**Gem Book List, Aug 2015 -** Richard Hughes

**http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/gembooks.htm**

**Gems by species**

Generally speaking, I buy every single monograph on a gem that I can lay my hands on. Why? Because they tend to be written by those who specialize in the subject, and who better to learn from than an expert? Here are a number of the gem monographs I can recommend. Many are out-of-print and in high demand. Which should tell you that when you see them, buy them. They tend to disappear quickly and when out-of-print, prices can get crazy.

**Amber**

* [Amber: Window to the Past](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000C4T2LM/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B000C4T2LM)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B000C4T2LM by David A. Grimaldi (1996). Probably the best modern book on amber. Excellent photos!

**Beryl (including Emerald)**

* [Beryl and Its Color Varieties: Aquamarine, Heliodor, Morganite, Goshenite, Emerald and Red Beryl](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/097153716X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=097153716X&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=097153716X by various authors. Volume 7 of the English extraLapis series, this is an outstanding addition to the literature.
* [Colour of Paradise: The Emerald in the Age of Gunpowder Empires](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/030016131X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=030016131X)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=030016131X by Chris Lane (2010). The history of Colombian emeralds making their way to Mughal India.
* [Emerald and Other Beryls](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0801971144/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0801971144)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0801971144 by John Sinkankas (1981). One of the finest books ever written on a single gem species. A masterpiece of gemological scholarship.
* [Emeralds: A Passionate Guide](http://www.emeraldpassion.com/) by Ron Ringsrud (2009). One of the finest books available on emerald, with an emphasis on Colombian emeralds. Highly recommended!
* [Emeralds of Pakistan: Geology, Gemmology and Genesis](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0442303289/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0442303289&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0442303289 by A.H. Kazmi & L.W. Snee (1990). A technical description of these gems.
* [Esmeraldas de Colombia (in Spanish)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9586380696/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9586380696)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9586380696 by Gustavo Rodriguez Vargas (1992). Nice treatment of Colombian emerald.
* [Emeralds of the World](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0971537119/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0971537119&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0971537119 by various authors (2002). Volume 2 of the English extraLapis series, this is an outstanding addition to the literature.
* [Green Fire](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0007IZUSC/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B0007IZUSC)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B0007IZUSC by Peter Rainier (1943). One of my all-time favorites, written by the man who rediscovered the Chivor emerald mine in Colombia. Outstanding read!
* [Tic Polonga](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B002IE35DA/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B002IE35DA)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B002IE35DA by Russ Anderton (1953). A fun read about gem hunting in Ceylon and Colombia after World War II.

**Chrysoberyl (including Alexandrite)**

* [Russian Alexandrites](http://www.schweizerbart.de/publications/detail/isbn/9783510652624) by Karl Schmetzer (2010). The only work of its kind on Russian alexandrite.

**Corundum (Ruby & Sapphire)**

* [The Book of Ruby & Sapphire](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/halford-watkins-book-of-ruby-and-sapphire.htm) http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0442208332by J.F. Halford-Watkins & Richard W. Hughes, ed. (2012). A previously unpublished classic brought to life by Richard Hughes. Based on the original 1936 manuscript.
* [Corindon et Spinelles](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/corindon_spinelles.htm) by various authors (2002). A fine compilation of articles in French describing both corundum and spinel. Now sadly out-of-print. Mineraux et Fossils Hors Serie No. 15.
* [Corundum (Butterworth's Gem Books)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0750610077/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0750610077&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0750610077 by Richard W. Hughes (1990). An earlier version of the author's Ruby & Sapphire.
* [Heat Treatment of Ruby & Sapphire](http://themelis.com/Books-Heat-TRS2.html) by Ted Themelis (2010). The second edition of this corundum cookbook.
* [Ruby & Sapphire](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0964509768/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0964509768)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0964509768 by Richard Hughes (1997). Arguably the finest book ever devoted to a single gem species. It's all here, sources, prices, treatments, etc.
* [Siamese Ruby](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9748743896/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9748743896&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9748743896 by John Hoskin & Lindsey Lapin (1987). Covers the now-exhausted Thai ruby mines.
* [Yogo: The Great American Sapphire](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/087842217X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=087842217X)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=087842217X by Stephen M. Voynick (1987). The best book ever written on this intriguing locality for Montana sapphire.

