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The book explores the varied styles, techniques and materials used to make jewelry in many civilizations throughout the world and across the millennia. Egyptian necklaces, Celtic torcs, South American gold masks, Renaissance pendants and Art Nouveau buckles are examples of the range of the masterpieces described and illustrated with 400 superb photographs.

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- The Mediterranean, India, Egypt, Roman Britain and Byzantium: 325 BC-AD 600
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- Mayan Central America: 600-1000
- Central and South America: 500-1500
- Europe, Islam, China, Korea and Java: 1000-1500
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