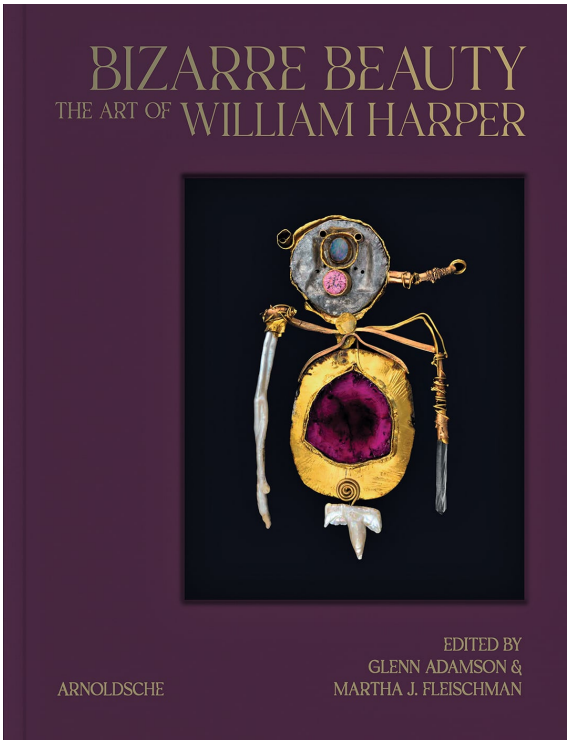
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- The first comprehensive monograph on American jewellery artist William Harper
- Uncover the artist's various sources of inspiration – from medieval art to African sculptures and modernist dance
- Includes a full biography and various essays that provide an intimate look into Harper's life and work

Over the course of six decades, the American artist William Harper (b. 1944) has conjured a body of work unique in the realm of jewellery. Masterfully crafted in enamel and gold, his pieces explore multiple realms – from ancient mythology to personal iconography – and draw on influences such as African sculpture, medieval art, and modernist dance. Harper has nonetheless created an oeuvre that is instantly recognisable, branching into formats including paintings, ornamented casks, artist's books, and more. ***Bizarre Beauty***, the definitive study of Harper and his work, includes a full biography by co-editor Glenn Adamson, as well as thematic essays and primary texts. A visual feast, the book provides an intimate look at this brilliantly imaginative artist.

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