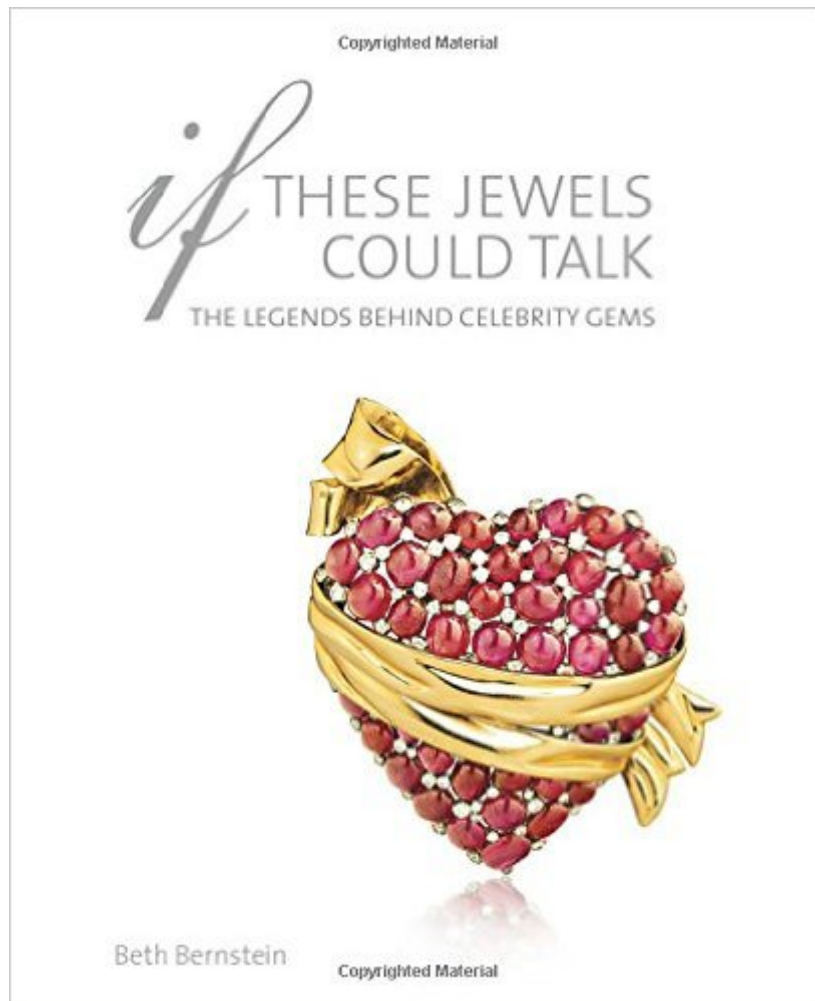


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If These Jewels Could Talk: The Legends Behind Celebrity Gems



Synopsis

Throughout the 20th century, jewelry revealed the behind-the-scenes stories and the plot twists and turns in the real lives of celebrities that will always be larger than life. Some of the world's most fabulous jewels not only illustrated power and status in society but these magical gems held tremendous sentimental value as they were linked to the most significant moments and memories of Hollywood royalty, international aristocracy and international icons of style. *If These Jewels Could Talk* offers a glimpse into the jewelry boxes of these celebrities - the personal tastes, heartfelt anecdotes and the true tales of the women who wore and collected the pieces. During the early- to mid-20th century, a majority of screen actresses requested to wear their own favorite pieces in films. This offered a peek into some of the great jewelers of the time who were designing for women who could choose anything. Actresses such as Merle Oberon, Paulette Goddard, Joan Crawford, Grace Kelly and Elizabeth Taylor as well as icons such as Jackie Kennedy and The Duchess of Windsor created signature styles for which they became known and which influenced generations of women, becoming part of our collective consciousness. The 20s through the 50s were a time when the renowned jewelry houses were also celebrities in their own right. They mixed with the socialites and royalty they bejeweled. In films, jewelry clearly developed and defined a character's personality - as it did in real life - whether it be a rags-to-riches story or those that figured into the plot: for example, a Cartier bracelet in Alfred Hitchcock's *Lifeboat*, or a Harry Winston necklace in *Notorious*. Whether on or off screen, worn by the famed and the legendary, and designed by the most revered houses of the day, all of these jewels take us on a narrative journey that provides fascinating insight into the intriguing worlds of early Hollywood and nobility from the 1920s through today.

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A truly fun and informative read from an author whose love for jewelry, film and.... the story or stories that underscore the famed gems and the famous women who wore them. Ms. Bernstein knows how to write like she is having a conversation with the readers, which is a definite plus for this type of beautifully illustrated book, packed with iconic gems, famed jewelry houses and renowned celebrities. She takes us behind the scenes, relating the most heartfelt and humorous anecdotes and also on a narrative journey of how the gems were not only significant to the owners on a sentimental and very personal level but how they affected the culture and time periods they were designed and worn in. In addition she shows us the jewelry that helped shape the plot lines and character development in films, how jewels affected the street and how Icons shaped the way woman looked at jewelry and still do. It's must read for everyone who loves jewelry, film and definitely both. The photos bring it all to life. Bernstein's memoir "My Charmed Life" revealed her life story through the most significant jewels she owned and weaved together her own tales of family, romance and life's twists and turns...and now she achieves the same warm and chatty style in dealing with the most famous woman of the 20th century.

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