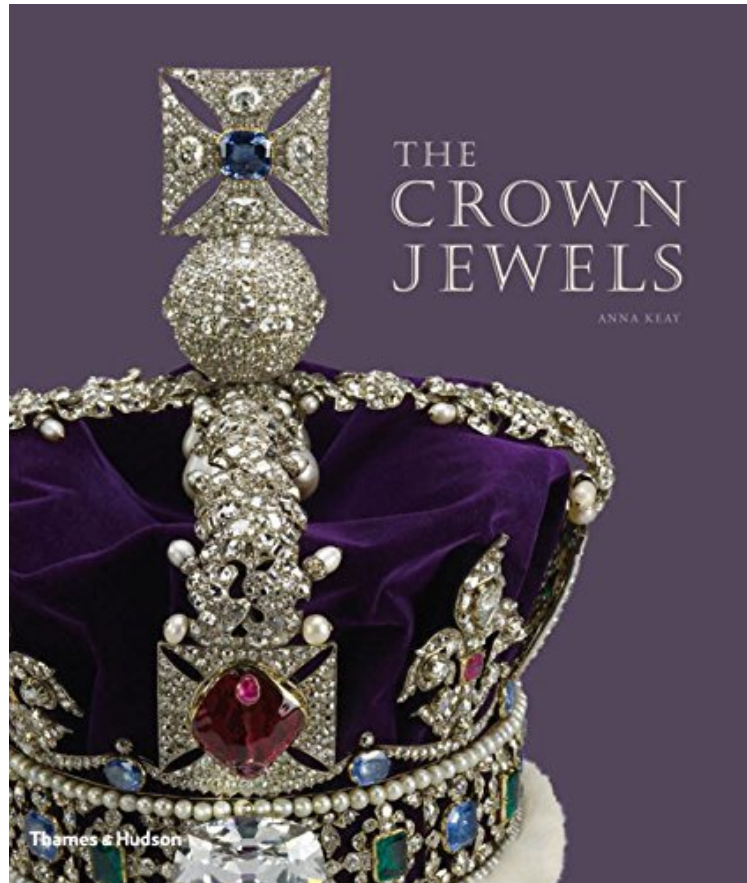


## The Crown Jewels

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**Anna Keay : The Crown Jewels** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Crown Jewels:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. is the best ever producedBy Vintage manThis magnificent volume on the "crown jewels", is the best ever produced, due to the stunning, dramatic photos, published on heavy, glossy paper. The historical information was not wholly relevant to the subject, as the author writes from a cultural anthropological standpoint, overall her efforts were to be applauded, in this unique book on the glittering, jaw dropping gems of the "royals". I have seen them, and the "Imperial State Crown" and "Royal Scepter" with the Star of Africa I and II, being simply awe inspiring. The Hope Diamond was a visual treat, but when viewing the Cullinan Diamonds, set in their regal housing, it looks like merely impressive. Though blue diamonds are the rarest in the world. Buy the book, own it for life and enjoy the other great photos of the majestic Koh-I-Noor and the Stewart Sapphire.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Unbelievably beautiful things!By LegoGirlBeautiful crowns, sceptres, and orbs---absolutely! There's lots more in this wonderful book, though. I actually most enjoyed the chapter devoted to "Splendours of the Table," where plates, cups, and salt-cellars are amazing works of golden art. All the photos in this book are beautifully rendered, with extreme close ups on many pieces to showcase their detail.The

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 was beautiful some even of solid gold (plates). They had pictures of the "frames"/settings that was 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!

An extraordinary, newly photographed celebration of this centuries-old collection: England's Crown Jewels. The Crown Jewels have often been called "the finest jewelry collection in the world." This book provides a dazzling mix of art and photography with entirely new views plus spectacular details. Individual pieces, gems, and carefully selected groups of objects: the royal jewels can be seen here as never before. The priceless objects in the collection were created to be the physical embodiment of English sovereignty, and their story is that of the English monarchy itself?from the spoon used to pour out the holy oil of St. Thomas Becket at the coronation to the crown that King Edward VIII took into exile after he abdicated in 1936. In addition to the specially taken photographs of the jewels there are paintings and photographs of monarchs wearing the regalia, coronation ceremonies, and royal events during which items from the collection are used. The Crown Jewels are visited at the Tower of London by more than two million people each year. Based on original research and written by an expert in English court history, this is the definitive record of a most remarkable collection. 277 full-color and 19 black-and-white illustrations

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