**Diamonds**

* [Collecting and Classifying Coloured Diamonds: An Illustrated Study of the Aurora Collection](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0965941019/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0965941019)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0965941019 by Stephen Hofer (1998). Simply the final word on the subject. Fantastic!
* [Diamond Grading ABC: Handbook For Diamond Grading](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000IXX65A/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B000IXX65A)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B000IXX65A by Verena Pagel-Theisen (1993). The classic work on the subject.
* [Diamonds](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0801967899/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0801967899)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0801967899 by Eric Bruton (1979). Probably the best overall treatment ever on the gemology of diamond.
* [Fire into Ice](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/%3Ca%20href=%22http:/www.amazon.com/gp/product/1551923343/ref=as_li_tf_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=1551923343&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom%22%3EFire%20into%20Ice%3C/a%3E%3Cimg%20src=%22http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1551923343%22%20width=%221%22%20height=%221%22%20border=%220%22%20alt=%22%22%20style=%22border:none%20%21important;%20margin:0px%20%21important;%22%20/%3E) by Vernon Frolick (2002). Story of the discovery of Canada's diamond mines.
* [The French Blue](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0972822364/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0972822364)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0972822364 by Richard W. Wise (2009). Wonderfully written historical fiction based on Tavernier's travels.
* [MicroWorld of Diamonds: A Visual Reference](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0964173352/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0964173352&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0964173352 by John I. Koivula (2000). No one does it better. A must-have.
* [The Nature of Diamonds](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0521629357/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0521629357)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0521629357 by George E. Harlow (Editor) (1997). Beautiful introduction to diamonds, based on the American Museum of Natural History exhibit.
* [Photo Masters for Diamond Grading](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0964173301/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0964173301)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0964173301 by Gary A. Roskin (1994). Photomicrographs of diamond clarity grades. A diamond grader's wet dream.

**Garnet**

* [Garnet (Butterworths Gem Books)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0408015349/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0408015349&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0408015349 by John D. Rouse (1986). One of the only monographs devoted to these important gems.
* [Garnet](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/garnet.htm) by various authors (2008). Vol. 11 of the acclaimed English extraLapis series.

**Ivory**

* [Ivory and the Elephant: In Art, in Archeology, and in Science](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000JJYI4G/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B000JJYI4G&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B000JJYI4G by George F. Kunz (1916). The rarest of Kunz' major works. Yet another masterpiece of both scholarship and the bookmaker's art.

**Jade**

* [Chinese Jade Carving](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0007IV8EC/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B0007IV8EC)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B0007IV8EC by S. Howard Hansford (1950). The classic work on the subject. Beautifully illustrated.
* [Jade](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1903141869/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1903141869)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1903141869 by Roger Keverne (Editor) (1996). The most complete coverage available for this fascinating gem material.
* [Jade for You](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0006EFJSI/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B0006EFJSI)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B0006EFJSI by John Ng & Edmond Root (Editor) (1984). Now out-of-print, this book is highly sought after as it deals specifically with gem-quality jadeite from Burma.
* [Jade Lore](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0893440094/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0893440094)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0893440094 by John A. Goette (1976). Reprint of this classic from 1936.

**Opal**

Opal is well represented in the gemological literature because the major source is in Australia, an English-speaking country. I recommend buying anything by Lenny Cram. He has issued a number of smaller books, but his multi-volume set, A Journey With Colour, is a must-have.

* [A Field Guide to Australian Opals](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0909223017/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0909223017&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0909223017 by Barry O'Leary (1977). This is a terrific small book, filled with color illustrations on judging opal. A must buy.
* [A Journey with Colour, Volume One: A History of Queensland Opal](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/095854140X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=095854140X&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom) by Len Cram (1998)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=095854140X   
  [A Journey with Colour, Volume Two, Part A: A History of White Cliffs Opal](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0958541450/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0958541450&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0958541450 by Len Cram (2002)  
  A Journey with Colour, Volume Two, Part B: A History of Lightning Ridge by Len Cram (2004)  
  A Journey with Colour, Volume Three: A History of South Australia by Len Cram (2006)
* [Opal: The Phenomenal Gemstone](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0979099803/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0979099803&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0979099803 by various authors (2007). Vol. 10 of the acclaimed English extraLapis series.

