

## About the Author Victoria Finlay

Victoria Finlay studied social anthropology at the University of St. Andrews and the College of William & Mary, Virginia, before working for Reuters in London and Scandinavia. She spent twelve years as a journalist in Hong Kong, five of them as arts editor of *The South China Morning Post*, where she also presented a weekly radio program. She now lives in Somerset in southwest England, and divides her time between researching her next book and working for an international environmental charity, [www.arcworld.org](http://www.arcworld.org). *Jewels: A Secret History* is her third book.



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## PROGRAM AGENDA

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Presented by Rosenberg Library

12:00 p.m.

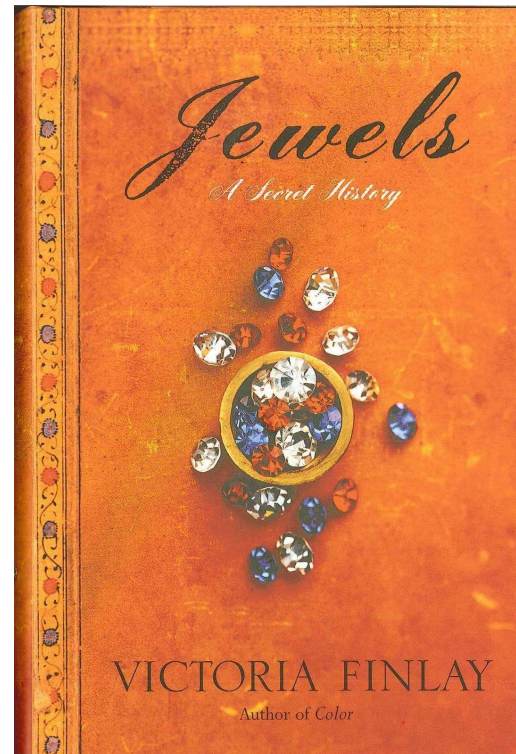
Welcome & Introductions

12:00-12:15

Historical Presentation

12:15-1:00

Book Discussion



Rosenberg Library's Museum Book Club provides a forum for discovery and discussion, linking literary selections with artworks and historical objects from the permanent collection.

1. Did you have a favorite type of gemstone before reading *Jewels*? Are there certain stones you feel differently about after reading Finlay's book?
2. Finlay's book includes chapters on 9 different jewel types. Which chapter was your favorite? Are there additional jewels you would like the author to have included?
3. Had you written a book on jewels, how would you have arranged the information? Would you have focused on different aspects than Finlay did?
4. After reading the book, which jewel do you consider to be the most valuable in terms of rarity and manufacturing requirements?
5. Do you think jewelry is a good investment? Why or why not?