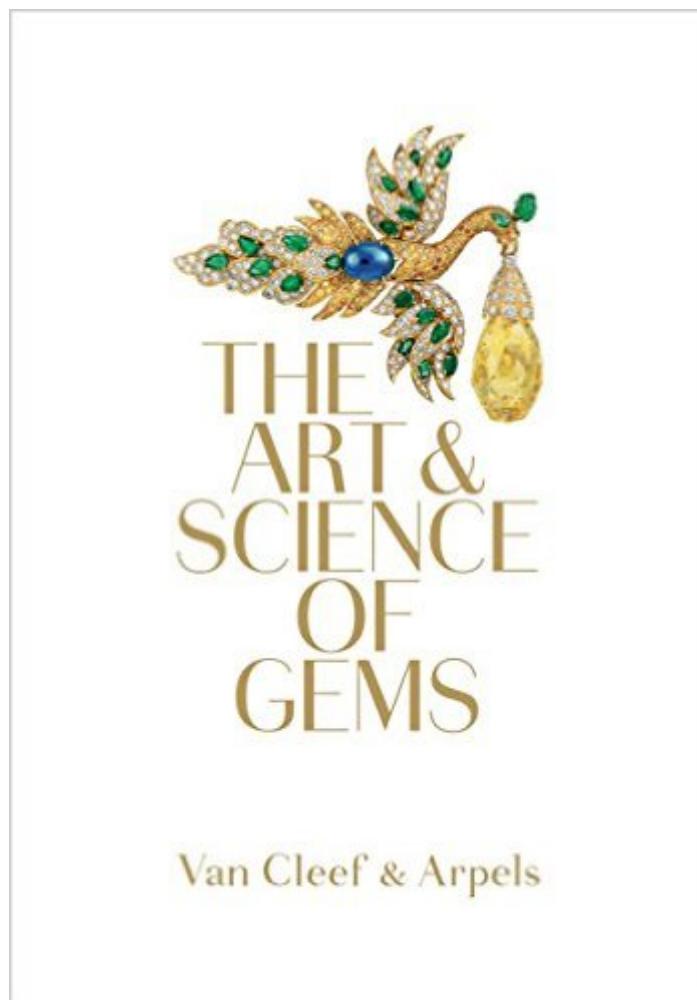


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Van Cleef & Arpels: The Art & Science Of Gems



Synopsis

A tribute to the sumptuous jewelry and the glamorous history of Van Cleef & Arpels For more than a century, the designs of the French jewelry house Van Cleef & Arpels have represented the marriage of an unrivaled sense of elegance with an extraordinary level of technical expertise and prowess. The comprehensive monograph Van Cleef & Arpels: The Art & Science of Gems is a glittering, gorgeous tribute to a century of luxurious, glamorous jewelry design and incomparable mastery of materials. Lavishly illustrated with meticulous photographs by Patrick Gries, the bookâ™s pages are filled with sparkling chalcedony, cornelian, rubies, emeralds and colored diamonds, beautifully set off and enhanced by the jewelerâ™s designs (at alternate moments whimsical or understated, as the materials demand). Suggesting the complexity and richness of Van Cleef & Arpelsâ™ output, the book is organized thematically around categories such as âœAbstractions,â • âœCouture,â • âœNatureâ • and âœIcons,â • and additionally features some of the legendary stones from the annals of the houseâ™s history, such as the âœBlue Princessâ • sapphire and the âœWalska Briolette Diamondâ • brooch. Texts by art historians, personalities from the fashion world and mineralogists offer context and highlight the full extent of the jewelerâ™s art. Essential for those who love and lust after jewelry design, this eminently covetable volume celebrates the Van Cleef & Arpels style.

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This is a catalogue of a show of Van Cleef & Arpels jewelry in Singapore. It's a large book with images in typical format on black. They've added a light 'cloud' to the black background which I first

thought was greasy fingermarks on the page before I realized their intent. Needless to say, I find the background distracting but the images are clear. The title made me hope for a deeper look at fashion jewelry but the writing is shallow and over the top with descriptive verbiage for conservative jewelry design. The chapter on "Minerals & Gems" was the best in the book but only someone who knows little about jewelry or gemstones would get anything out of it. I would not have bought this book if I had known the writing was so superficial. Buy it for the pictures if you love Van Clef & Arpel's design.

Lovely photos and scholarly text.

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