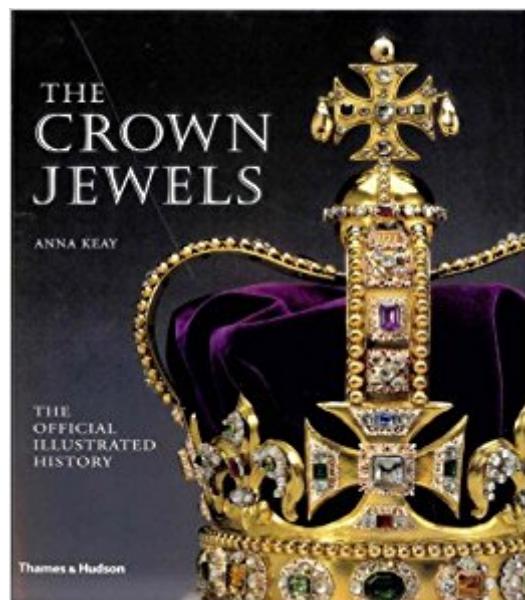


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Synopsis

The Tower of London has over two million visitors a year, with the Crown Jewels as its centrepiece. This paperback edition of the official illustrated history of the Crown Jewels, the most famous jewelry collection in the world, incorporates spectacular new photographs with stunning details. Accessible and up-to-date text, based on original research, includes the story of two of the largest and most famous diamonds in the world the Kohi-nur and the Cullinan. This is the perfect souvenir for visitors to the Tower of London, as well as an ideal introduction for anyone interested in English history and monarchy.

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This book is the authoritative, official history of the British Crown jewels. You will learn about brilliant diamonds, glimmering crowns, and the political and social histories behind most every item in the jewel house. Why did the Crown jewels come to exist? That question is answered. How were they destroyed? That one too. How has the collection steadily since grown since then? That question is answered most of all, bringing you on a dazzling journey to discover the world's premier jewel collection. The images are large and explain the points of the book quite well. If you are a monarchist, jewelry aficionado, or just a history lover looking for pretty pictures, this book is for you!

I saw the Crown Jewels in person in '79 and again in '89. The progression through the tower is rather "quick" as they keep one moving on. This year I'll return with my granddaughter so I thought

I'd give her a preview. This book is beautifully done and shows stunning detail of each item along with an explanation of its provenance, use and history. By the time we are in the tower she will have had an opportunity to become acquainted with what we will see.

As a lover of everything British, this book was a fantastic addition to my British library. The photos are breathtaking and the history of the jewels makes the jewels even more intriguing. These are not just priceless diamonds, they tell a story of a history passed down through the ages of the British monarchy.

Very interesting book especially if you have an interest in gems and making jewellery.

Of all the books I got for London, this was my wife's favorite

It's a great book. The pictures are beautiful and the descriptions and explanations of the various jeweled items are very clear. I like it a lot.

Beautiful Pictures, just wished it showed everything.

Beautiful book and very interesting. Speedy delivery

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