

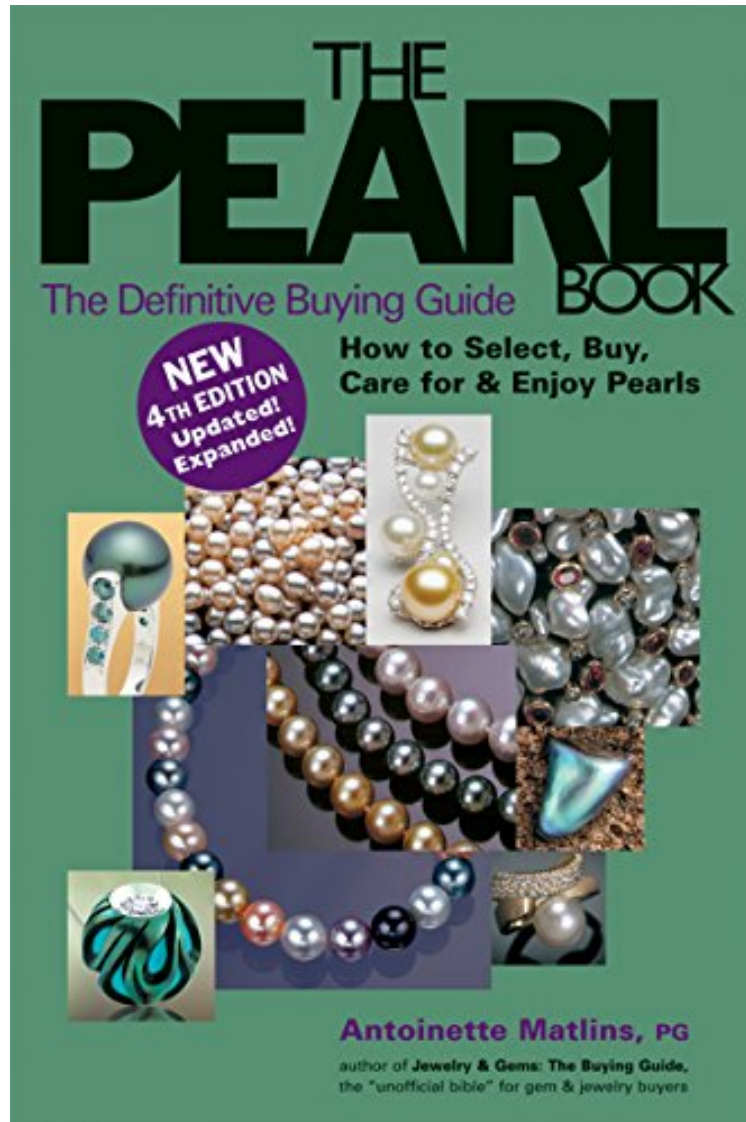
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cultured freshwater pearls, making the supply of pearls much greater. The Australians have made a great move into the culture of tropical salt water pearls. The Japanese no longer dominate both industries. Not only are scientific facts of pearls included, but also what some might consider trivia on jewelry. But by the time you are finished, you will impress the sellers and avoid paying too much for quality pearls. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. goodBy EduardoThe item was recieved on time and it works well i recommend it. would by the product again. thank you23 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Another Winner by Matlins!By E. M. GriffithIf you love pearls--or just want to learn more about them--this is the #1 book to buy. I have Matlins 'Jewelry Gems: The Buying Guide' which is very well worn from use, so I decided to start learning more about pearls with this book. Wow! Talk about bursting with information! Matlins covers everything from history and lore to famous pieces, moves on to explaining the differences/types of pearls, how to evaluate them, \*and\* what to look out for... she provides estimated value lists, gives advice on how to buy, wear and care for pearl jewelry. Whew! Did you know a drop of salad dressing can ruin a pearl? I didn't! The author also interviewed many pearl industry professionals and their thoughts are informative as well as (at times) entertaining. In fact, the entire book could be described as "conversational". It's not textbook in style, yet provides so much information it could be used as one!! Do you sell pearls? The information Matlins provides can help you better understand and describe the charecteristics (and value!) of the pearls you sell. Are you looking to invest in pearls or start a collection? Add this book to your shopping cart--you might save hundreds or thousands in the long run. But if you simply have a passion for pearls and want to learn all you can about them, this book is a "must have" for your library. It's comprehensive, loaded with tips, and easy to read. There aren't pages pages of photos. It does have some good compare/contrast photos, as well as others of important or famous pieces. You may find yourself wishing there were more of the "educational" sorts of pictures, but overall that's a small nick in an otherwise glowing treasure. No doubt the binding will become worn from frequent use. IN SUMMARY: I highly recommend 'The Pearl Book'. It's truly worth every penny. You'll know what to look for if you get this gem.

Know What You Want, Know What You're Buying, Learn the Secrets to Get the Most for Your Money/Finally! Everything you need to buy beautiful pearls with confidence. Easy to Read Easy to Understand Practical Complete Instant Answers to All Your Questions For people who want a reliable source of information to guide them in the fascinating and complex world of pearls natural, cultured and imitation. Filled with insider tips and advice to help you get what you want.

From Library Journal Buying guides for gems and jewelry appear on the market with some regularity, and these two are similar in scope and content to their predecessors. Cuellar, founder and president of Diamond Cutters International, covers the standard topics of the four Cs (carat, clarity, color, cut), as well as the fifth C, cost. Various chapters focus on everything from ring settings to insurance, investment, and selling diamonds; other tidbits include carat size charts and even a list of 101 ways to be romantic. This serious yet lighthearted guide is geared to anyone looking for inside information on purchasing a diamond. Matlins's (Jewelry and Gems, LJ 5/1/94) work is equally informative yet more serious in nature. Each of the seven parts focuses on a variety of topics from the historical significance of pearls to pearl types and quality, from selection to caring for and wearing pearls. The two most important sections deal with insider tips and advice from the experts and what to ask when purchasing pearls. Other features include price guides, special charts, and a special color photograph section. Both of these books are suitable for public libraries. ?Stephen Allan Patrick, East Tennessee State Univ. Lib., Johnson City Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. The Pearl Book is the definitive buying guide for pearls either as jewelry or collectible investments. The Pearl Book features everything necessary to become an expert in an practical, comprehensive, easy-to-read, easy-to-understand, format answering all the questions on how to select, buy, care for, and enjoy the "oyster fruit". The Pearl Book is for anyone wanting a reliable source of information to guide them, filled with "insider tips" and advice. Especially on what to do after you've acquired your pearls. -- Midwest Book From the Back Cover "Simply the best. The most practical, interesting, and useful book about pearls for the student, collector, consumer, and professional alike." -John R. Latendresse, CEO, American Pearl Company "Especially special-sparkling advice for consumers." -Librarians Collection Letter