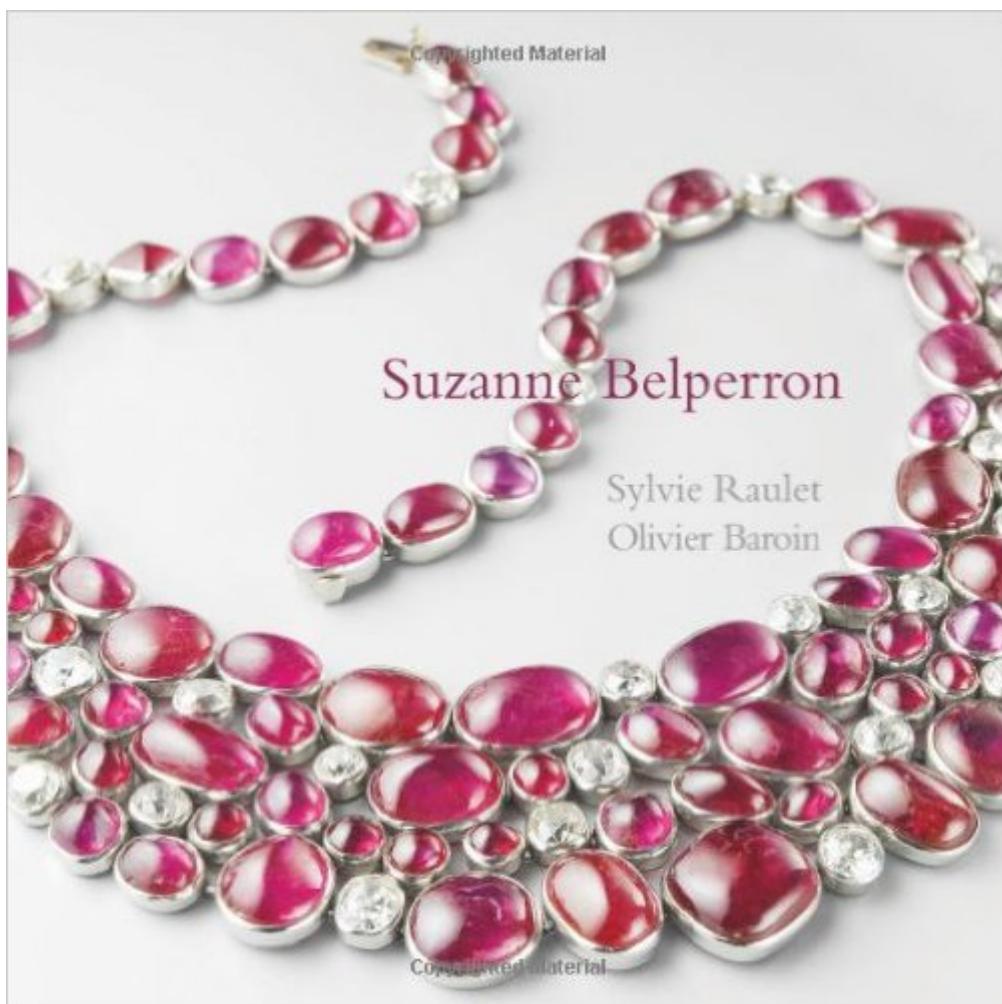


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Suzanne Belperron



Synopsis

Suzanne Belperron was one of the most talented and influential jewellery designers of the 20th century. Inspired by the discovery of her personal archives in 2007, the authors of this book have created the first volume dedicated to the life and works of this renowned Parisian jeweller. In 1919 Belperron was employed as a model maker and designer by Germaine Boivin. She contributed enormously to the success of the Maison RenÃ© Boivin, but in 1932 she decided to leave the company. It was with her associate Bernard Herz, a well known precious stone and pearl dealer, that Belperron first found the freedom to reject traditional jewellery design and manufacture. Fascinated by colored stones, regardless of their value, she created highly innovative pieces, most of which were angular and set in platinum. Her jewellery was so original that she never signed her pieces, instead insisting "my style is my signature". Indeed, Belperron's avant-garde style was adored by the "fashionistas" of her time. Her work frequently appeared in Harper's Bazaar and Vogue, and her clientele included most of Europe's royalty and aristocrats as well as bankers, fashion designers, intellectuals and American movie stars. The Duke of Windsor, the Rothschilds, Elsa Schiaparelli, Nina Ricci, Colette, Malet Stevens, Ganna Walska, and Gary Cooper are all known to have frequented Belperron's Parisian workshop. Belperron is often imitated today, and the lack of signature on her pieces can make identifying and dating them very difficult. The discovery of her personal archives was therefore of enormous significance, and makes this publication an essential reference book for enthusiasts of Suzanne Belperron and jewellery in general.

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Ms. Belperron talent should have placed her in the stratosphere were designers like Lalique and Faberge dwell. Sadly her policy of not signing her work deter her from reaching this well deserved summit. This book should give Ms. Belperron her overdue place in jewelry history. Her designs are so now that modern designers seem mere copycats! The book is interesting in every level, even including her own private jewelry from other designers that obviously was a source of inspiration. A great addition to any library dedicated to jewelry and design.

The photos of her work are exceptional and the descriptions are very informative. As a jewelry history person it is an excellent book.

Finally, the history of the magnificent, unique and enigmatic Suzanne Belperron is being told. She was one of, if not THE, finest jewelry designers of the 20th century, whose jewels are as exquisite and modern today as when they were first designed. You will be treated to a feast for the eyes of her breathtaking jewelry (including those from her personal collection) and notations in her handwriting on ads for "Herz" jewelry that it was hers, photographs of the molds of her pieces, many of her sketches, pictures of the beautiful woman herself...just an absolute pirate's chest of fabulous information. For years it was thought all of her personal history was destroyed. Not so, and here is the proof. I have always been a fan of Sylvie Raulet's books and have every one she's ever written. The co-author Olivier Baroin acquired Suzanne Belperron's archives in 2007, so there is no mistake..the jewelry and information in this book is the real deal. This book is also incredibly timely, as I went to Sotheby's today where several of her personal pieces in this book were on display and are being sold at auction in Geneva in May 2012. A very important work to add to your jewelry library whether you are just a jewelry lover, or especially if you are a collector or dealer. Even if you know little of the mysterious Suzanne Belperron, who never signed her jewels because she said "my style is my signature", with this publication, no longer will she just be known to the rarefied few. This is a book to be savored and inhaled...a delicious meal. One of the best books on jewelry I've ever purchased.

Wonderfully insightful. The images are beautiful as well.

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