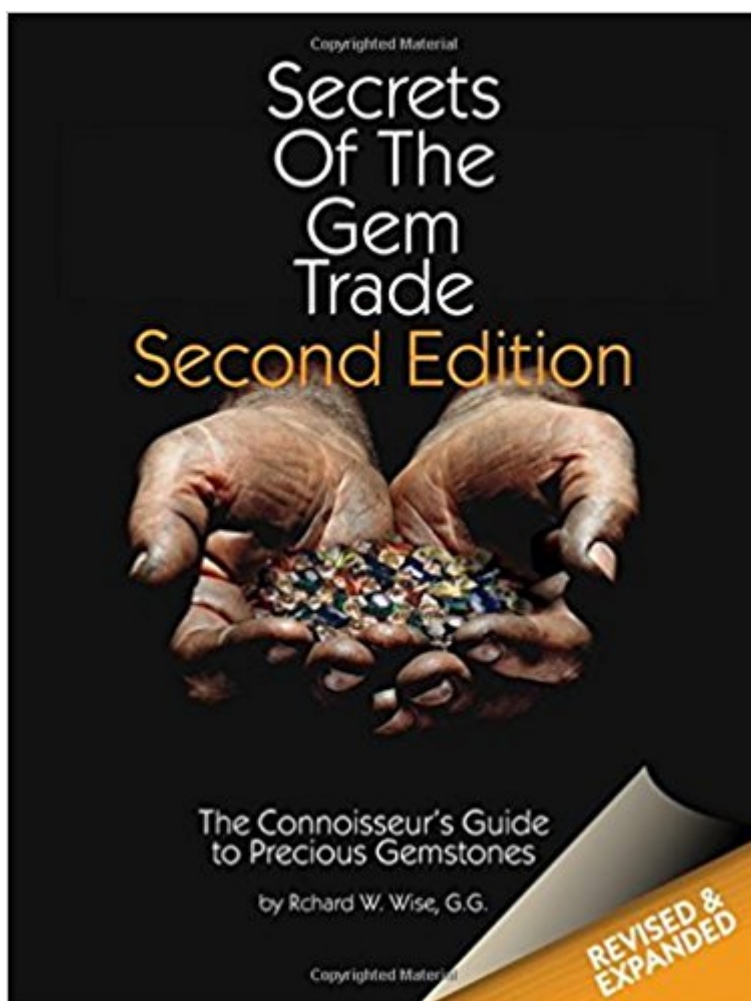




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Richard Wise is the author of two books, The French Blue (2010) is the winner of a 2011

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Many years ago I started a business that appraises, sources and purchases and sells fine jewelry for private clients. It was at the end of a long road and steep learning curve of developing appraisal skills and more importantly learning about the evaluation of diamonds, gems and jewelry. This included time spent studying gemology at the GIA in Carlsbad and Chicago in person and online. I wish I had seen this book before I started down that road as it is the bible of the gem business. For the professional, and the person just interested in gems, this beautifully printed and presented book is teeming with knowledge (hard-won) and images of astounding jewels. While at the GIA the only gems we touched were tiny samples, here are magnificent, perfectly photographed examples of the gems we get to learn so well. I encourage you to purchase this book, it brings to life the truly beautiful aspects of our world in an easily digested format. Buy it also as a gift for people, clients, friends, who have an interest in diamonds and gems; it will be much appreciated.

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