

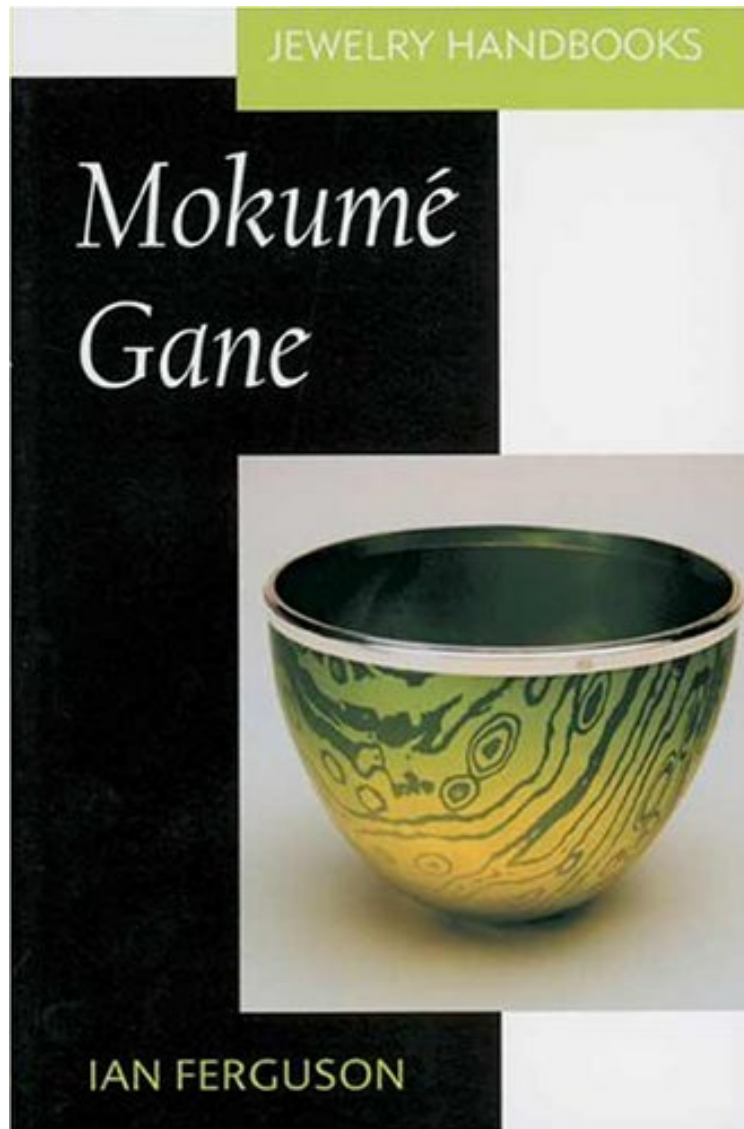
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- Delves into the history of Mokume Gane as an art form- Discusses the materials, technical information and equipment used in the process- Contains over 150 color photos, and a gallery of gorgeous finished Mokume Gane pieces

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