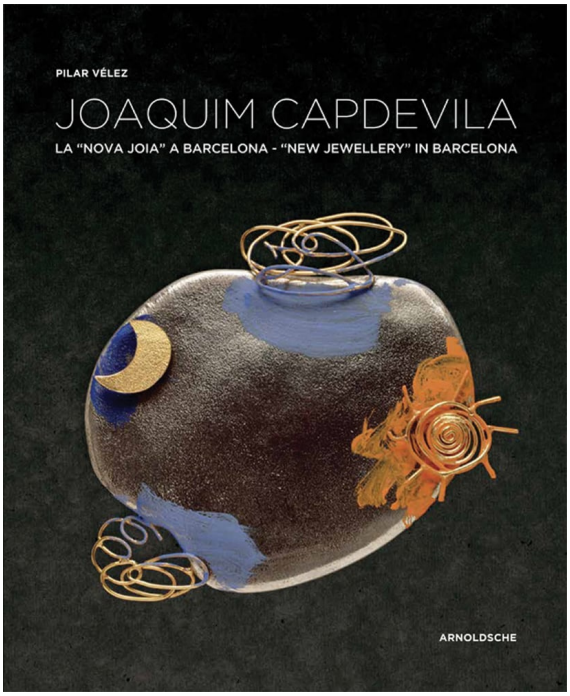
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- The first monograph dedicated to this unique pioneer in goldsmithing
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Joachim Capdevila (b. 1944) is a master of the art of goldsmithing, whose understanding of how to meld traditional handcraft with contemporary avant-garde jewelry is second to none. At the same time, his roots, which lie in painting, are unmistakable. Yet Capdevila does not just paint metal; his one-off jewelry pieces are rather the materialization of a creative process in which metal and color combine to become a completely new entity. The Barcelona-based jewelry artist has created a unique oeuvre in some fifty years, which is now being presented in a 175-piece-strong review for the very first time. In addition, Pilar Vélez explores Capdevila's artistic development and his role as a pioneer and a major proponent of New Jewelry in Europe. Text in English and Catalan.

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