**Pearls**

* [Beyond Price: Pearls and Pearl Fishing Origins to the Age of Discoveries](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0871692244/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0871692244)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0871692244 by Robin A. Donkin (1998). Nice scholarly view of pearl history, covering the period of time when all were natural.
* [Pearls](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/3981084802/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=3981084802&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=3981084802 by Elisabeth Strack (2006). The most comprehensive book on pearls since the Book of the Pearl by Kunz/Stevenson.
* [Pearls](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/8857200884/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=8857200884)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=8857200884 by Hubert Bari, David Lam & Katrina Fried (2010). Lavishly illustrated book on pearls.
* [Pearls: A Natural History](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0810944952/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0810944952)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0810944952 by Neil H. Landman, Paula M. Mikkelsen, Ridiger Bieler and Bennet Bronson (2001). One of the finest book on pearls published in decades.

**Quartz**

* [Amethyst: Uncommon Vintage](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/amethyst.htm) by various authors (2012) Vol. 16 of the acclaimed English extraLapis series.
* [Quartz](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/quartz.htm) by various authors (2000). A fine compilation of articles in French describing both corundum and spinel. Now sadly out-of-print. Mineraux et Fossils Hors Serie No. 11.

**Spinel**

* [Corindon et Spinelles](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/corindon_spinelles.htm) by various authors (2002). A fine compilation of articles in French describing both corundum and spinel. Now sadly out-of-print. Mineraux et Fossils Hors Serie No. 15.
* [Terra Spinel](http://www.spinelbook.com) by Vlad Yavorskyy & Richard Hughes (2010). The only book covering this important gem. A visual feast.

**Topaz**

* [Topaz (Butterworth-Heinemann Gem Books Series)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0750610875/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0750610875&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0750610875 by D.B. Hoover (1993). The only monograph devoted to this gem.
* [Topaz: Perfect Cleavage](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/topaz2.htm) by various authors (2011). Number 14 in the acclaimed English extraLapis series. All of these volumes are highly recommended.

**Tourmaline**

* [Tourmaline](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/tourmaline2.htm) by various authors (1985). The whole issue of the Mineralogical Record.
* [Tourmaline: A Gemstone Spectrum](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0971537127/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0971537127&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0971537127 by various authors (2002). Number 3 in the acclaimed English extraLapis series. All of these volumes are highly recommended.
* [The Tourmaline / The History of Mount Mica of Maine, U.S.A.](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1930585918/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1930585918)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1930585918 by Augustus Choate Hamlin (2009). Modern reprint of these two classics from the 19th century in one volume.
* [The Tourmaline Group](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0442218575/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0442218575&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0442218575 by Richard Diethrich (1985). Nice overview of the tourmaline minerals, with emphasis on the mineralogy rather than gemology.
* [Der Turmalin: Eine Monographie](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/3878386508/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=3878386508)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=3878386508 by Friedrich Benesch (2000). A sumptuous oversized volume of photographs of tourmalines, particularly slices through the crystals. Absolutely gorgeous.

**Zoisite (including Tanzanite)**

* [Merelani, Tanzania](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/merelani_tanzania.htm) by Wendell E. Wilson, John M. Saul, Vincent Pardieu & Richard W. Hughes (2009). By far the finest work on this locality, from which comes all of the world's tanzanite. Highly recommended. The whole issue of the Mineralogical Record.
* [Tanzanite: The True Story](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/8890150904/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=8890150904&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom) by Valerio Zancanellahttp://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=8890150904 (2004). Although not everything in this book is true, it is a nice treatment of the subject.

**Gems & jewelry by localities**

Again, generally speaking, I buy every single monograph on a locality that I can lay my hands on. Because, once again, they tend to be written by those who specialize in the subject, and so are experts. Below are a number of the locality monographs I can recommend. Yes, many are out-of-print and in high demand. Which should tell you that when you see them, buy them. They tend to disappear quickly and when out-of-print, prices will get crazy.

