



Kiki McDonough: A Life of Colour

40 Years of Gemstone Jewellery

Kiki McDonough

ISBN	9781906506766
Publisher	Papadakis
Binding	Hardback
Territory	World
Size	290 mm x 265 mm
Pages	178 Pages
Illustrations	220 color
Price	£49.99

- Over 200 stunning photographs of fine jewellery
- Massive press campaign to accompany the launch of the book
- Major events planned around the 40th anniversary including a launch and exhibition
- Kiki's jewellery is frequently worn by HRH Catherine, Princess of Wales; her jewellery was frequently worn by the late Queen and the late Princess Diana
- Tells the story of a female-founded and female-run globally renowned jewellery business

"With no signs of slowing down, Kiki designs for real women and is as relevant today as she ever was." — **Country Life**

"The eternal challenge for a designer is to make pieces which are relevant and modern as well as timeless ... The fact that Kiki McDonough has achieved this in countless collections over forty years is nothing short of a triumph" – Carol Woolton, jewellery historian and British Vogue Jewellery Editor

On the eve of her jewellery business's 40th anniversary, Kiki McDonough opens the vault to share the remarkable journey behind one of Britain's most beloved jewellery designers. What began in 1985 with a single concession in a friend's store has since blossomed into a globally celebrated brand, known for its vibrant use of coloured gemstones, timeless elegance, and deep connection with the women who wear it.

With over 200 stunning photographs, this beautifully curated book is both a visual feast and an inspiring portrait of a female-founded and female-led company that changed the face of modern jewellery. From the delicate shimmer of amethysts to the radiant sparkle of citrines and peridots, Kiki's signature pieces have graced the ears and necks of style icons across generations – including HRH Catherine, Princess of Wales, the late Queen Elizabeth II, and Princess Diana.

Through rich imagery and candid storytelling, Kiki reflects on four decades of creativity, determination, and evolution. She takes us behind the scenes of her design process, shares memories from the early, chaotic days of balancing motherhood and entrepreneurship, and explores how her work continues to resonate with modern women around the world. Her mission has always been simple yet revolutionary: jewellery should be bought by women, for women, pieces that speak to their style, their confidence, their joy. More than a retrospective, it's a celebration of a legacy still in the making – a story as colourful and joyful as Kiki's exquisite jewellery.

Kiki McDonough is a fifth-generation jeweller and leading female British designer, whose eponymous fine jewellery brand is renowned for showcasing vibrant gemstones in timeless and wearable designs. Her jewellery is on show at the V&A, has been auctioned by Bonhams, and is frequently worn by members of the British royal family. Kiki's brand started as a concession in a friend's antique jewellery shop in 1985 when he asked her if she would design some modern jewellery, the result of which (a pair of heart crystal earrings with a diamond bow on top) are now in the modern jewellery collection of the Victoria & Albert Museum, London. Kiki has designed jewellery ever since, and the brand has grown significantly over the past forty years. Much admired, and with a rightful place on the global luxury stage, Kiki McDonough is known for creating vibrant, colourful, fine jewellery that appeals to the stylish modern woman.

