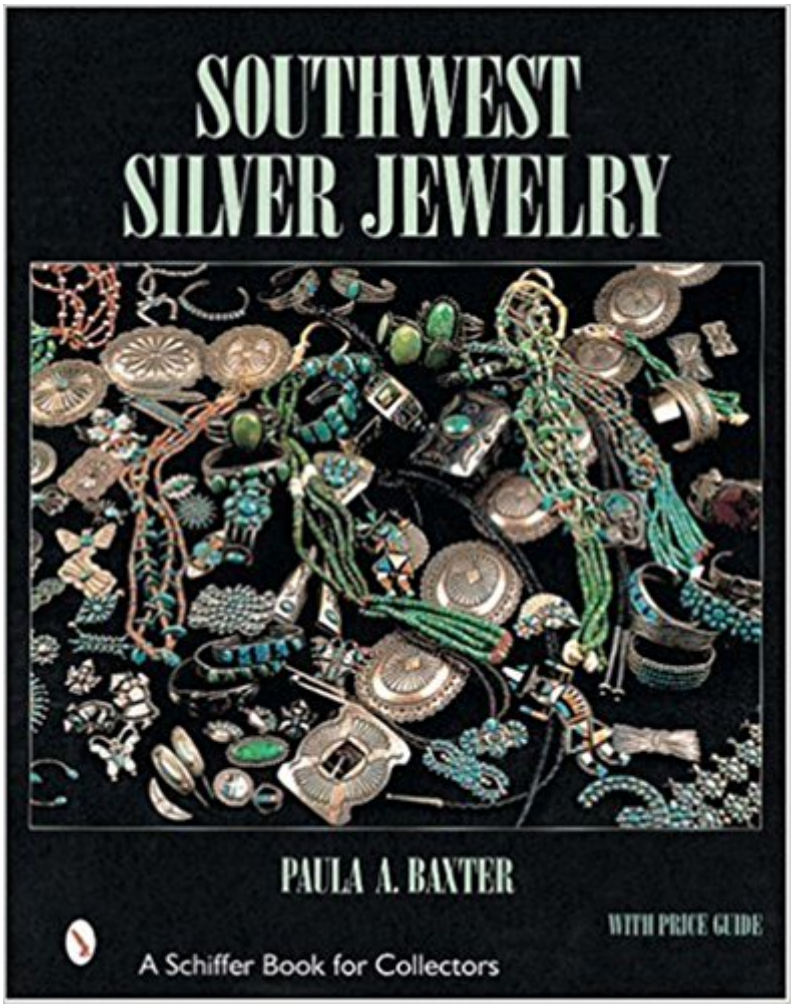
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This beautiful book examines the first century of Navajo and Pueblo metal jewelry-making in the American Southwest. Beginning in the late 1860s, the region’s native peoples learned metalworking and became accomplished silversmiths. Their work was united with a long-standing native traditon of beads and ornaments made from turquoise and other natural materials. The cross-cultural appeal of this jewelry continued into the mid-1900s, despite competition from tourist jewelry and mass-produced imitations. By the 1950s and 1960s, masters such as innovators Kenneth Begay and Charles Loloma created a legacy of fine art jewelry that is prized today. This development is discussed in the context of social changes and adaptations over the century. A values reference guide is also provided.

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Paula A. Baxter is the Curator of the New York Public Library’s Art & Architecture Collection. She is the author of the Encyclopedia of Native American Jewelry (2000) and has published numerous encyclopedic and magazine articles on design history and Native American jewelry.

I thought I had all the Schiffer books on Southwest Indian Jewelry and Textiles. But I found I did not. Southwest Silver Jewelry was published in 2001. And still had a copy or two in stock at a nice discount and post free! Covers the earlier work ... from the late 1860’s to the mid-1960’s. I identified several bracelets I own as being from the 1920’s - with the stones having been drilled earlier for a

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Could not put this book down! Beautiful color images on every page!

Great book

Enjoyed the book, arrived in great time, packed very well and came in good timming. Has alot of photo’s and informationthat was very useful. A good book for my Southwest Jewelry collection

Another great book by Paula. If you collect Indian jewelery, this a must.

LOVE IT!!!!! Very informative....Easy look up of symbols and initials.I can’t think of anything else to say about the book except Thank You!!!!!

Want to learn more about vintage Native American jewelry, this is the one! The chapters by decade makes it easy to reference. This book is worth every penny, exciting, informative and may turn you into a collector!

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