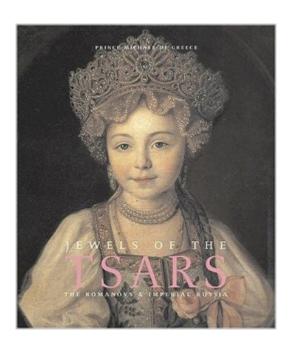
## The book was found

# Jewels Of The Tsars: The Romanovs And Imperial Russia





### Synopsis

The world's fascination with the Russian imperial family endures, and with this stunning book a new spotlight is added. Jewels of the Tsars, the first book to examine the family's unparalleled collection, is illustrated with extraordinary photographs taken under special conditions at the Kremlin's Diamond Fund, and accompanied by 18th- and 19th-century portraits and photographs of the Tsars, their families, and their court. Prince Michael of Greece, a Romanoff descendant, writes with an insider's knowledge of his family's passion for rare and beautiful jewels, and their place in the troubled history of Imperial Russia.

#### **Book Information**

Hardcover: 192 pages

Publisher: Vendome Press; 1St Edition edition (October 17, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 086565171X

ISBN-13: 978-0865651715

Product Dimensions: 10.2 x 0.8 x 12.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 3.6 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (41 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #599,805 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #104 in Books > Science & Math

> Earth Sciences > Mineralogy #187 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Antiques &

Collectibles > Jewelry #1412 in Books > History > Asia > Russia

#### **Customer Reviews**

I never write reviews but I received this book last night and felt inspired to speak up. This is probably one of the most beautiful books I have ever seen. I devoured it immediately and stayed up late to do it. I was shocked when I got to the end and checked the clock. The entire book is in color, the jewels are shown close up and at times in portraits so you can have an image of how they would have looked or been arranged with other pieces. The book is arranged in chronological order by monarch starting with Catherine the Great through post revolution times, though that material is understandably short. The portraits are typically full page and so beautifully rendered you can almost smell the paint. The paper is of a really high quality, heavy with a nice sheen making the book that much more beautiful. It also offers quite a bit of interesting information about where the jewelry has ended up after the revolution and the history of the family. It's not an in-depth history, but that was never the purpose. It does offer some interesting tidbits and trivia. The author is clearly

passionate about the topics which is infectious and makes you want to keep reading. The pictures almost always have captions that are very informative. If you don't want to really read but just enjoy the photos, you can easily do that and still gather quite a bit of information without being overwhelmed with text. If you are at all interested in the subject matter, this is worth every penny. It's absolutely stunning. I believe there is one about the British crown jewels by Prince Michael of Greece by the same publisher as well. I'm going to go find out!

Very well done book on the crown Jewels of the czar's. The text is light and interesting, not too indepth and the images are supurb. I saw many of the crown jewels in Houston during the traveling exhibit on the imperial treasures of the Kremlin, I was blown way by the beauty of the Faberge peices and the imperial crown of diamonds and Sable that Peter the Great wore, this book is a great deal like the book I bought at the museum on that trip, it was a Russian book and was fantastic, this one is just as good. At any rate, I highly recommend this book. If you appreciate Russian culture or just the beauty of fine jewlery, then I cant imagine you not being pleased with this book.

Everything about "Jewels of the Tsars" is a class act. This is a beautifully-bound volume using the finest heavy glossy paper. The hundreds of photographs are ideally lit and enlarged for maximum impact and enjoyment of precious details. Many of the paintings and photographs are rarely seen and so lovely. This is more than a coffee table book, it is a precious gift, a collectible. The copy is accurate and very well-written by Prince Michael of Greece. No detail from cover to cover has been ignored. This is a labor of love. I highly recommend "Jewels" to everyone who loves Russia, history, and exquisitely crafted jewels as a person treasure or a gift. Vendome Press obviously used "Jewels" as it's vehicle to produce a jewel of its own. It's worth twice the price.

While the subject of the Imperial Crown Jewels has not yet been exhausted, and this book assembles for the first time a large portion of the former collections, Prince Michael of Greece is not an Historian, gemologist, or specialist in decorative arts. While this book, like his others, has a romantic and lyric chronology enhanced by the ruthless dropping in of uncorroborated family lore, these personal titbits are less interesting that the pieces themselves who have been done a disservice by inadequate research and fact-checking. Page after page of this book are riddled with errors, inconsistencies and projections. Aigrettes are called brooches, diadems called chokers, the immense value of colored diamonds emphasized, which the actual stones shown are foiled to impart color. Members of the family are misidentified, the structure of the Diamond Fund misstated,

and recreations misrepresented. Do buy this books for the marvelous photographs, many taken orginially for inclusion in the "Jewels of the Romanovs" Show catalogue at the Corcoran Gallery, but which was never published in full.

Yes, this book is a beautiful book! How can it not be with such magnificent jewels to show? I liked the way in which Prince Michael grouped the pieces by reigns. It makes it easier to follow in this manner. The quality of the photographs is better than in most jewelry books - except for the ones on the British royals. My one disatisfaction with the work is that it did not include jewels owened by other Romanoffs. It would be great if some author compiled the history of the beautiful pieces owned by other members of that dynasty which survived the revolution and are now in other royal and private collections. The saga of jewels smuggled out during the Bolshevik years and their journey through Europe and America would be very interesting and exciting reading.

I had always thought that, other than the Coronation Crown Jewels, the Bolsheviks had stolen, sold or destroyed a good percentage of the Romanov jewels. This book puts to rest this myth. Excellent photography of the highest caliber fully illustrates that the Kremlin, and a few other places, have a significant number of exceptional jewels. Stunning works of jeweled art are coupled with outstanding pictures of Tzars, Tzarinas, Grand Duchesses, etc. The whole book is magnificant - I keep looking at it over and over again. It is a book long overdue - Thank you Prince Michael for making it a reality.

#### Download to continue reading...

Jewels of the Tsars: The Romanovs and Imperial Russia A Treasury of Royal Scandals: The Shocking True Stories History's Wickedest, Weirdest, Most Wanton Kings, Queens, Tsars, Popes, and Emperors La Espana Imperial/ The Imperial Spain (Spanish Edition) The Orders, Medals and History of Imperial Russia The Illustrated Food and Cooking of Poland, Russia and Eastern Europe: Discover the Cuisines of Russia, Poland, the Ukraine, Germany, Austria, ... Republic, Romania, Bulgaria and the Balkans Russia's Warplanes. Volume 1: Russia-made Military Aircraft and Helicopters Today: Volume 1 Bevels and Jewels Stained Glass Pattern Book: 83 Designs for Workable Projects (Dover Stained Glass Instruction) Family Jewels: A Guide to Male Genital Play and Torment The Crown Jewels Dali-Jewels: The Collection of the Gala-Salvador Dali The Jewels of Queen Elizabeth II: Her Personal Collection If These Jewels Could Talk: The Legends Behind Celebrity Gems American Luxury: Jewels from the House of Tiffany Otelo, El Moro de Venecia/ Othello, The Moore of Venice (Joyas Del Teatro/ Theater Jewels) (Spanish Edition) Labour and the

Decolonization Struggle in Trinidad and Tobago (Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series) The Door of the Seas and the Key to the Universe: Indian Politics and Imperial Rivalry in Darien, 1640-1750 (Gutenberg-e) Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Race and the Intimate in Colonial Rule Nature's Government: Science, Imperial Britain, and the "Improvement" of the World Herbs for Beauty: Imperial and Secret Herbal Formulas from Ancient China Colonialism by Proxy: Hausa Imperial Agents and Middle Belt Consciousness in Nigeria

**Dmca**