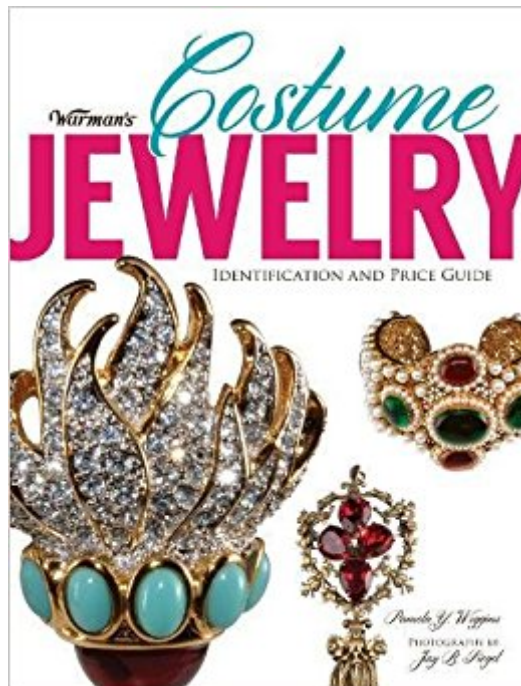




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# Warman's Costume Jewelry: Identification And Price Guide



## Synopsis

From disposable bauble to collectible art form! Stylish and beautiful, vintage costume jewelry ignites the passions of collectors and fashionistas alike. Originally created as an inexpensive accessory to be worn and then discarded, costume jewelry is now considered an art form worth many times its original purchase price! Warman's Costume Jewelry sparkles with wearable art creating during the past 100 years, spanning the Victorian era through the early part of the 21st century. Dazzling jewelry images, histories, profiles, and current market values are presented by one of the most highly regarded jewelry experts in the country, Pamela Y. Wiggins. Detailed descriptions and up-to-date pricing information for more than 750 pieces of jewelry. Valuable background information about jewelry designers and manufacturers. Tips on dating and identifying costume jewelry. Warman's Costume Jewelry offers a brilliant showcase for all the glitters!

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Pamela Y. Wiggins' passion for costume jewelry includes studying pieces in her own collection and items she offers through her business--Chic Antiques by Pamela Wiggins--as well as exploring how popular culture and historical events shaped adornment worn decades ago. She is the co-founder of Costume Jewelry Collectors International, a global organization dedicated to costume jewelry education and holding renowned events for collectors. Wiggins also works as a free-lance writer and editor specializing in antiques and collectibles, serving as the antiques expert for About.com. She is a contributor to a number of national and regional publications on a variety of topics with a focus on collectible jewelry.

The most helpful section is in the back, where it helps date jewelry by the type of findings and stones. What I was looking for was a book like that, but much more in depth. Haven't found that yet. Otherwise, this book is fine, but like other books of this type, it won't help you too much with identifying pieces that aren't in the book. The text is quite helpful, though, and I haven't read it all yet.

This is my first jewelry book, but I love the unsigned identification info in the back. Information on dating pieces is also super neat. Very informative, great photos, and a good reference if you come across a lot of vintage jewelry.

It turned out that it really wasn't what I was looking for. Great color photos but I am more interested in Weiss in particular and rhinestones. I can't afford the real expensive stuff. But the book was informative

Extremely helpful for costume jewelry collectors and anyone who wants to know something about the costume jewelry they have or have inherited.

Great reference. I loved how the book is sectioned by era, and designers along with sections on how to date pieces. Numerous beautiful pictures. Each era section begins with a narrative about the era's influences as related to costume jewelry. Every collector should have this book for reference.

I had reviewed this book at the library before making the purchase. It is very informative, beautifully illustrated and contains detailed information about vintage, costume jewelry. I'm glad it's now a part of my personal library collection.

Pamela Wiggins and her photographer Jay Siegel have created a fabulous costume jewelry guide. Book is filled with large and superb images, printed on top quality glossy pages, making the book a pleasure to peruse. Jewelry images are crisp and clear, showing all the details of the pieces, and many images of the backs, also. The images 'pop' as though they are sitting right in front of you and you can just reach out and touch them..And the content is fabulous, as well. I don't usually find time to sit and read all the text in the guides I purchase, but this one is an exception. Pamela has a way of engaging you with her writing skills, so once you start, you just have to keep

reading. She makes the information presented both extremely informative and interesting. There are so many great tips about identifying jewelry pieces and eras in this resource. This is a well done costume jewelry guide, from the content and images, right down to the printing quality, and will be a great addition to your jewelry library. I absolutely love it. I hope the author will do more books. Would love to see one dedicated to Trifari. hint, hint!

This book is well written, informative, entertaining & has amazing gorgeous photographs! A must have addition for any costume jewelry collector. My highest recommendation!

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