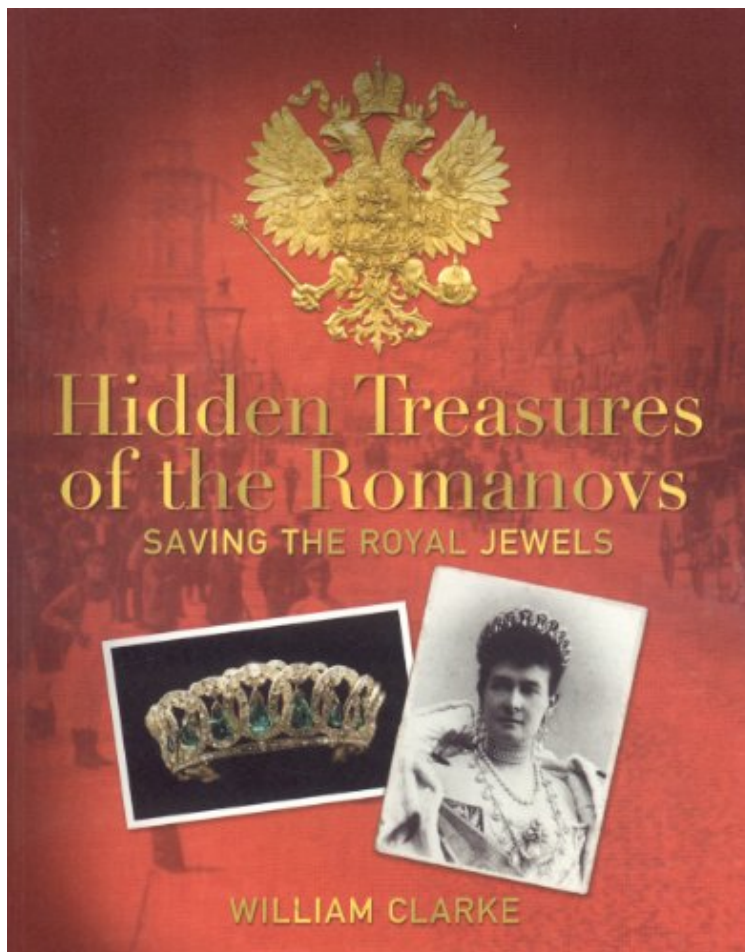




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## **Hidden Treasures of the Romanovs**

**William Clarke : Hidden Treasures of the Romanovs** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hidden Treasures of the Romanovs:

35 of 35 people found the following review helpful. A biography of Albert Stopford - friend to Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna of RussiaBy K. MaxwellThis book is a biography of Albert Stopford, the man who rescued the jewels of Grand Duchess Marie Palvona during the Russian revolution. The title is somewhat misleading in that you might expect a book on the Russian royal jewels and treasures, but in fact what you are getting is the full story of a figure that often appears on the fringes of many Romanov stories during the revolution.Stopford was a man who led a very varied life. His father was a vicker in an English village but his family had connections to Queen Victoria and he was able to use these connections to eventually become a high class antique dealer and confidential courier to royalty.

Stopford was also gay in era when that was enough in itself to land you in jail and it was a fact that was to have unfortunate consequences later in his life.I found this an interesting book that filled in some gaps found in other books. It also had some interesting information on Marie Pavlovna (who deserves a book of her own), but at the same time I

found it slightly disappointing from the image section as it doesn't actually provide a lot of pictures of the jewels Stopford when through so much stress saving. This is a fill-in-the-blanks book for people interested in the Romanov's but not really a must have volume. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Don't Buy By Meliora Poor title choice. This book gives a kindergarten history of the Russian Revolution. The only "Treasures" hidden and rescued did not belong to a Romanov, but to Nicholas II's mother - and only a small part of her jewels were "saved" by the English homosexual who entered her Petrograd villa to retrieve them. Only one piece is identified and named. The book is a huge disappointment. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. some historic mistakes By Mara Victoria Saenzeven though the book does touch some issues related to the Romanov's jewels, the book is more of a biography of Bertie Stopford. but what i dont like are some inaccuracies, that in a writer of this type of book is bad. example: page 44 first paragraph of chapter 4, last sentence: " .... that led the British Royal family to change their name from Battenburg to Windsor in 1917". to start with, it is not Battenburg, but Battenberg. and second and more important, the British Royal name was never Battenberg. It was Saxe-Coburg after queen Victoria's ( herself a Hannover) husband, Prince Albert.

The story of the Romanov jewels and of Englishman Albert Stopford who risked his life to smuggle millions of pounds worth of the precious gems from Russia to London in 1917.

'This is a riveting account, highly recommended for all devotees of the Romanovs.' European Royal History Journal '  
... an absolute gem. ... wonderful illustrations.' Royal Book News