freedom fighters, government officials, scientist, and on a few occasions, international spies.

The Way of Kings Arcadia Publishing
Finally the real truth about how master jewellers, gemmologists and major auction houses value diamonds and colored gemstones.

The Book of Dust: The Secret Commonwealth (Book of Dust, Volume 2) John Wiley & Sons

"See what Gems & Gemology - The Magazine of the Gemological Institute of America - has to say about The Gem Merchant" Every retail jeweler, manufacturer, and gemologist should read this book* What is the "REAL" price?* How could I get a break on the price of that stone?* Is the gem with more green or more yellow in it worth more?* Is that gem merchant treating me fairly?* How can a jeweler sell more high-profit colored stone jewelry and tie up less capital?These are some of the questions answered and some of the secrets revealed by this famous gem merchant/cutter and author. If you have asked questions like these and found evasiveness or silence as your reply, you should read this book.This book is not just a "must for gem merchants, gemologists and appraisers; it is a book particularly for the jeweler who want to make more money with colored stones, and for gem lovers in general. What people in the trade say about this book: "This is unquestionably the best book on "How to Buy and Sell Gems". Although David has been my long time buying agent for Brazilian stones this book helped me make even more money from the gem business."--Richard Wise, G.G., jeweler and author of "Secrets of the Gem Trade" "I wouldn't have known how to locate or even define my market without this book and Mr. Epstein's help. I entered the business with no friends or relatives in the trade. There was no one to help." -Gerard Walsh, F.G.A.A., Sydney, Australia "Whether you are a jeweler, experienced gem merchant or a beginner, this book shows you how to avoid serious pitfalls and how to be successful buying and selling gems."-Bryan Pavlik, Ambassador to Austria from the International Colored Stone Association "I had taken a gemological course in Antwerp but knew nothing about how gems were bought and sold. There is no doubt that David Epstein and his book "The Gem Merchant" made the difference."--Marco Minafra, Catania,

Italy "When I started as a gem merchant I had success, but not enough to do it full time. After David let me in on the secrets revealed in this book my business got to the point where it is a successful full time business." --Joe DeCristoforo, New York, USA "We are an AGS, IJO store. Since my father started the store in 1929, we have always placed much emphasis on colored gems. David Epstein and his book "The Gem Merchant" have helped our colored stone sales and profit.--Louis Castiglione, Ph.D., G.G.A., Castaglione Jewelers,Gloversville, New York, USAWhat trade magazines say about this book: "For those interested in learning more about what it takes to deal in gems."--National Jeweler "This book should be carefully read and digested, by those involved in buying and selling gemstones, for advice offered covers the broad spectra of buying and marketing strategies for gemstones and gem rough, survival tips on entering the gem-stone manufacturing industry, and a range of general information that could be successfully applied to trading in gemstones. Importantly, the advice offered is sensible, practical, honest, and straightforward."-Australian Gemmologist "David Epstein is eminently qualified to write this book." -Alice Keller, Editor-in-Chief, Gems and Gemology "This is a delightful account of the difficulties to be borne in mind when setting up (or out) as a peripatetic gem dealer. There is a good deal of common sense."-Gemmological Association & Gem Testing Laboratory of Great Britain

Guide to Affordable Gemology Simon and Schuster

Provides a history of jade culture and industry and includes jade buying tips.

Redlined Revell

The Secret Teachings of Gemcutting is a collection of classic gemstone designs spanning 500 years. The designs are presented with full color photos, historical information, cutting advice, and design information. These are industry standard designs for the gem and jewelry trade for all the major gemstone cutting centers around the world. This collection marks the first time the designs have been compiled for public consumption. This volume will prove useful to both gemcutters who want to cut these essential designs and to jewelers who would like a visual aid to present different gemstone styles to their customers. Aside from the designs, the introductory chapters of the book contain invaluable information about gemstone design, optics, gem physics, modifying designs, pairing rough gems with an appropriate design, and more.

100 Chess Master Trade Secrets Red Wheel Weiser

Andrew Goodwin, a highly successful registered investment advisor, has produced a treasury of professional trading tactics while employed with two famous hedge funds. This is a collection of trading systems and techniques with specific entry and exit rules. TradeStation TM code is provided for most, and TradeStation TM users will have a field day working with this collection of original ideas.

