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enamel, opal, amethyst, diamond, garnet, and pearl, particularly baroque pearls. If you are interested in the Arts and Crafts movement, this book will give you not only an idea of how the design was applied to jewelry but also to architecture, furniture and accessories, and clothing. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The best jewellery book I own. By Katie. The Arts and Crafts era is without a doubt one of the best periods in jewellery history. This really was the period where people used their own creative instincts, were being original, true to the craft and not subscribing to a mass produced fashion/style e.g. art nouveau, etc etc. It was also the forerunner of modern jewellery design. This book is the prized favourite in my collection of jewellery books, before I bought it I had read it in the library countless times and it can be reread again and again. The best part about it was that it referenced so many obscure and unknown designers and jewellers, who have not been given due credit for the amazing work they produced. It is beautifully illustrated and inspirational and is interesting because most 'jewellery history' books only concentrate on the movement itself and feature traditional jewellers who became part of that movement. This is the first book I've read where most of the jewellers are artists or creative groups making jewellery. A lot of the information in the book is impossible to find even online! I've looked. Very well done and researched, worth every cent. Also recommend 'Artists' Jewellery - Pre-Raphaelite to Arts and Crafts' by Geoffrey Munn if you love this era. Though this book is the better of the two, but both are invaluable.

The best study of Arts and Crafts-style jewelry and metalwork to date. Hundreds of beautiful pieces of jewelry are illustrated; their history, characteristics, materials, motifs, influences, and makers' marks are traced. Biographical sketches are provided for the most influential British designers/jewelers/metalworkers.

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