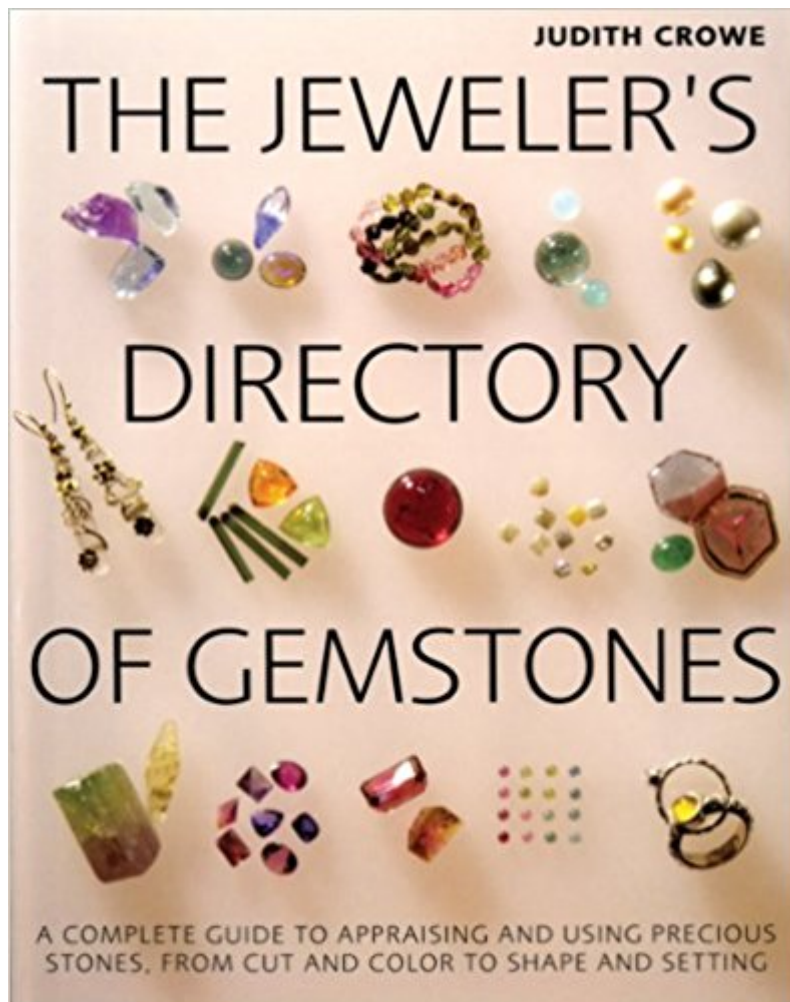


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I bought this because I am studying to be a jeweler so I am looking at the book from that perspective. This book doesn't have a lot of technical information or information on using gem identifying equipment. It does have a lot of useful information a student, designer, or jewelry buyer would need to know. It goes in depth into different kinds of cuts, settings, and gem quality's. It also has very good information on the individual gemstones and a good section on diamonds. In depth enough to be useful and informative but not so much it feels like a textbook. A very useful and well written book with beautiful photos.

This book is very comprehensive and covers just about everything you always wanted to know about jewels and jewelry. The illustrations are clear and beautiful. Even if you didn't want more information about jewels looking at the pictures is fun. I purchased this book as a refresher as I plan to go back into the jewelry business after my retirement. This really hit the spot. I especially appreciated the sections where the author describes the jewels that are interrelated by their composition. I would highly recommend this book.

Great book at a great price. It has large colorful photos of the gems and, described the gems in a way that is easy to understand. Not too complex for the beginner wanting to explore a little more. Love this book. Very happy with my purchase!

Very complete guide. Dont know if it is up to prfessional standards, a pro would need to answer that, but sure is helpful to me. Beautiful pics.

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