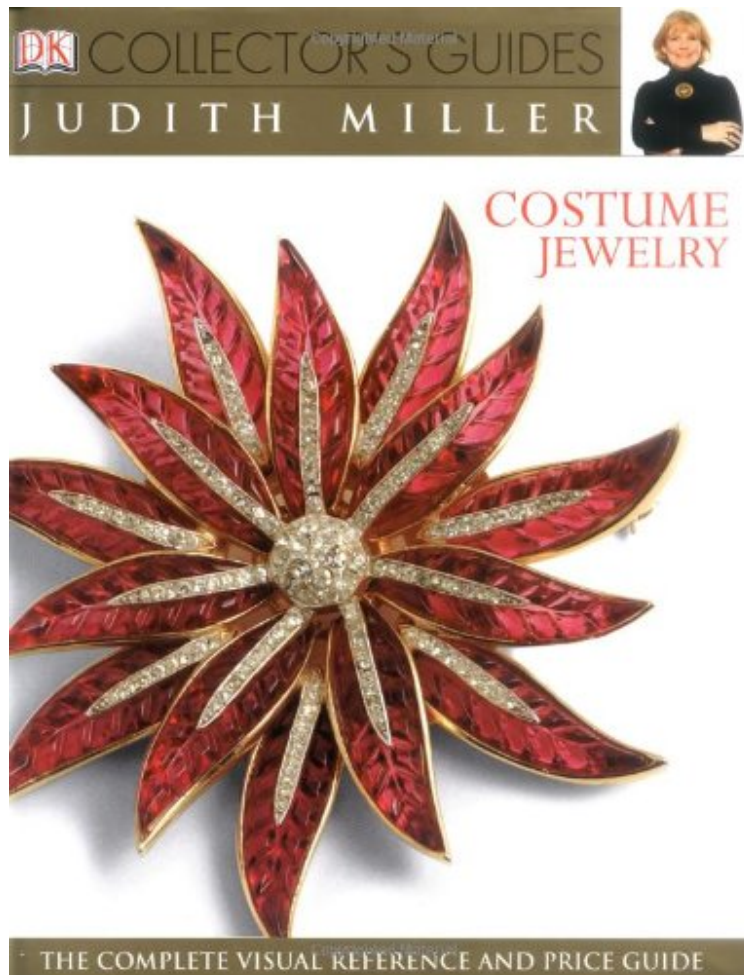


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Costume Jewelry DK Collector's Guides by Judith Miller By A. Atkins Love the photos in this book! That said, there aren't many pieces from many designers except the BIG ones. Those designers are covered extensively and are very good. But some of the lesser designers have only a couple of pieces, and there are some that have been completely left out i.e. PAM, Vendome', Selini, Charel, STAR, Star-Art, etc. I understand that every book cannot contain ALL of the jewelry designer's, but still including the lesser ones with just a box and some information makes a book more purchasable! Unfortunately, I only deal with jewelry that dates to before 1985 and there is a lot in this book that is much newer. Larry Vrba, Ian St. Gielar, Iradj Moini, to name a few. Costume Jewelry (DK Collector's Guides) 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Photography, High-End Emphasis By Bonnie This book is a good one to have in your costume jewelry library. It begins

with interesting background on costume jewelry through the ages followed by twenty in-depth designer profiles with example pieces. An interesting feature of these first designer profiles is the "Good, Better, Best" designations for examples of the same type of piece, such as necklaces or pins. The third section is entitled the "A-Z of Designers and Makers," which includes less in-depth information on the company or designer with photos of pieces. Interspersed among the A-Z designers are sections entitled "Hot Collecting Field," which deal with topics such as Christmas tree pins, Scottish agate jewelry, Bakelite, Coro duettes, etc. It took me a while to figure out this interruption in the A-Z organization. One surprise in the A-Z designers is that DeLizza Elster (Juliana) is not included. The book concludes with a "Gallery of Unsigned Pieces" with some rather hodgepodge categories, such as "Miscellaneous Pins." The index is good but alphabetized by designer last name in contrast to other sections of the book which may be alphabetized by designer first name. The jewelry included in this book definitely leans toward the high end. In addition, values seem to me to be inflated in relation to eBay averages. The photography is beautiful. I would recommend buying a used copy for your costume jewelry library. 23 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Great Book for Beginners and Experienced Collectors By Rebecca A. Fransway This book was one of my first books on costume jewelry, and it is so easy to learn from. I know, because I have an online vintage jewelry site, "Enchantment Vintage Costume Jewelry" and I still reference this book frequently. The best thing about this book, besides the clear colorful eye candy, is that it gives a rundown on different jewelry eras--from Victorian through 1980s glitz! There are also sections on a great many of the most collectible designers and the characteristics of their jewelry. It also includes a section on unsigned jewelry, which is good because most costume jewelry was unsigned. One of the most helpful aspects is that the jewelry is dated, so that the reader can learn to start assigning dates to the different styles of jewelry. You can't go wrong with this one. I also recommend "How to Be a Jewelry Detective," by Jeanenne Bell.

Tracing the history of costume jewelry from ancient times to the present day, and explaining how changing fashions, social developments, and the discovery of new materials have influenced and inspired designers, DK Collector's Guide: Costume Jewelry is exciting, comprehensive, and easy to use. Written by world-renowned antiques expert Judith Miller, the book offers more than 1,500 collectible pieces in catalog-style, including special sections on 25 major designers such as Joseff of Hollywood, Tiffany Co, Chanel, Schiaparelli and Dior, and offers priceless tips on what to look for when buying costume jewelry.