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From Library Journal "Jewelers extraordinaire" is the phrase best describing the Van Cleef Arpels dynasty. Since the turn of the century, this house has created many exquisite and original works of art for its international clientele of celebrities and royalty. Raulet captures the glamour attending the rise and success of the firm, at the same time giving us an intimate look at the two families and the eccentricities of countless personalities they have delighted over the years. The book includes sections on prestigious transactions and acquisitions, the evolution of style, the invention of the "serti invisible" technique, and popular accessories of the "minaudiere" and vanity cases. Highly recommended. Stephen Allan Patrick, East Tennessee State Univ. Lib., Johnson CityCopyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.