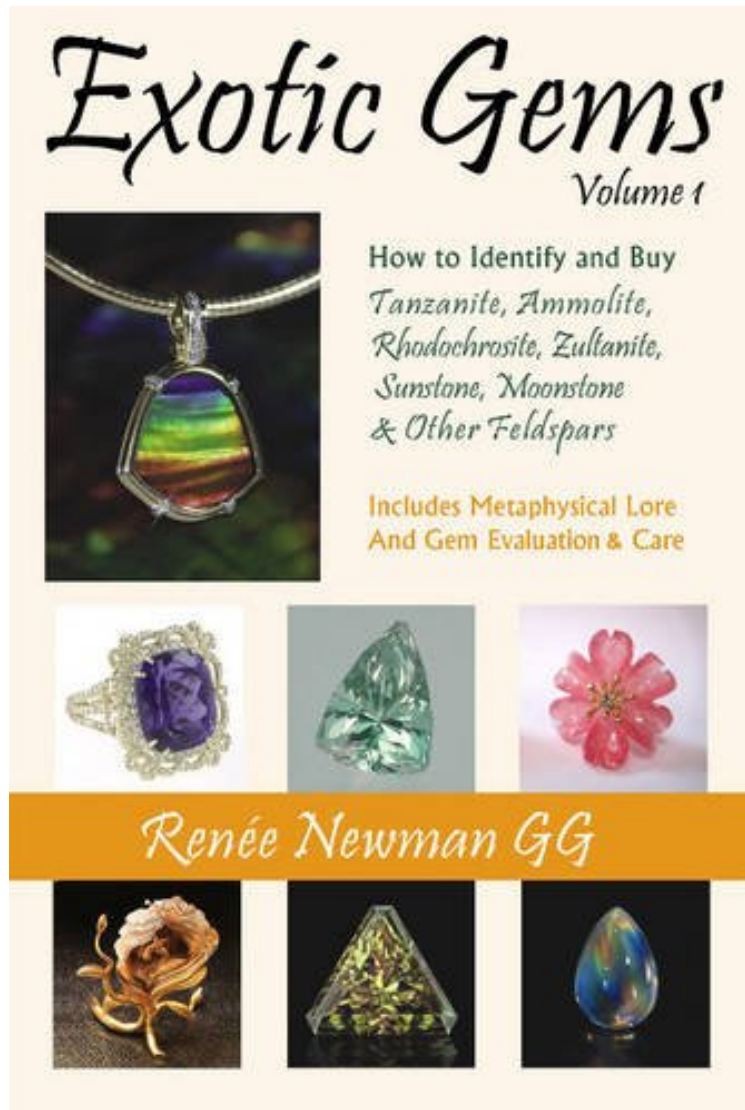


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Having written guides to buying rubies, sapphires, emeralds, diamonds, and pearls, Rene Newman turns her attention to rarer specimens. Exotic Gems, Volume 1: How to Identify and Buy Tanzanite, Ammolite, Rhodochrosite, Zultanite, Sunstone, Moonstone other Feldspars prepares readers (and beaders) to encounter these beautiful and potentially valuable gems. The language is accessible, and chapters including "Price factors in a nutshell" will prove indispensable to novice buyers. The breadth of information on each stone, Renee's guide to choosing an appraiser, 288 vibrant photos and a bibliography also make this book a handy resource for seasoned collectors. We'll be watching for future installments of the Exotic Gems series. --Bead and Button Magazine, October 2010