Secrets of the Gem Trade Feiwel & Friends

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.

The French Blue Gem Book Pub

A Financial Times Best Book of the Year
The untold story of how Russian espionage in imperial China shaped the emergence

of the Russian Empire as a global power. From the seventeenth to the nineteenth century, the Russian Empire made concerted efforts to collect information about China. It bribed Chinese porcelain-makers to give up trade secrets, sent Buddhist monks to Mongolia on intelligence-gathering missions, and trained students at its Orthodox mission in Beijing to spy on their hosts. From diplomatic offices to guard posts on the Chinese frontier, Russians were producing knowledge everywhere, not only at elite institutions like the Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg. But that information was secret, not destined for wide circulation. Gregory Afinogenov distinguishes between the kinds of knowledge Russia sought over the years and argues that they changed with the shifting aims of the state and its perceived place in the world. In the seventeenth century, Russian bureaucrats were focused on China and the forbidding Siberian frontier. They relied more on spies, including Jesuit scholars stationed in China. In the early nineteenth century, the geopolitical challenge shifted to Europe: rivalry with Britain drove the Russians to stake their prestige on public-facing intellectual work, and knowledge of the East was embedded in the academy. None of these institutional configurations was especially effective in delivering strategic or commercial advantages. But various knowledge regimes did have their consequences. Knowledge filtered through Russian espionage and publication found its way to Europe, informing the encounter between China and Western empires. Based on extensive archival research in Russia and beyond, *Spies and Scholars* breaks down long-accepted assumptions about the connection between knowledge regimes and imperial power and excavates an intellectual legacy largely neglected by historians.

Ruby and Sapphire GeoVision, Inc.

If you want to become a chess master, there are certain things you need to know – essential tips and techniques that the masters know, and you need to learn. This incredibly useful book collects all these techniques together in one volume, so you can try them out, tick them off, and start on your path towards chess greatness. Arranged in chapters covering every aspect of chess, from openings to endgames, renowned chess author Andrew Soltis provides top 20 rundowns of these specific positions and techniques: chapters include Top 20 Sacrifices, Top 20 Crucial Middlegame Decisions, Top 20 Endgame Techniques and Top 20 Exact Endgames. Written in Andrew Soltis's eternally engaging and accessible style,

this book will prove invaluable to any player who wants to become a chess master.

The Secret Teachings of Gemcutting Elsevier

“A dynamic group biography studded with design history and high-society dash . . . [This] elegantly wrought narrative bears the Cartier hallmark.”—The Economist The “astounding” (André Leon Talley) story of the family behind the Cartier empire and the three brothers who turned their grandfather’s humble Parisian jewelry store into a global luxury icon—as told by a great-granddaughter with exclusive access to long-lost family archives “Ms. Cartier Brickell has done her grandfather proud.”—The Wall Street Journal The Cartiers is the revealing tale of a jewelry dynasty—four generations, from revolutionary France to the 1970s. At its heart are the three Cartier brothers whose motto was “Never copy, only create” and who made their family firm internationally famous in the early days of the twentieth century, thanks to their unique and complementary talents: Louis, the visionary designer who created the first men’s wristwatch to help an aviator friend tell the time without taking his hands off the controls of his flying machine; Pierre, the master dealmaker who bought the New York headquarters on Fifth Avenue for a double-stranded natural pearl necklace; and Jacques, the globe-trotting gemstone expert whose travels to India gave Cartier access to the world’s best rubies, emeralds, and sapphires, inspiring the celebrated Tutti Frutti jewelry. Francesca Cartier Brickell, whose great-grandfather was the youngest of the brothers, has traveled the world researching her family’s history, tracking down those connected with her ancestors and discovering long-lost pieces of the puzzle along the way. Now she reveals never-before-told dramas, romances, intrigues, betrayals, and more. The Cartiers also offers a behind-the-scenes look at the firm’s most iconic jewelry—the notoriously cursed Hope Diamond, the Romanov emeralds, the classic panther pieces—and the long line of stars from the worlds of fashion, film, and royalty who wore them, from Indian maharajas and Russian grand duchesses to Wallis Simpson, Coco Chanel, and Elizabeth Taylor. Published in the two-hundredth anniversary year of the birth of the dynasty’s founder, Louis-François Cartier, this book is a magnificent, definitive, epic social history shown through the deeply personal lens of one legendary family.

