

# Welcome





#### SIMON & SCHUSTER'S GUIDE TO

#### GEMS AND Precious stones



INCLUDES COMPREHENSIVE ENTRIES ON ALL MAJOR GEMS AND PRECIOUS STONES AND MORE THAN 450 FULL-COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS

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#### Minerals

• Definite arrangement of atoms in space





#### **Crystals of Beryl**



#### Prospecting



#### Success!



#### More aggressive methods



#### Mineral to finished gem



#### Cutting and polishing



#### A rainbow of colors



#### Organic gems: pearls





### Fine jewelry





## Synthetic stones



#### Simulants



#### Methods of identification



#### Famous jewel robberies

