



# The Age of Grandeur

## The Complete Guide to 19th-Century Jewellery

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- Over 250 stunning new color photographs with detailed captions
- Revised and expanded edition of the jewelry world's bible on 19th century adornment
- A comprehensive history of jewelry, from Napoleonic classicism and Gothic and Renaissance, through to the Arts and Crafts of the late 19th-century

**The Age of Grandeur** builds upon the best-selling *Understanding Jewellery* by Daniela Mascetti and David Bennett, which is considered to be one of the most important and frequently referenced books on jewelry ever produced. This new edition, revised and expanded, sees the authors focus solely on the 19th century, bringing with it over 250 new color photographs of jewelry from this most celebrated era.

Taking the reader through the history of jewelry over the decades, we learn how and why particular styles came about and then changed. From Napoleonic classicism and Victorian sentimental and memorial jewelry, through the Romantic era and its penchant for naturalism, the Gothic style and recreation of the Renaissance and, finally, the unique designs of the Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Arts and Crafts periods, this comprehensive study enlightens and fascinates. With stunning photographs accompanying us on our journey through the decades, creating a rich visual history that brings the text to life, this book remains the essential bible on 19th-century jewelry.

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