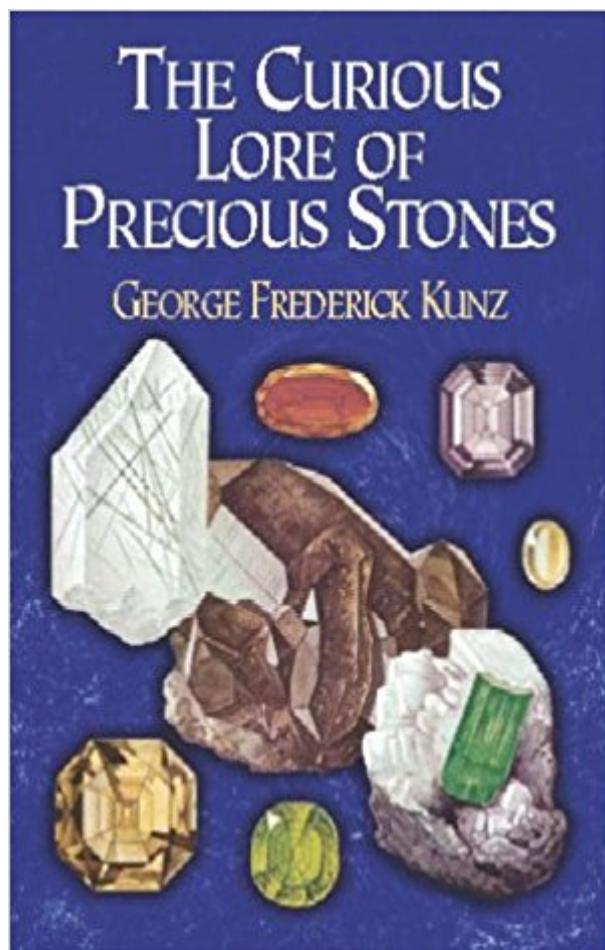


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I bought a second-hand copy of this as a lark, and was really surprised at how much I enjoyed it. Kunz is a pretty fascinating man in his own right, a self-taught gemologist who would up a vice president of Tiffany's. His love of gems and their history is evident in just about every entry in this book. This book is mainly about folklore and folk-beliefs surrounding various gems. Kunz occasionally focuses on a particular gem or piece of jewelry. The whole book is full of interesting anecdotes and stray bits of history. Even though I bought it mainly as a reference book, I ended up reading it almost cover to cover.

The contents of the book are not as expected but not described wrong; only my misunderstanding of the complexity of the book. This is not a book for light reading of interesting stories of gems and gemstone lore. This is a heavy 500+ page indepth study of the history of gems and specific gemstone items. Would be great for the library of a history scholar.

Interesting subject matter. I highly recommend for any student of metaphysical content.

This is an old book. It was old when I first read it. It is older now. I got it because I collect old books about stone lore. If you are looking for a modern book where you look up, say, Lapis, and it tells you the properties, leave this one alone. It is more for people who want to know some of the historical background of stones. Still and all, it was the first book about stones that I ever got my hands on, and it does give a lot of interesting information.

Not bad. Not quite what I thought. Much info in some areas, lacking info in others. Appears there is much irrelevant filler info. Some may not agree. Better than having nothing on the subject. I'm sure this book can be very enlightening if you have the time.

I enjoyed this huge collection of superstitions, myths and nonsense about gemstones throughout history. Just don't take any of it seriously, of course. The stories are very amusing and unlike any other mineral book.

I bought this book because Kunz's work has been the basis for much of what we know about ancient gemstone lore. Kunz's lifelong passion for rocks and gemstones began in childhood and as a gemologist and geologist, he was able to collect and organize vast amounts of gemstone lore. He was also a collector of stones, amulets and magical charms, many of which were donated to the American Museum of Natural History. His enthusiasm for the subject is evident and even though this book is nearly 100 years old, I found it surprisingly easy to read.

I love studying about gemstones and the meaning behind them , I'm very happy with this book, its the best one I've found

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