**Afghanistan**

* [The Gem Hunter: True Adventures of an American in Afghanistan](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0974732311/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0974732311&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0974732311 by Gary W. Bowersox (2004) The author tells his own story of his adventures buying gems in Afghanistan.
* [Gemstones of Afghanistan](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0945005199/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0945005199)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0945005199 by Gary W. Bowersox & Bonita E. Chamberlin (1995). Terrific treatment of this important source of lapis lazuli, emerald, ruby and other gems.

**Burma (Myanmar)**

* [Geology and Gem Stones of the Mogok Stone Tract, Burma](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9744801239/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9744801239)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9744801239 by L.A.N. Iyer (2007). Reprint of the 1953 classic on the geology of the Mogok Stone Tract.
* [Land of Jade: A Journey from India through Northern Burma to China](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9745241393/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9745241393)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9745241393 by Bertil Lintner (1996). Marvelous tale of a 1985 year-long journey across insurgent-held Burma.
* [Mogok, the Valley of Rubies](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0000CKP9E/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B0000CKP9E)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B0000CKP9E by Joseph Kessel & Stella Rodway, trans. (1960). The classic from the French author.
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**India**

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* [Traditional Jewelry of India](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/050028749X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=050028749X)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=050028749X by Oppi Untracht (1997) If you like Indian jewelry and jewels, this is a must purchase.
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* [Treasury of the World: Jeweled Arts of India in the Age of the Mughals](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0500976082/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0500976082)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0500976082 by Manuel Keene & Salam Kaoukji (2001). Terrific collection, including fabulous spinels, emeralds and diamonds.

**Madagascar**

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**North America**

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* [Gems and Precious Stones of North America](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1177683288/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1177683288&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom) http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1177683288by George F. Kunz. Reprint of this Kunz classic from the 19th century.
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**Russia**

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* [Russian Alexandrites](http://www.schweizerbart.de/publications/detail/isbn/9783510652624) by Karl Schmetzer (2010). The only work of its kind on Russian alexandrite.

**Sri Lanka (Ceylon)**

* Die Edelsteine der Insel Ceylon by Eduard Gübelin (1968). One of the only works that specifiically covers the gems of Sri Lanka. Now out-of-print.

**Thailand**

* [Exploring for Gemstones on the Upper Mekong. Northern Siam and Parts of Laos in the Years 1892-1893](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9748434249/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9748434249)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9748434249 by H. Warington Smyth. Reprint of the 1895 original entitled *Notes of a Journey on the Upper Mekong, Siam.*
* [Five Years in Siam from 1891 to 1896.](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B004IIDXFO/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B004IIDXFO)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B004IIDXFO by H. Warington Smyth. 1994 reprint of the two-volume 1898 original. Much on early ruby and sapphire mining in Thailand and Cambodia.
* [Siamese Ruby](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9748743896/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9748743896&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9748743896 by John Hoskin & Lindsey Lapin (1987) . Covers the now-exhausted Thai ruby mines.

**Buying guides**

**Fred Ward Gem Book Series**

Each is a nice introduction to the subject, featuring terrific photos and reasonably priced.

* [Diamonds](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1887651098/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1887651098)
* [Emeralds](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1887651152/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1887651152)
* [Gem Care](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1887651071/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1887651071)
* [Jade](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1887651063/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1887651063)
* [Opals](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1887651047/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1887651047)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1887651047
* [Pearls](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/188765108X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=188765108X)
* [Phenomenal Gems](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1887651128/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1887651128)
* [Rubies & Sapphires](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1887651101/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1887651101)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1887651101

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Buying guides geared towards the retail customer.

* [Diamond Ring Buying Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0929975405/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0929975405)
* [Emerald and Tanzanite Buying Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0929975235/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0929975235)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0929975235
* [Exotic Gems](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0929975421/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0929975421)
* [Gemstone Buying Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0929975340/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0929975340)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0929975340
* [Gem & Jewelry Pocket Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0929975308/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0929975308)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0929975308
* [Pearl Buying Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0929975448/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0929975448)
* [Ruby, Sapphire & Emerald Buying Guide:](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0929975413/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0929975413) Click [here](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/review-rsebook.htm) for a review of this book by Richard Hughes.