Emeralds David and Charles
The clearest and cleanest-cut

photographic field guide to over 130 gemstones from around the world This compact visual guide is packed with more than 800 vivid full-colour photographs of more than 130 varieties of cut and uncut stones, organic gemstones, and precious metals. With authoritative text, clear photography, and a systematic approach, this concise guide to identification enables you to recognize each gemstone instantly. Each expertly written entry combines a precise description with annotated photographs to highlight the gemstone's chief characteristics and distinguishing features. Additional colour illustrations and photographs show uncut stones, colour variations, and a range of popular cuts, while bands on each entry provide at-a-glance facts for quick reference. Beginners to gem collecting will benefit from the detailed introduction that defines what a gemstone is, explains the physical and optical properties used to identify and classify gemstones, and shows how they have been fashioned and even imitated throughout history. To help with the initial stages of identification a colour key illustrates the variety of colours found within natural and synthetic gemstones, and a glossary explains the relevant scientific and technical terms.

A Book of Precious Stones Batsford Books Rare, romantic, and forever: The diamond industry depends on these myths to reap billions of dollars of profit. This sensational investigation explodes such fallacies and reveals how multimillion-dollar advertising campaigns create the impression of rarity and romance. It reveals a very secret and unromantic world, one that is dominated and controlled by a handful of mighty corporations. With Leonardo DiCaprio’s movie *The Blood Diamond* making more people than ever aware of the seamy side of the diamond trade, Janine Roberts’ explosive exposé, taking us through seven decades of intrigue and manipulation, is the right book at the right time.

Secrets of the Gem Trade Pearson UK The #1 New York Times Bestseller! Return to the world of *His Dark Materials*—now an HBO original series starring Dafne Keen, Ruth Wilson, Andrew Scott, and Lin-Manuel Miranda—in the second volume of Philip Pullman’s new bestselling masterwork *The Book of Dust*. The windows between the many worlds have been sealed and the momentous adventures of Lyra Silvertongue’s youth are long behind her—or so she thought. Lyra is now a twenty-year-old undergraduate at St. Sophia’s College and intrigue is swirling around her once more. Her daemon Pantalaimon is witness to a brutal murder, and the dying man entrusts them with

secrets that carry echoes from their past. The more Lyra is drawn into these mysteries, the less she is sure of. Even the events of her own past come into question when she learns of Malcolm Polstead's role in bringing her to Jordan College. Now Lyra and Malcolm will travel far beyond the confines of Oxford, across Europe and into the Levant, searching for a city haunted by daemons, and a desert said to hold the truth of Dust. The dangers they face will challenge everything they thought they knew about the world, and about themselves. Praise for *The Book of Dust* "It's a stunning achievement, this universe Pullman has created and continues to build on." —The New York Times "Pullman's writing is simple, unpretentious, beautiful, true. The conclusion to *The Book of Dust* can't come soon enough." —The Washington Post
The Secret Knopf Books for Young Readers

Find success in finance, friendships, , and spirituality with the advice of a well-known expert It's safe to say that nearly everyone is seeking a happier, more successful life. So then why do so few attain it? *Business Secrets from the Bible* proposes a new way to view and approach success—one based upon key concepts from the Bible that are actually surprisingly simple. Written especially for those seeking success in the realms of money, relationships, and spirituality, this book encourages readers to realize their common mistakes, come to terms with them, and turn those mistakes into future triumphs. Filled with concrete advice for improved finances, spirituality, and connection, this resource takes a practical approach and aims to change not just the minds, but the actions of readers with a self-evident and persuasive pathway. Drawing on his wisdom and knowledge of the Bible, the author reveals the clear link

between making money and spirituality, and urges readers to focus on self-discipline, integrity, and character strength in order to achieve personal prosperity. Special emphasis is given to establishing positive attitudes toward making money and adopting effective Biblically-based strategies. Demonstrates how earnings and profits are God's reward for forming relationships with others and serving them Stresses the importance of service, sharing, change, leadership, and creating boundaries and structures Encourages readers to focus on other people's desires and teaches why and how to make connections with many people Suggests ways for readers to transform themselves and continue toward success even in the face of fear and uncertainty Attaining wealth and well-being is no longer a mystery. Let this book identify and correct the errors that are keeping you from fulfillment and happiness.