



# Understanding Jewellery: The 20th Century

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- An exciting new reference work on 20th century jewellery
- Provides a detailed history of jewellery design and development from 1900 to 2000
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*Understanding Jewellery*, by authors David Bennett and Daniela Mascetti, is often described as the must-have jewellery book of our time – a 'Bible' in the jewellery trade. First published in 1989, it has remained in print ever since, amassing a loyal following of devotees who admire its detailed information and stunning imagery.

In this new work, Bennett and Mascetti have taken the original concept of *Understanding Jewellery* a stage further. Now, with the benefit of 20 years of hindsight, they have concentrated on the 20th century alone by conducting a detailed survey of each decade, identifying the key players, trends and movements. The book is an encyclopedic history of the various forms, techniques and materials employed by the companies and individuals who defined jewellery in the 20th century.

Most significantly, this book includes a new set of photographs, which make *Understanding Jewellery: The Twentieth Century* one of the most dazzling, absorbing and varied collections of jewellery images ever assembled in a book. This large format hardback volume is a perfect gift for all lovers of jewellery and the definitive guide for those who desire a deeper understanding of the subject.

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