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Synopsis

Gold is the most coveted of metals, its rarity and radiant natural beauty imbuing it with rich meaning throughout human history. For artists, gold has long been associated with the divine. For monarchs, it has been a means of symbolizing status and wealth. With *Gold*, Kathryn Jones, Lauren Porter, and Jennifer Scott have written a lively and highly informative cultural history of gold in the Royal Collection, one that explores its many manifestations throughout history and its use in promoting messages of power and wealth. *Drawing on the Royal Collection*™s unparalleled collection of paintings, miniatures, jewelry, gold boxes, and drawings in and on gold, the book takes readers through the possibilities of this noble metal. Organized thematically, chapters include • *Divinity*, which covers gold in devotional art; • *Power*, which explores the role of gold as a symbol of status and wealth; and • *Art*, which presents the craftsmanship and indestructible quality of gold objects. From Fabergé's astonishing gold-mounted boxes to the nearly-four-thousand-year-old Rillaton Gold Cup and drawings in gold paint by Edward Burne-Jones, this lavish book "in its own gold binding" presents this most precious substance throughout history in one hundred full-color illustrations.

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