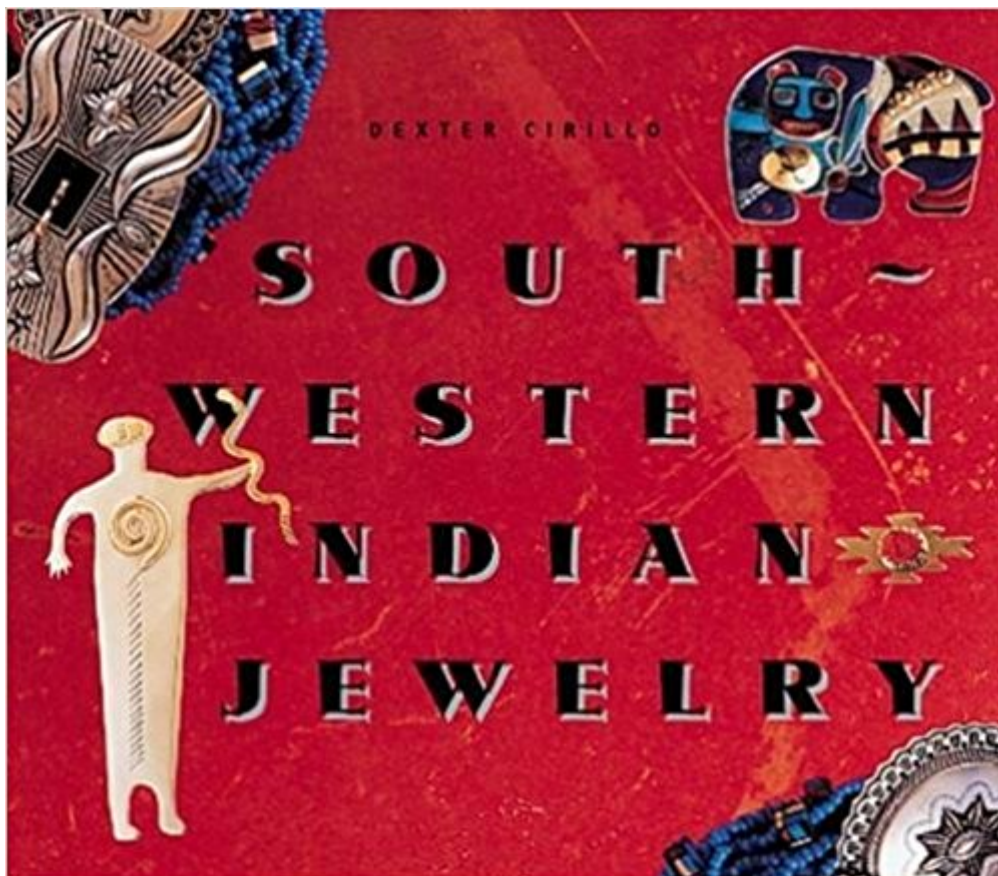


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# Southwestern Indian Jewelry



## Synopsis

Spectacular photographs of the breathtaking beautiful objects and sensitive portraits of the artists combine with an insightful, informative text to capture the spirit of this work and the vital cultures from which it springs. This ground-breaking volume opens by surveying the vividly colored necklaces, earrings, and pins made in shell and stone from prehistoric times to the present, particularly in the Santo Domingo and Zuni pueblos. The focus then shifts to the much-admired and avidly collected work in silver — often set with turquoise and other stones — by Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni artists. The book culminates in an exploration of striking contemporary work in which many artists have adapted traditional approaches to create original designs. A collector's guide offers invaluable advice as well as an illustrated glossary of materials, techniques, objects, and designs. A nationwide directory of sources concludes the book.

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Very comprehensive and interesting book. Excellent overview of what has been made in the past up to what is being done up to the time of publication. Well written and pleasant to read.

This is something of a classic in the field and is very widely referred to. Since I collect vintage southwestern jewelery, the historical section were of the most interest to me. It is pleasant to read and has great photographs.The author provides much helpful information on the changes in jewelry making technique over the last 50 years.

WONDERFUL condition, VERY pleased with this particular book! FAST shipping! Would do business again!

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