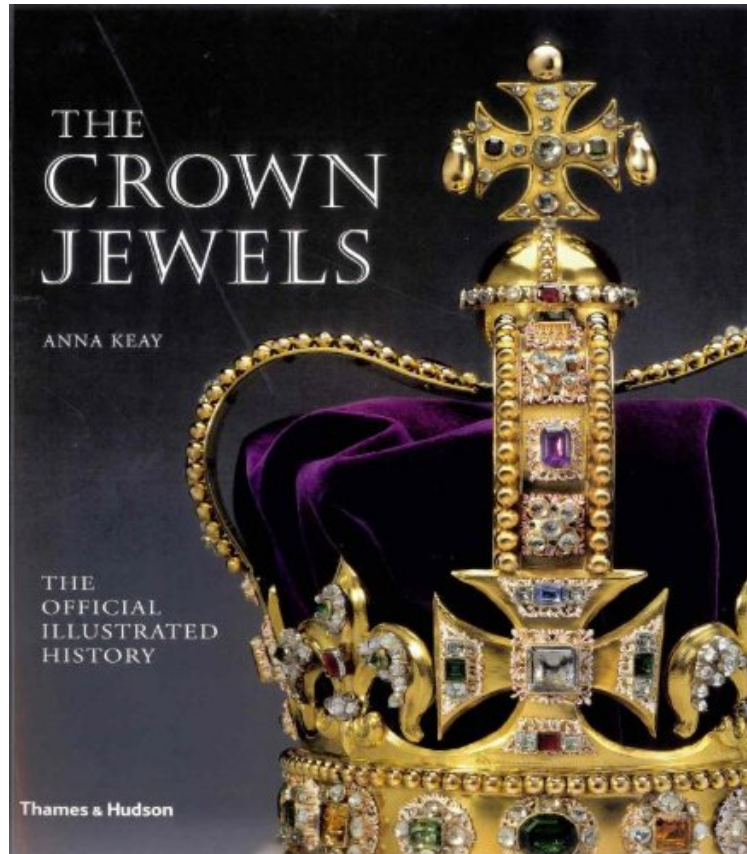


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historical details in each section are great as well: shocking to realize how often these things have been pawned, sold, or even melted down. A summary index in the back shows thumbnail photos with information for each, very handy resource. This won't be the only book I buy on the Crown Jewels! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I liked this book a lot. By Marti Seifert-frakes I liked this book a lot. But, I was really surprised at what all was classified as "Crown Jewels". There were things listed photographed that were beautiful some even of solid gold (plates). They had pictures of the "frames"/settings that were without the various jewels was just the "wires". I enjoyed the history told about the jewels, too. The condition of the book itself was like brand new!

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