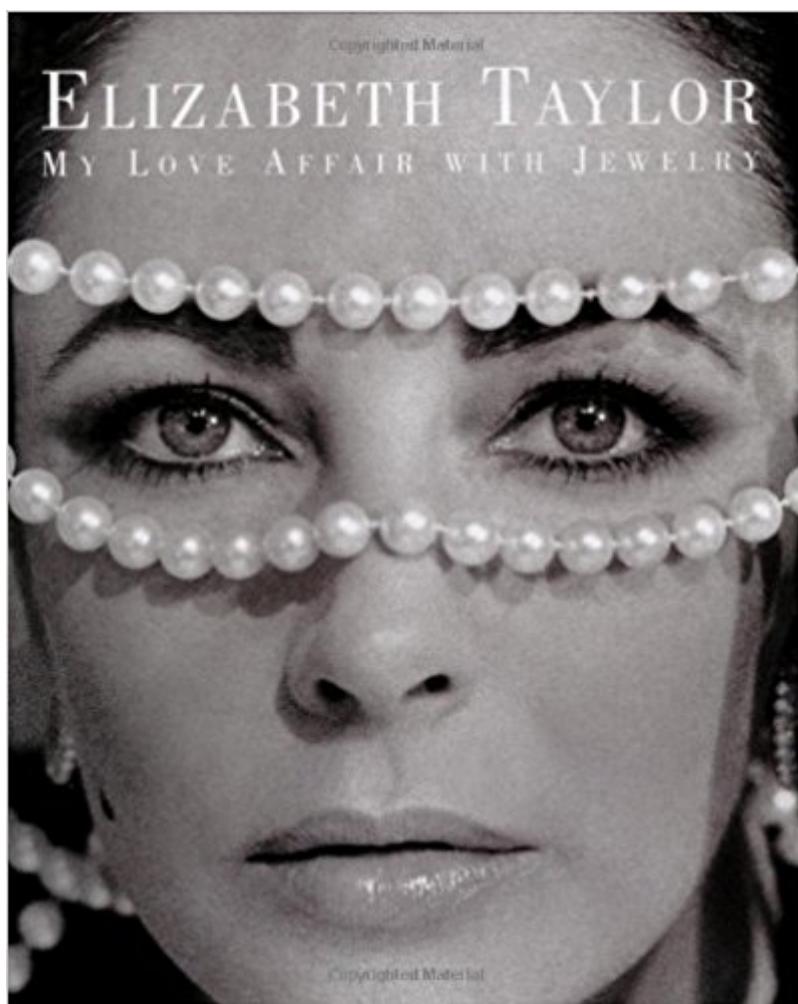


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Elizabeth Taylor: My Love Affair With Jewelry



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In her critically acclaimed first novel, Reisert demonstrates a profound understanding of William Shakespeare's timeless drama of Macbeth as she delivers a riveting story of ruthlessness and revenge.

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Customer Reviews

Taylor has presumably had love affairs with many things over the course of her illustrious life. Her acting career might be one, and her seven husbands might be others. But perhaps her one constant love affair is the lifelong one she's had with baubles, bangles and beads. In this dazzling book, Taylor shows off her collection, complementing the gorgeous color photographs with snippets about the provenance of each piece. "I mean, how many young women get a set of rubies just for doing something wholesome like swimming laps? Or win a diamond ring at Ping-Pong with their husband...? Well, I did, and for all of these memories and the people in my life I feel blessed," Taylor writes. She then launches into descriptions of the "glorious" ruby and diamond Cartier necklace from Mike Todd, the 33.19-carat Krupp diamond from Richard Burton ("When it came up for auction in the late 1960s, I thought how perfect it would be if a nice Jewish girl like me were to own it") and a crystal and diamond lily of the valley brooch from Rex Harrison ("You're the stingiest man alive," Taylor told Harrison, "...your giving me this pin would be doubly important because it would signify a personal triumph over your naturally stingy nature"). The photographs, many never before published, are a mix of catalogue-type photos and shots of Taylor wearing the items, creating not

only a tremendous feast for the eyes but an entertaining waltz through a Hollywood icon's decadent life. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Known for her beauty, her seven marriages, and her stunning jewelry collection, screen star Elizabeth Taylor treats us to a first look at her jewelry, in gorgeous actual-size photos and in personal photos-some never before seen publicly-of herself wearing them. Taylor reminisces about the occasions when these pieces were given to her by the men in her life. The two greatest loves of Taylor's life, movie producer Mike Todd and actor Richard Burton, gave her some of the most famous jewels: Todd presented a stunning Belle Epoque diamond necklace, diamond girandole earrings, and a diamond tiara, while Burton made world headlines when he gave Taylor the famous 33-carat Krupp Diamond ring. Every piece in Taylor's collection has sentimental meaning, some as poignant as the gold charm bracelet celebrating the birth of her children. This stunning book is more than a catalog of Taylor's jewelry; it serves as a very personal autobiography that will delight both Taylor's fans and lovers of fine jewelry. Recommended for all public and academic libraries where there is interest. Therese Duzinkiewicz Baker, Western Kentucky Univ. Libs., Bowling Green

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Wife loved this book, sadly the binding had completely come apart so I had to spend extra money to have it repaired. To see her happy face made the extra money worth it

Love it! Condition was better than expected.

Purchased this as a gift for a friend. With the auction and her passing, the value of the book has climbed scary high. The photos are gorgeous and the stories are very entertaining. I wasn't much of an ET fan, but late studies have shown me she was a lot more interesting than presumed. This is still a great book, one worth having and saving. Plus we get to live vicariously and imagine those jewels in our hands. She also was notorious for allowing anyone to try on her jewelry. And her take on them was great, "we are only the temporary keepers of beauty"...great girl, a bit messed up, but who of us isn't? If you like jewels, then this is the book for you. Absolutely stunning.

Elizabeth Taylor fans will certainly enjoy this book -- although I wish there was more content (don't we all), there are still plenty of photos of her most iconic pieces of jewelry, as well as a few very sweet anecdotes about where and how she came about acquiring her favorite pieces.

I had seen this book when it was first released, and to my dismay, I couldn't afford it at the time. I spent an hour ogling it in the bookstore trying desperately to remember every page. Yes, I am a sucker for jewels, and even more for Elizabeth Taylor. This book brought it all home to me. I could picture every event that each piece represented, and fantasized me as the star instead. I now own it in all its glory, and do not regret the wait. It was worth it. If escapism is your thing, I highly recommend this book. Share with a gal pal, or keep it to yourself as a very special secret weakness. You won't regret it.

Every piece has a story

Am enjoying this book. It is in good condition.

I felt like I was in her living room and she was holding each piece as I read her wonderful stories. Jewelry has a life and a memory that we all should be lucky to have.

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