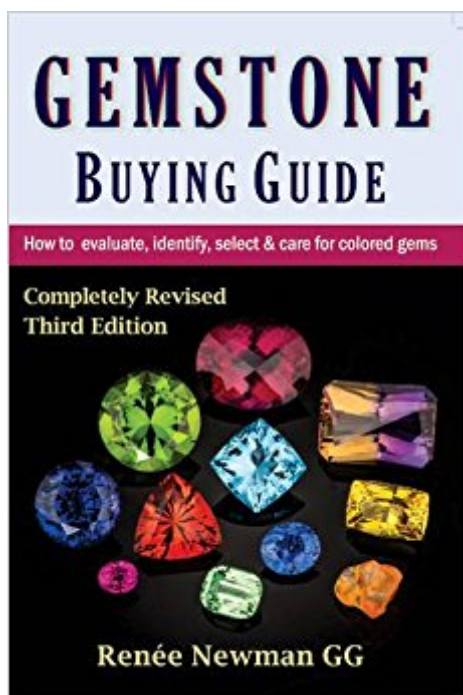


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# Gemstone Buying Guide (Newman Gem & Jewelry)



## Synopsis

This full-color guide to colored gems provides information on quality evaluation, price comparison, gem identification, cutting styles, treatments, fake stones, gem care and geographic sources. There are 323 new color photos and several new gem species and varieties in this updated edition.

Written for consumers and professionals, the Gemstone Buying Guide is a practical, well-illustrated resource for buying, identifying and caring for colored gems. How this book differs from other full-color gem books: Other full-color books on gems like Schumann's *Gemstones of the World* are identification and field guides or history and museum books, not gemstone evaluation guides. The Gemstone Buying Guide is quite different from these field guides and museum books and is a complement to them because it contains: Guidelines on evaluation gem quality. General Pricing information and guidelines on comparing prices Details on treatments used to enhance the color and clarity of gems. The latest information on gems, cutting styles and gem sources Tips on gem care Creative photos by some of the world's best gem photographers Jewelry-mounted gemstone photos. Many of the pieces are unique designer creations with unusual gems. Other gem books usually concentrate on loose, unmounted stones. The numbers jewelry photos in this book help broaden the audience and increase interest in the book. It's simply more fun to see gems set in jewelry.

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"Far more than a buying guide, it is one of the finest collections of gem photographs I've ever seen.

The book is a delight for family and guests when laid on your coffee table...The amount of work in this book is to be believed only by holding it in your hands. If you see the book, you will probably purchase it on the spot." --Angelica Gemcutter"

An excellent book for the photographs alone, but such a concise way to inform the reader of the many aspects of gemology and jewelry buying is superb. In an easy-to-read format, Renee Newman has been able to capture the fundamentals of buying colored gemstones, including jade, opal, topaz, garnet, ray spinel, chalcedony and tourmaline. The book is illustrated with excellent color photographs, gemstone description charts, and information on evaluating color and transparency. The author advises in detail on the majority of gems available to the consumer, including research material on treatments, synthetic stones and styles of cuts. The book discusses prices for each of the gems outlined, as well as quality, evaluation, cleaning and care. I found this book a pleasure to read and to look at, and have referred back to it many times to verify my own experiences. I recommend this book to all lay people who want to buy gemstones and to gemmologists who need to be reminded of the importance of the buying process--something which we sometimes take for granted." --Canadian Gemologist

Comprehensive factual and well-presented...Particularly noteworthy in this book are the quality color photographs that have been carefully chosen to illustrate the text. This is a quality buying guide that is recommended for purchase to consumers, gemologists, and students of gemology--irrespective of their standard of knowledge of gemology." --Australian Gemologist

Newman's much anticipated Gemstone Buying guide 3rd Edition does not disappoint. What I love about it is not only the clear concise writing, but also the gemstone pricing factors outlined in this book. Consumers need to understand what drives the pricing on colored stones. I also found it critical to learn how to care for the great variety of gemstones referenced in this profusely illustrated guide. For example, I've seen a wider array of moonstone come on the market over the last few years. Newman's use of photos to illustrate the great variety of moonstone available, and what they look like is valuable, and so is how to take care of these beautiful stones. This book becomes a common sense tutorial for consumers who want to collect the best of their favorite colored stones, and learn about new ones they never heard of. It's a good book, even if you bought previous editions!

Would give this book SIX stars if I could. For quite awhile now, Antoinette Matlins "The Pearl Book" has been my go to reference for information relating to pearls. I ordered Renee Newman's "Pearl Buying Guide, Updated 5th Edition" as a more up-to-date reference. It's much more practical for the

consumer, with an abundance of excellent photographs showing what (precisely) to look for when shopping for pearls. The book also covers each various type of pearl with greater depth, it well written, very informational, and I'd consider a "must have" book for anyone looking to buy pearls in today's market... or who simply has a passion for pearls. It was thrilling to find details about lesser known pearls, such as Rainbow Pearls, Cortez pearls, Pipi pearls, and various pearls produced by snails and clams. "Pearl Buying Guide, Updated 5th Edition" opens with 4 pages of photographs depicting the business of cultured pearls, and includes chapters on South Sea Pearls, Black Pearls, Freshwater Pearls and even Pearl Treatments commonly implemented. More important (to me) are the chapters on Judging Luster & Nacre Thickness, Judging Color, Judging Surface Quality, and Judging Make. Each of those chapters includes plenty of full color photographs with comparisons that are clear to any reader. While Matlin's book has a lot of useful and interesting information, including quotes from Pearl Industry leaders, I'd have to say Newman's book is probably the better of the two for someone who doesn't already know a lot about pearls. Having taken the distance portion of the GIA's pearl course, I do know a lot about pearls, and "Pearl Buying Guide, Updated 5th Edition" is truly almost a condensation of the (expensive) GIA distance pearl course. Happily, it's all in one book that tucks neatly into a tote or purse! Don't leave home to buy pearls without it!

Third edition delivers beneficial reference materials to anyone who buys, sells, design, fabricated, facets and/or teaches classical gems plus many of the collectable exotic varieties. Definitely a valuable collection to my reference library. As indicated by all the reviews for the second edition - highly recommended. Plan to use in training and for gifts. Range of photo examples are done well. Highly recommend. Great textbook format keeps the price down. MB

Every new book produced by Renee Newman is a visual and informational treat! Her books are exceptional - very well researched, organized and presented in terms which are easily understood by both the public as well as members of the trade. This new 3rd edition Gemstone Buying Guide is no exception, containing timely, updated information, including the addition of more unusual gemstones in the back as well as new helpful charts. New, exceptional photographs, many by and featuring gem and jewelry artists and photographers captivate the eye and the imagination of gem possibilities. I use and promote all of Renee Newman's books in gemology courses that I teach as they are the next best thing to owning one of every gemstone! Sindi Schloss

This book was wonderfully in-depth, with excellent illustrations. It was obvious that a lot of research went into providing information that is not easily available many places. I'll be reading her other books as well.

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Gift for my Bro-in-law.He was happy with it.

Love this book - I have a previous edition so I have enjoyed the updated information and photos. There is a wealth of information in clear, easy to understand terms. Highly recommend this book for anyone that loves pearls...

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