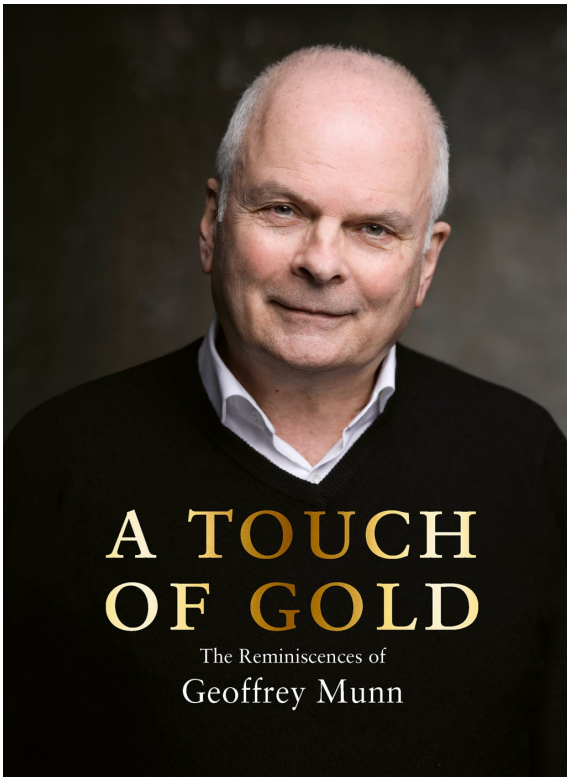
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- The life and work of *Antiques Roadshow* presenter and jewellery expert Geoffrey Munn
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Born and bred in Sussex, Geoffrey Munn, *Antiques Roadshow* presenter and jewellery expert, came from a traditional rural background – but only weeks after leaving a country Grammar School in 1972, he was plunged into the vortex of the London art world. It was the beginning of the career of a lifetime at the famous firm of Wartski, whose showrooms scintillated with gem-set necklaces, tiaras and three of the famous Fabergé Imperial Easter Eggs.

In a colourful and witty narrative, Geoffrey relates his daunting but delightful encounters with HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, HRH Princess Margaret and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. In their wake, Geoffrey met a rich variety of luminaries, including Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Joanna Lumley, Stephen Fry, Elton John, Vivienne Westwood and Dame Edna Everage. This is certainly a rapid and amusing read but it is also unique study of a narrow and fast-changing society.

Geoffrey Munn, OBE, MVO, FSA, FLS, is best known for his work as a jewellery expert on the BBC *Antiques Roadshow*. Munn began working for Wartski when he was 19, specialising in the jewellery of Fortunato Pio Castellani, Carlo Giuliano and Peter Carl Fabergé. He eventually became the managing director of the firm, which is the official jeweller to HM The Queen and HRH The Prince of Wales.

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