

## Guidelines for Book Reviewers

If you are interested in doing volunteer book review work for *Gems & Gemology*, or if any questions arise in the process, please contact a Book Review Section Editor at GIA:

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Book reviews should be no more than 1000 words in length. Reviews for the Books Received section should be 2-3 paragraphs.

Solicited reviews are examined by the Editors of *Gems & Gemology* before a decision regarding publication is made. All reviews are subject to editing; reviewers will be given a chance to review edits before publication.

Reviewers are invited to keep the books they are asked to review, given the review is submitted in a timely fashion. If no review is received within the time-frame established, the reviewer will be billed for the book at retail cost, or asked to return the book.

Please submit your review in electronic format to one of the editors.

### **In your review, cover the following:**

The purpose of the book and its intended audience

A brief description of the book's contents

Evaluate the contents for:

- Completeness and organization

- Readability or literary quality

- Quality of illustrations

- Format or other relevant physical characteristics (including number of pages)

- Particularly good or bad sections or features

- Quality of production, editing, paper, and printing

Does the book achieve objectives for intended audience?

What is the potential value of the book to readers of *Gems & Gemology*?