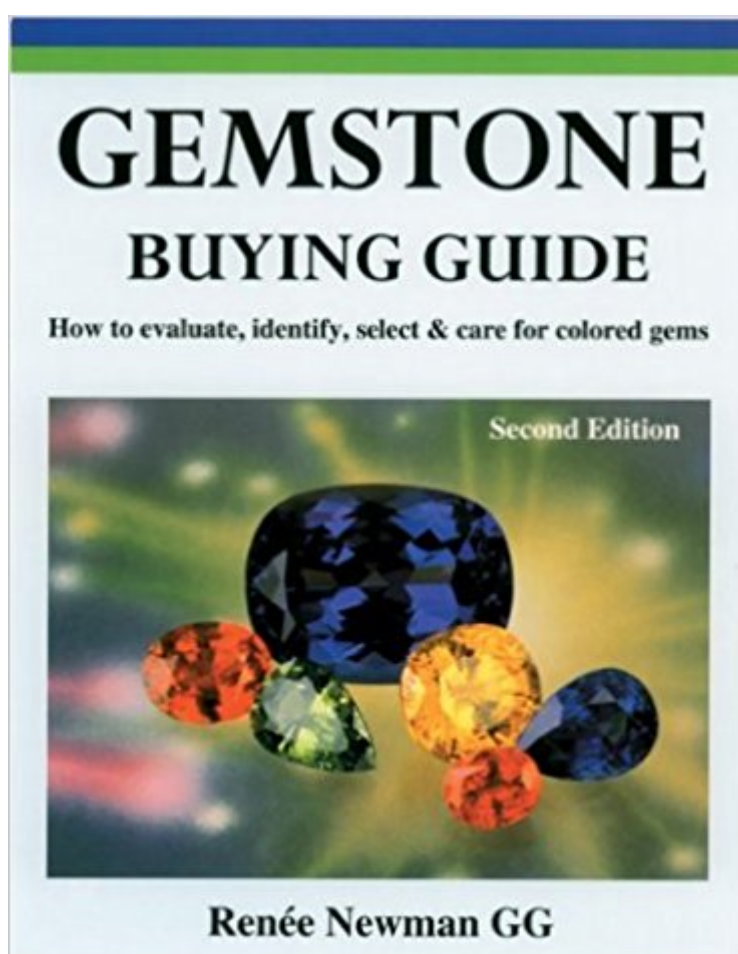


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# Gemstone Buying Guide, Second Edition: How To Evaluate, Identify, Select & Care For Colored Gems



## Synopsis

Buying colour gems is a challenge. To make a wise choice, you must be able to judge their colour, flaws, transparency and brilliancy. This guide will show you how. Written for both consumers and professionals, it is easy to read, has over 200 colour photographs and gives practical pointers on how to buy the best stone for the money. Whether you are interested in jade, opal, ruby, topaz, spinel, garnet, tourmaline or some other coloured gem, you will find this guide to be a fascinating and valuable resource. Topics covered include: price comparison; gem treatments; quality evaluation; gem cleaning and care; fake stones; savvy buying.

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## Customer Reviews

This was well done but a little on the simple side for me. As a former jeweler I was looking for some in-depth information about some of the newer stones, such as color change Garnets, etc. The information appeared to be all 100% correct however it was not presented in much depth. Good if you're just getting started collecting gems, etc. Not so good if you have a lot of knowledge to begin with. I would rate this 3.75 to 4.0 stars out of 5. Recommended for anyone wanting more information and is just starting down the pathway of gem collecting, etc.

Though I already have two other books on gems (Walter Schumann's of course!), this one is, well a GEM. The big difference of course being its emphasis on evaluating gemstones, providing valuable, great, often fascinating little bits of information on all the main gemstones available. I have been a bit of a hobbyist/collector for years, but still managed to find and learn things I did not know

before. This is a perfect addition to any gem-collectors arsenal, and a great buy for anyone who deals with gems and jewelry in general, be it professional or hobby.

I found this book fascinating! It is easy to read, easy to learn from, and yet not a text book. You do not have to be a student to become captivated by the beautiful photography and interesting bits of history mixed with scientific data and just a bit of folklore. At times I was frustrated by the elusiveness about what a particular gem would be worth. The author reminds us selling and trading of gems might well be, if not the second oldest profession, one of the early ones. I recommend this book to anybody. If you pick it up because of the bright colorful images, you will be caught by the flowing enthusiasm of the author. Many a night, my forehead hit the pages as I realized my reading had kept me up way too late.

Very informative.

Very informative book...gives details on gemstones, natural & synthetic, clarity, treatments, shape & cutting styles, carat weight, judging quality, etc. Most definitely worth the money.

well explained, not hard to understand for beginners

A lot of info and nice pictures of a wide variety of gems and stones but not really as useful as I'd hoped it would be. As a novice buyer its not as easy to use as I'd hoped for but still informative.

Informative, printed on high quality paper with superior photos with true colors. Well written. The author notes the durability of each stone and provides good to know cautions like, " ... (the gem) melts in a jeweler's torch"

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