**The Antoinette Matlins Gem & Jewelry Buyers' Guides**

* [Jewelry and Gems: The Buying Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0943763010/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0943763010)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0943763010
* [Colored Gemstones, 3rd Edition](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/094376372X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=094376372X)
* [Diamonds, 3rd Edition](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0943763738/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0943763738)
* [The Pearl Book: The Definitive Buying Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0943763541/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0943763541)

**Other titles of interest**

The following are numerous books on gems, jewelry and related subjects. I have copies of most in my personal library and have added comments on those I particularly like.

**Appraisal & gem business**

* [The Complete Handbook for Gemstone Weight Estimation](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0966637003/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0966637003)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0966637003 by Charles I. Carmona (1998) The be-all and end-all to the subject.
* [The Gem Merchant - How to Be One - How to Deal With One](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0084OH4AS/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B0084OH4AS)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B0084OH4AS by David Stanley Epstein (2012). An excellent introduction to the wholesale gem trade.
* [Gems & Jewelry Appraising, 3rd Edition: Techniques of Professional Practice](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0943763533/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0943763533)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0943763533 by Anna M. Miller & Gail Brett Levine (2008)
* [Illustrated Guide to Jewelry Appraising](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0442319444/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0442319444)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0442319444 by Anna M. Miller (1999)
* [Secrets of the Gem Trade: The Connoisseur's Guide to Precious Gemstones](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0972822380/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0972822380)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0972822380 by Richard W. Wise (2003). Excellent discussion of quality analysis of gems, a sorely neglected subject.
* [Standard Catalog of Gem Values](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0945005164/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0945005164)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0945005164 by John Sinkankas & Anna M. Miller (1994). Excellent list of gem prices. This book is exhaustive and contains much that is found nowhere else.

**Color science**

* [Color: A Natural History of the Palette](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0812971426/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0812971426)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0812971426 by Victoria Finlay (2003). A wonderful history of color written in a beautiful story-telling style.
* [Colour](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0950790117/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0950790117)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0950790117 http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0812971426by Helen Varley, ed. (1990). My all-time favorite book on color. Stunningly illustrated. Buy it!
* [The Physics and Chemistry of Color, 2nd Edition](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0471391069/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0471391069)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0471391069 by Kurt Nassau (2001). Great treatment of the causes of color.
* [Billmeyer and Saltzman's Principles of Color Technology, 3rd Edition](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/047119459X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=047119459X)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=047119459X by Fred W. Billmeyer & Max Saltzman (2000). Classic of color science. Gemologists would do well to pay more attention to this important field.

**Gems & Gemology**

* [Arab Roots of Gemology](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0810832941/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0810832941)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0810832941 by Ahmad Ibn Yusuf Tifashi; Samar Najm Abul Huda (Translator) (1997). First English translation of this important Arabic lapidary from the 13th century.
* [The Book Most Comprehensive in Knowledge on Precious Stones: Al-Beruni's Book on Mineralogy = [Kitab al-jamahir fi marifat al-jawahir (Natural sciences)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9698016287/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9698016287)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9698016287 by Hakim Mohammad Said (1989). English translation of the most important Arab lapidary. A must have for those interested in the history of gemology.
* [The Color Treasury of Gemstones](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0690009860/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0690009860)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0690009860 by Eduard Gübelin (1975). A wonderful look around the world of gems by the master himself. Outstanding book.
* [Gem Identification Made Easy, Fourth Edition: A Hands-on Guide to More Confident Buying & Selling](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0943763592/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0943763592)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0943763592 by Antoinette L. Matlins, Antonio C. Bonanno (2009). A beginner's guide to gemology, this is one of the best-selling gemology books of all time.
* [Gemmology](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0750664495/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0750664495&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0750664495 by Peter Read (2005). Standard text on gemology.
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* [Gemstones of the World](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/140276829X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=140276829X) by Walter Schumann (1997). Beautiful pictures in this book, but unfortunately the text contains many factual errors.
* [Geology of Gems](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/geology_of_gems.htm) by Euginii Ya. Kievlenko (2003). This book is extremely strong in describing localities within the former Soviet Union, including places like Tajikistan that are largely ignored in the other English literature.
* [Mani-Mala, Or A Treatise On Gems, Part 1 (1879)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1437277772/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1437277772)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1437277772 by Sourindro Mohun Tagore (1991). Reprint of this classic book on Indian gemology. In two volumes.
* [The Spectroscope and Gemmology](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0943763525/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0943763525)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0943763525 by B.W. Anderson, J. Payne, R. Keith Mitchell (Editor) (1998). Fantastic compilation from the inventor of the gemological spectroscope.

