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Finger-Ring Lore (Illustrated)



Synopsis

This book is an illustrated version of the original Finger-Ring Lore by W. Tudor Jones. It must be admitted that in many cases of particular rings it is sometimes difficult to arrive at concurrent conclusions respecting their date and authenticity: much has to be left to conjecture, but the pursuit of enquiry into the past is always pleasant and instructive, however unsuccessful in its results. One of our most eminent antiquarians writes to me thus: 'We must not take for granted that everything in print is correct, for fresh information is from time to time obtained which shows to be incorrect that which was previously written.'

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Customer Reviews

FINGER RING LORE by Sir William Jones (1890) is an absolute must for any ring enthusiast. Jones covers not only the known history and findings regarding rings; he also covers much folklore and usage customs. Jones can explain all about the wedding ring as well as the pope's ring. The illustrations in this Victorian-era book are sumptuous. Naturally there are no photos. What's worse is Sir William doesn't really deliver as we might think he ought: he is short on actual ring history, but he

goes on pages and pages about the betrothal ring given by Joseph to Mary. In other words, he's just long on lore and short on rings. One thing we must not hold against him in excess is his total lack of description of the rings and customs of his era. He says very little of his modern usages, styles and customs. While he has settled some basic arguments about the Claddagh ring, for example, there are older books from which Sir William essentially lifted the entire text. This book has the typical Victorian ring to it - either love it or hate it but I say read it at least once. My copy is an old clothbound, an excellent library piece and a fantastic in-depth source for anything ring-related. If you'd like a complete library, I suggest you also buy *Rings for the finger: from the earliest known times to the present, with full descriptions of the origin, early making, materials, the archaeology, ... for wedding, commemorative, mourning, etc.* by George Kunz, and

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