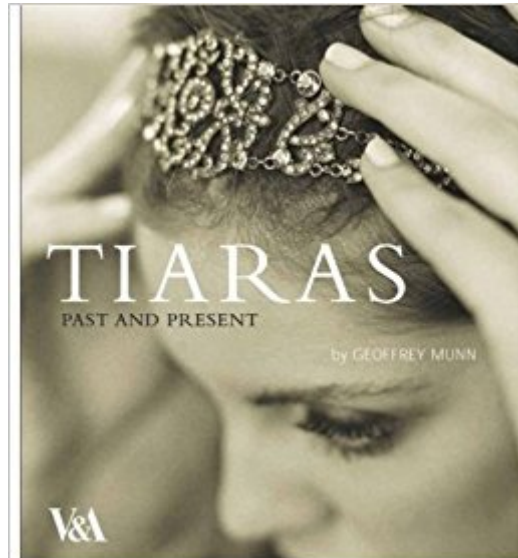




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Tiaras: Past And Present



Synopsis

Any woman who has ever wanted to be queen for a day understands the appeal of that most magnificently impractical of accessories, the tiara. Once an aristocratic status symbol, more recently worn by brides as a symbol of love, the tiara today is enjoying a tongue-in-cheek style revival. In this gem of a book, Geoffrey Munn, jeweler by appointment to the British monarchy, presents both classic and contemporary interpretations of diadems and headdresses spanning two centuries. The featured designers include Fabergé, Cartier, Boucheron, Van Cleef, and Versace. From priceless pieces commissioned by Prince Albert for Queen Victoria to a punk-rock acrylic creation by Vivienne Westwood, the photos and accompanying histories are sure to thrill royal watchers and fashionistas alike.

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What a great little book on all things Tiara. Was thinking it was covering British one's for the Queen's diamond jubilee (love the Queen!) but it was so much more. Tiaras from all sorts of places & kingdoms. Great photos & descriptions. I ordered it as "used" & it was in perfect condition. Was pleasantly surprised to see it was a V&A book from the Victoria Albert Museum in London. Major score!

This is one of the three current books on tiaras. Geoffrey Munn's other book *Tiaras A History of Splendour* is the major book on the subject of tiaras and it is really focused on tiaras, not just jewelry. This book is a much smaller book but just as good of a reference. It does have some funny sections on fashion of the day and the general evolution of headgear as jewelry and some on the hairstyles that went with it. Some of the styles are hilarious. The photos in this book were also very good and since it's a smaller book the issue of having to flip through multiple pages to find a plate wasn't as much of a problem here. It is worth having both books since there are some things in here that are not in the larger book. Enjoy the tiaras and the gossip!

This coffee table book is worth the price. In addition to being a gem historian and raconteur on *Antique Roadshow UK* Mr. Munn makes the pieces shown approachable for Jewelry/ history buff of all ages and tastes. Give this gentleman a knighthood !

Beautiful book

Wow! I just got this book, and G.Mann's huge other tiara book. This one is based on the exhibit that was done at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and contains not only old tiaras, but modern ones done just for the exhibit. There is very little overlap between the two books, so I was not disappointed. The photos are huge, clear, and show lots of detail. There's also lots of good information. The other, bigger book is a better deal at \$47, but this one's no slouch either, and the price and size would make it a great gift.[...]

Mr. Munn writes with authority and the photography is exquisite. This book is a treasure for anyone interested in the history of the jewels as well as for those who just want to drool over the sparkle.

Brilliant

This is a lovely book. One I am happy to just flip through to enjoy the pictures or to spend more in depth time learning about the history of specific tiaras. A wonderful addition to my bookshelf.

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