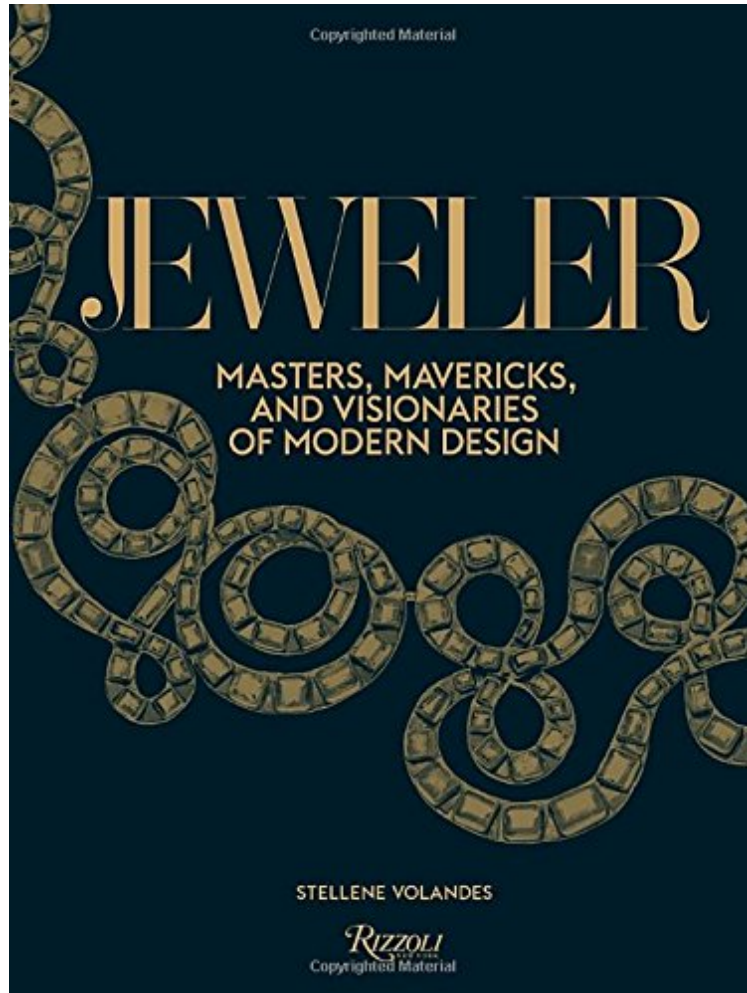


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This stunning, glamorously designed survey highlights the artistry, expertise, and inspiration behind the work of today's most fascinating and influential jewelry designers. Breaking out of the rarified world associated with fine jewelry is a set of contemporary designers who combine traditional skills with fresh vision, transforming artistic inspiration into wearable art. Boundless creativity and a sense of playfulness distinguish these jewelers from the pack, skills that result in pieces that are breathtakingly sophisticated and deeply rooted in each designer's singular aesthetic. Focusing on seventeen modern masters from around the world, *Jeweler* reveals the unique ideas, intricate processes, and inspiration that go into their work. Curated by Stellene Volandes, editor-in-chief of *Town Country*, *Jeweler* introduces readers to designers like the Hemmerles, a jewelry dynasty known for molding materials like copper and aluminum into one-of-a-kind collectibles; Wallace Chan, the Hong Kong wizard of stones whose patented techniques dazzle the mind as well as the wearer; Elena Votsi, an Athens jeweler who remade the Olympic medal, and whose bold metallic pieces are like wearable sculptures; and Lauren Adriana, a London wunderkind poised to become the master of her generation. Through Volandes's vivid profiles and breathtaking images of each jeweler's work, readers are immersed in the passion and craft that make each one a visionary. *Jeweler* is a stunning portrait of this fascinating niche of design, anointing the designers of today who are making the collectibles of the future.

"*Jeweler* contrasts the diverse styles of 17 international masters and mavericks, from Viren Bhagat's delicate pieces and exceptional stones to Mark Daviss's gem-studded Bakelite bangles." *New York Times* "Stellene Volandes explores the fantastical, the awesome and the unbelievable in jewelry design. . . ." *National Jeweler* "*Jeweler: Masters, Mavericks, and Visionaries of Modern Design*, by TC's very own Editor-in-Chief Stellene Volandes, tells the stories of 17 of today's most innovative jewelry designers. . . Many of the designers speak of owning a stone for a decade or more before they finally decide how to set it. These are the kind of pieces that will be the collectibles and treasured heirlooms of tomorrow." *Town Country* "From the unassuming cover the reader cannot possibly imagine or be prepared for what is to come once they begin to read this inconceivably and jaw-droppingly magnificent book..." *New York Journal of Books* "In her stunning new book Stellene Volandes, jewelry expert and Editor-in-Chief at *Town Country* magazine, profiles seventeen accomplished designers, whose exceptional work represents unique combinations of creativity, technical expertise, and individuality. The book is as beautifully designed as the jewels featured within." *Quintessence Blog* "...a must have for any jewelry library... The book presents a group of 17 of the most talented, distinctive and comparatively obscure talents working today. They are the names that carry on the creative legacy of legends from the past like Louis Cartier." *The Adventurine.com* "...we really zeroed in on the sort of artisan jewelers that maybe were not well known, were not widely available but that for a sort of jeweler connoisseur were really some of the giants working today." *Fashionista.com* interview with Stellene Volandes "In her recently released book *Jewelers: Masters, Mavericks and Visionaries of Modern Design* Volandes cast her eyes and shares with us a wealth of jewelers most of us may not be familiar with. While the names may not have the brand recall of the Graffs and Van Cleefs of the world, the jewelers featured in the book are all creators of exquisite and exceptional pieces." *Forbes.com* ". . . *Jeweler* contrasts the diverse styles of 17 international masters and mavericks..." *New York Times International Edition* "...Volandes highlights the artistry and inspiration behind 17 groundbreaking designers responsible for creating the collectibles of the future..." *RobbReport.com* "Volandes went behind the scenes with 17 of today's most innovative and influential contemporary designers and reveals their stories and the importance of jewelry to who we are as a culture when the piece was created. The book showcases the unique ideas, intricate processes and inspiration behind the work of this select group of designers that includes jewelers from around the world..." *Rapport Magazine* "The most innovative under-the-radar jewelers in the world" *New York Post*. *Alexa Magazine* "With text illuminating their inspirations, craftsmanship and artistry, Volandes introduces 17 contemporary jewelers pushing the limits of the field. Each is what she calls a game changer." *1stDibs.com* "...Stellene Volandes, Editor in Chief of *Town Country* magazine, has focussed on the contemporary jewellers at work today that he considers to be the most influential in terms of both artistry and expertise. Volandes has clearly had fun picking out the jewels that will create the most visual impact, accompanying them with insightful and personal introductions to each jeweller." *The Jewellery Editor.com* About the Author Stellene Volandes is an expert on contemporary jewelry. She is Editor-in-Chief of *Town Country*, and has received awards for her jewelry writing, including the WJA Gem Award for journalistic excellence. Carolina Herrera is an American fashion designer. Her awards include the 2004 CFDA Womenswear Designer of the Year award and the Geoffrey Beene Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.