**Famous Gem Collections**

* [The Crown Jewels: The History of the Coronation Regalia in the Jewel House of the Tower of London](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0117013595/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0117013595&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0117013595 by various authors (1998). Sumptuous oversized two-volume set on the British Crown Jewels. Bring money, but if you can afford it, this is the finest work extant on this important collection.
* [Crown Jewels of Britain and Europe](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000S5XVSU/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B000S5XVSU&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom) by Prince Michael of Greece (1990). The best book that covers the various collections across Europe.http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B000S5XVSU
* [Crown Jewels of Iran](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0802015190/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0802015190)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0802015190 by V.B. Meen & A.D. Tushingham (1991). The finest book ever written on the world's finest collection of gems and jewels. A must-have.
* [The French Crown Jewels](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/9061531888/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=9061531888&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=9061531888 by Bernard Morel (1988). The finest work on this collection.
* [Gems and Crystals: From the American Museum of Natural History](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0671687042/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0671687042) by Anna S. Sofianides & George E. Harlow (1991). Terrific photos in this book about this famous New York gem collection.
* [The Edward Arthur Metzger Gem Collection](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/the_edward_arthur_metzger.htm) by Elise Skalwold, with photos by Jeffery Scovil (2011). Great gems, great photos, what more can one ask for?
* [The National Gem Collection](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0810927586/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0810927586)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0810927586 by Jeffrey E. Post (1997). Beautiful treatment of the Smithsonian gem collection.
* [Queen's Jewels](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0810981726/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0810981726)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0810981726 by Leslie Field (1997). After looking at this, there is little doubt that the British monarch is one of the richest people in the world. Can you say gift tax?

**Jewelry**

There are thousands of books written on jewelry, so I will not (and cannot) cover that waterfront here. That said, here's a few choice nuggest to whet your whistle.

* [7000 Years of Jewelry](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1554073952/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1554073952)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1554073952 by Hugh Tait (2008). Based largely on the collection in the British Museum.
* [Alexandre Reza](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/%3Ciframe%20src=%22http:/rcm.amazon.com/e/cm?lt1=_blank&bc1=000000&IS2=1&bg1=FFFFFF&fc1=000000&lc1=0000FF&t=rubysapphirecom&o=1&p=8&l=as4&m=amazon&f=ifr&ref=ss_til&asins=2759404641%22%20style=%22width:120px;height:240px;%22%20scrolling=%22no%22%20marginwidth=%220%22%20marginheight=%220%22%20frameborder=%220%22%3E%3C/iframe%3E) by Vivienne Becker (2012). Oversized and sumptuous volume on this important French jeweler.
* [Boucheron: The Secret Archives](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/%3Ca%20href=%22http:/www.amazon.com/gp/product/185149667X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=185149667X&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom%22%3EBoucheron:%20The%20Secret%20Archives%3C/a%3E%3Cimg%20src=%22http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=185149667X%22%20width=%221%22%20height=%221%22%20border=%220%22%20alt=%22%22%20style=%22border:none%20%21important;%20margin:0px%20%21important;%22%20/%3E) by Vincent Meylan (2011). A fascinating look into the archives of this Place Vendôme jeweler.
* [Cartier](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00342VEO2/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B00342VEO2)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=B00342VEO2 by Hans Nadelhoffer (2007). Coffee-table history of jewelry from the famous French jeweler.
* [Cartier and America](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/%3Ca%20href=%22http:/www.amazon.com/gp/product/3791350153/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=3791350153&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom%22%3ECartier%20and%20America%3C/a%3E%3Cimg%20src=%22http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=3791350153%22%20width=%221%22%20height=%221%22%20border=%220%22%20alt=%22%22%20style=%22border:none%20%21important;%20margin:0px%20%21important;%22%20/%3E) by Martin Chapman (2010). A great introduction to Cartier.
* [The Cartier Collection: Jewelry](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/%3Ca%20href=%22http:/www.amazon.com/gp/product/2080304615/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=2080304615&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom%22%3ECartier%20Collection:%20Jewelry%3C/a%3E%3Cimg%20src=%22http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=2080304615%22%20width=%221%22%20height=%221%22%20border=%220%22%20alt=%22%22%20style=%22border:none%20%21important;%20margin:0px%20%21important;%22%20/%3E) by Francois Chaille (2004). Stunning oversized volume. This is just one of a three-volume set!
* [Celebrating Jewellery](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/%3Ca%20href=%22http:/www.amazon.com/gp/product/1851496165/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1851496165&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom%22%3ECelebrating%20Jewellery%3C/a%3E%3Cimg%20src=%22http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1851496165%22%20width=%221%22%20height=%221%22%20border=%220%22%20alt=%22%22%20style=%22border:none%20%21important;%20margin:0px%20%21important;%22%20/%3E) by Daniela Mascetti and David Bennett (2012). One of the finest jewelry books in my collection, from two Sotheby's pros who provide an overview of important jewelry from the 19th century on.
* [JAR Paris](http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/%3Ca%20href=%22http:/www.amazon.com/gp/product/095430960X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=095430960X&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom%22%3EJar%20Paris%3C/a%3E%3Cimg%20src=%22http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=095430960X%22%20width=%221%22%20height=%221%22%20border=%220%22%20alt=%22%22%20style=%22border:none%20%21important;%20margin:0px%20%21important;%22%20/%3E) by Joel Rosenthal (2003). A rare item covering the jewels of this reclusive Paris-based designer.
* [Jewelry: Concepts And Technology](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0385041853/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0385041853)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0385041853 by Oppi Untracht (1982) . Probably the most complete book on the jewelry arts ever written.
* [Jewels: A Secret History](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0345466950/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0345466950)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0345466950 by Victoria Finlay (2007). One of the best written books I know of about gems and jewels. Highly recommended!
* [Warman's Jewelry: Identification and Price Guide](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1440208018/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1440208018)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=1440208018

