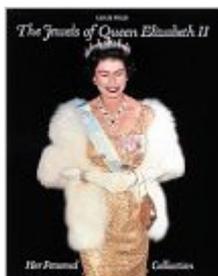


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The Jewels Of Queen Elizabeth II: Her Personal Collection



Synopsis

In 1987 Abrams published *The Queen's Jewels* to tremendous praise and acclaim. Now author Leslie Field has created this revised, updated, and concise paperback edition, again with the full cooperation of Buckingham Palace. Field's access to the Royal Archives provides an unparalleled view of the most fabulous jewelry collection in the world. 258 illustrations, 74 in full color.

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A well written guide to QE II's elaborate collection of precious stones. Comes complete with her family tree as a reference, which you may find handy to refer to as the author traces back how most of the pieces came to the Queen through her ancestors. Many pictures, however, there are almost as many of Queen Mary as there are of Queen Elizabeth II! I especially liked the way it was discussed how some older pieces have been taken apart, reset, and reconfigured to make them do duty in the 20th and 21st centuries. A very well researched book that any royal watcher will enjoy. I would love to see the author devote a publication to the jewelry (real and paste) of the late Princess of Wales.

"Amazing" is the only word to describe the impressive array of jewels in Her Majesty's collection. Tiaras, bracelets, earrings... all delicately made and intricate in their structure. Whether they are gifts from other heads of state, inheritance, or personal presents from her parents, the Queen's jewels will take your breath away. Now when you see pictures of the Queen and her female relations - whether on television or in magazines - you'll be able to name the tiara, place the bracelet, identify

the earrings, and swoon over the plate-sized gems pinned to dresses. Brilliant! Â© 2005 [...]

This is a pocket guide to The personal jewels of Elizabeth II. It would be a handy guide to have with you as you visit her Jubilee exhibit in London in 2012. Geoffry Munn of BBC Antiques Roadshow fame has written the 5 pounders on this topic, but Ms. Hope's slender volume gives you just enough information to appreciate both the history and qualities of each piece.

If you love royal jewels like me then you need to get this book... the pictures are fabulous. There is not a whole lot of text and explanation about all the pieces you view in the book but there is enough for you to get a general history of most of the pieces. I highly recommend this book!!!!

I am always interested in the top grade jewelries that Royals owned. This book is not only introduced the items she owns but also the interesting back ground history of each item. I was surprised to have found the Royal Crown jewelry items were not owned till recently, they were rental from the jewelry store for some time! If you are interesting antique jewelry, this book is the good dictionary for you. I got this book for a gift to my friend in jewelry business, and he loved it.

I wasn't sure I was going to like this book- I guess I first thought why should I enjoy someone's immense wealth and their jewelry collection. However, it acutally turned out better than I thought. The photos are detailed and amazing. The history of each item that is covered is a treatise on European monarchy. The updates and interesting ways these items are worn is fun- and include not only older members of the royal family but contemporary members like Princess Diana and the newest member, Kate Middleton. So if you like (or love) jewelry, this is a fun book to own. And if you are a jewlery designer, it's great to look at trends and how designs can be changed to suit the client or the contemporary times.

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