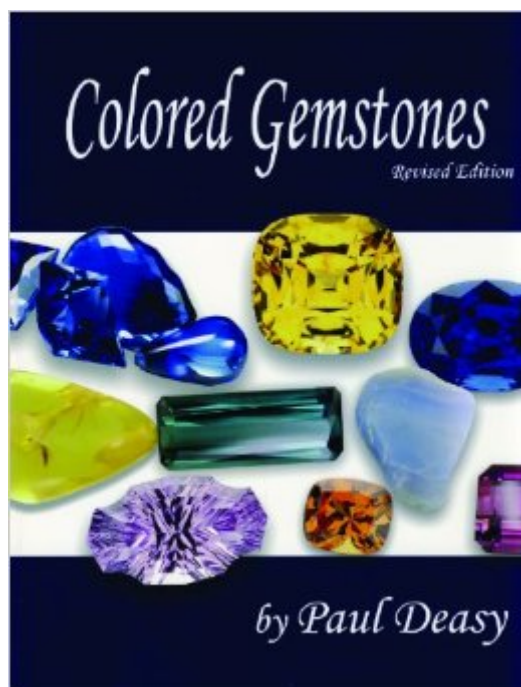


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# Colored Gemstones



## Synopsis

In his 17-plus years as television shopping network host, Paul Deasy has received countless requests for book recommendations on the jewelry he sells. *Colored Gemstones* is his answer to that demand. Full-color pictures, combined with a concise but informative text, cover the entire range of gemstones with special attention paid to their durability and care. Without the scientific jargon and technical detail found in so many gemstone books, Deasy explores the practical aspects of each stone and ties in some interesting historical accounts of their origins, names and harvesting.

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Recently while recovering from surgery-- and being under the influence of narcotic painkillers-- I realized I could not focus on episodic or reality television shows. Instead, while fading in and out of consciousness, I watched a lot of shopping television. Jewelry TV in particular was literally like eye candy; I would doze on and off for hours while looking at the beautiful colors of various gemstones. I also watched a considerable amount of ShopNBC, and in so doing, was introduced to Paul Deasy, the author of this book. I actually learned quite a bit about colored gems during this period, and decided I wanted to learn more. I investigated some of the more highly rated books and even ordered one, which I sent back the very same day because it was far too technical for my needs. And then I discovered *Colored Gemstones*, and took a chance. I'm glad I did. The book is perfect for novices mainly looking for the basics. Deasy shares a brief history of gemmology, explains the difference between natural, simulated, and synthetic gems, then alphabetically goes through each of the gemstones most of us are likely to encounter either in brick and mortar or cyber store, along

with some esoteric gems you are likely never to have heard of previously. He relays each stone's history, strength, toughness, and care requirements. Readers will learn whether a particular stone is suitable for everyday wear, is best worn as an earring, say, rather than a ring, or should be kept out of sunlight for prolonged periods of time. He allots each gem two to four pages of information (in large print), which includes color photos of each gem in its rock, faceted, and/or cabochon state.

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