**Lapidary Arts**

* [Gem Cutting](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0442276303/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0442276303)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0442276303 by John Sinkankas (1984). Like all of John's books, a meticulous and lucid treatment of the subject.

**Minerals & Mineralogy**

* [A Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/039591096X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=039591096X)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=039591096X by Frederick H. Pough (1998) Classic field guide.
* [The History of Mineral Collecting](http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/the_history_of_mineral.htm) by Wendell E. Wilson (1994). Entire issue of the Mineralogical Record devoted to this subject.
* [An Introduction to the Rock-Forming Minerals (2nd Edition)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0582300940/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0582300940)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0582300940 by Deer, Howie & Zussman (1992). Standard college-level text.
* [Manual of Mineral Science (Manual of Mineralogy)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0471721573/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0471721573)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0471721573 by Cornelius Hurlbut & Cornelius Klein & Barbara Dutrow (2007; 23rd ed.). The classic college text on mineralogy.
* [Mineralogy](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0442276249/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0442276249)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0442276249 by John Sinkankas (1993). I know of no finer introduction to mineralogy.
* [Optical Mineralogy: The Nonopaque Minerals](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/071671129X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=071671129X&linkCode=as2&tag=rubysapphirecom) by William Revell Phillips & Dana T. Griffen (1981). This book is a must-have for anyone involved with gem identification. Despite its age, the identification tables are the most complete ever published. Outstanding!

**Gem-Related Fiction**

**Gem-Related Fiction from Gerald A. Brown**

* [18Mm Blues](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0446365777/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0446365777)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0446365777
* [19 Purchase Street](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0877954135/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0877954135)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0877954135
* [Green Ice](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/044003034X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=044003034X)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=044003034X
* [Hot Siberian](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/087795965X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=087795965X)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=087795965X
* [Stone 588](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0877955395/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0877955395)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0877955395
* [West 47th](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0446604135/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0446604135)

**Other Gem-Related Fiction**

* [The Love of Stones](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0312311311/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0312311311) by Tobias Hill (2002). Novel based on the jewelry business.
* [The French Blue](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0972822364/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=rubysapphirecom&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0972822364)http://www.assoc-amazon.com/e/ir?t=rubysapphirecom&l=as2&o=1&a=0972822364 by Richard W. Wise (2009). Great historical fiction based on the travels of Tavernier. This is really an outstanding read. Highly recommended!