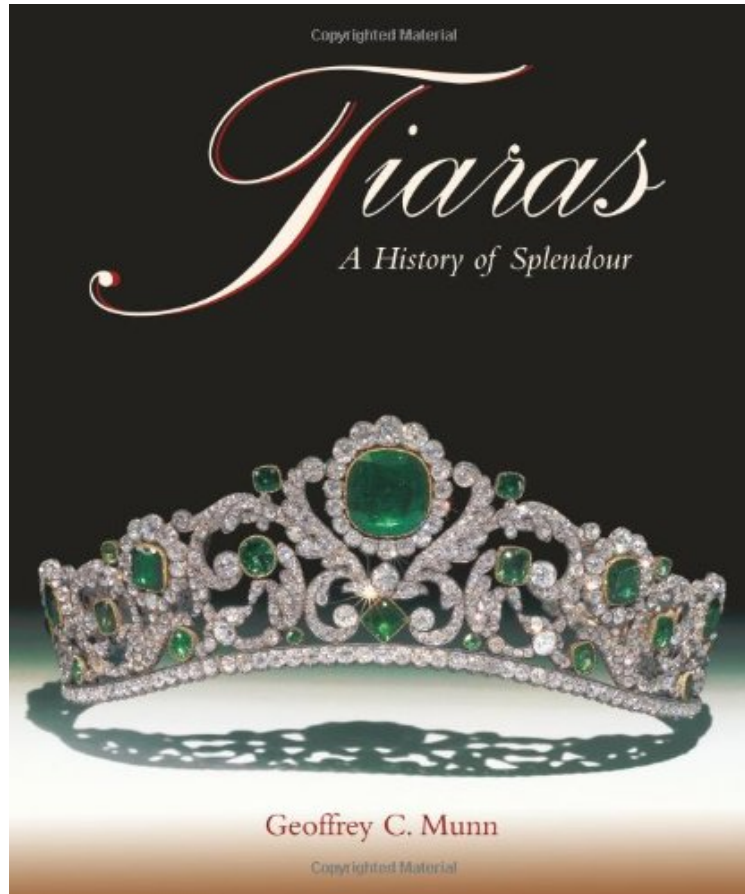


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**Geoffrey C. Munn : Tiaras - A History of Splendour** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tiaras - A History of Splendour:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Tiara Book. Get into Tiara Tuesdays Here!By KathyDThis book is absolutely the best book on tiaras available. Unfortunately, there are only three books in total that are specifically about tiaras. This one, Munn's other book Tiaras Past and Present, and Diana Scarsbrick's Tiara. All three are good books and resources on tiaras but this is definitely the most comprehensive and the largest. I think it weighs 5 pounds! It really is a wonderful read with lots of pictures but as others have noted, the pictures do not line up with the text and you will shuffle a bit.The historical tidbits were fascinating and it really is sad that this is a lost art. It's also very disappointing to find that so many famous tiaras have been converted into other items or sold at auction. Since tiaras are so eye-catching, most people used their very best jewels in them because they would be seen. These days there aren't many ruling monarchs or formal events where tiaras are required. The opening of Parliament in England and the Nobel Prize Ceremony are the only two. There are wonderful royal events, particularly with the Swedish and Danish royal families. Some of the newer princesses have had new tiaras designed for them but nowhere near on the scale that

it used to be. Munn really conveys that there was a golden age of tiaras and that unfortunately that time has passed. If you're a Tiara Tuesday enthusiast, this is a valuable must have book. There are a lot of tiaras that you can find online for sale but trying to match the tiara to its owner can be quite an adventure! The photos in this book are clear and detailed so that you can figure out which tiara you have. Some of them are very famous, like Queen Elizabeth's Girls of Great Britain and Ireland tiara which she wears all the time. However, there are photos of Mary of Teck wearing the Teck Crescent tiara and no one has seen that in decades. So whether you're a tiara collector or a jewelry fan, this book is both a very satisfying read and a good visual reference. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Precious Gem Bonanza By K. Gaylin Spectacular jewelry eye candy for those who admire precious gems and royal history. This book is packed with gorgeous photographs of tiaras in royal and private collections. In addition, Mr. Munn provides the fascinating back stories to these famous and not so famous tiaras. While most of us won't have the privilege of owning/wearing jewels of this caliber, this book brings the reader up close and personal with some fabulous gems. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Scholarly, readable, and detailed By Aquamarine This is an encyclopedic book. I enjoyed reading it and just reading through it. Make no mistake, this is a scholarly work as well as eye candy. The pictures are wonderful. You'll get closer than you ever could in real life to priceless tiaras from periods throughout history. The articles show you every detail of these wonderful creations. You'd have to work someplace like Garrard's to get any closer to the jewels. I think what I like best about the book is the fact that it isn't a "coffee table" book that just leaves you longing for jewelry, but instead it gives you the history behind the pieces. U loved it and would buy for a friend.

Tiaras have always inspired a great fascination and the most beautiful and influential women have been painted, photographed and admired whilst wearing them. Even in the twenty-first century they are still worn and continue to inspire special poise and elegance. This lavishly illustrated book includes new photographs of a variety of Royal tiaras together with those of French and Russian Imperial provenances. Geoffrey Munn has been granted special access to the photographic archives of many famous jewellers, including Cartier, Boucheron and Fabergé, for his research. Other makers include Castellani, Fouquet, Garrards, Giuliano, Lalique, and Tiffany. Among the contemporary pieces illustrated are tiaras belonging to Jamie Lee Curtis, Vivienne Westwood, Elton John and Madonna, made by Slim Barratt, Galliano and Versace.