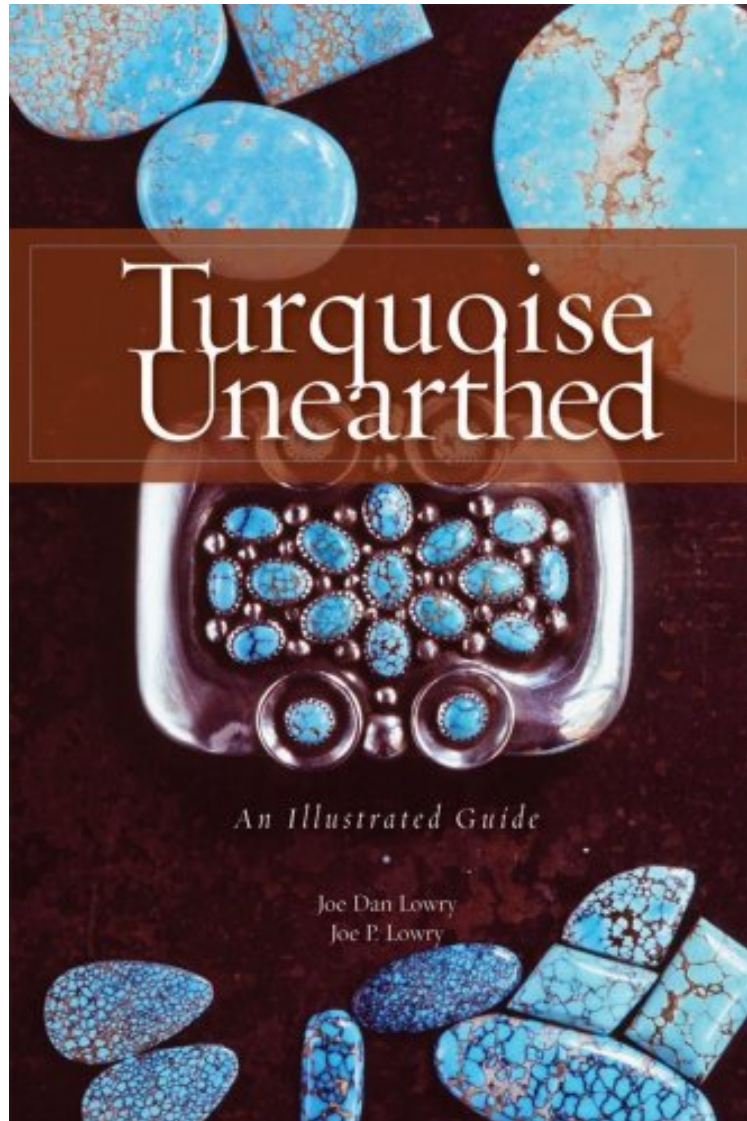


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great Little Book with Gorgeous Photos, but Insufficient Information!By 505 AuctionsIt seems to me that it's rather hard to find good information about turquoise, even if sought in person with folks who know it well. And there aren't too many books on turquoise either. This one looked the best, but I was a little disappointed with the brief content. The pictures are beautiful. There are some nice

descriptions of the most famous mines. The book also contains some brief, but helpful information about the formation of turquoise, but the one thing it doesn't really do is help the beginner to learn to identify types of turquoise on their own, which really would be helpful. It's like turquoise identification is a SECRET. I so wish this author would write a second book with more in-depth identification information. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good but not Great By Lanilai I was expecting so much more from this book based on the reviews of others. The pictures are beautiful but this book does not discuss how to spot fake jewelry nor does it discuss how to tell if turquoise is natural or not. The book also does not show pictures of different types of the same turquoise; for example it does not show the wide range of different stones that supposedly come from Kingman. I am a collector and wanted this book so that I could recognize the real deal but while the book is informative it will not help guide you in spotting fake jewelry or stones. 38 of 38 people found the following review helpful. For those who THINK they know everything about Turquoise... By CWRI have been a gem and mineral dealer for over ten years... and a rockhound for a lot longer than that... but this book taught me more in a single sitting than all my years in the business and in the hobby. I have dug, traded, bought and sold a whole bunch of "Turq"... natural, treated and "color-shot"... and this book instantly became my favorite reference for the rest of my life. If you are planning on investing in real American or Persian turquoise jewelry or stones... and it is an investment... then this book is a "Must Have!" No sooner did I put this book down than I called up one of my suppliers and bought all of the Blue Gem and Turquoise Mountain stones they had left in stock... I am sure they are wondering what precipitated that call! My many thanks to the Lowry family for their labor of love... from the "Turq" Museum to this book... and I hope we cross paths real soon.

In the American Southwest, turquoise is a highly prized gemstone with great cultural significance. Author Joe Dan Lowry is recognized worldwide as a leading expert and describes the fascinating history of turquoise mining in the American Southwest and reveals an astonishing variety of colors and forms that make this gemstone like no other.

About the Author Joe Dan Lowry's family has been at the center of the turquoise trade for three generations. He owns and operates the Turquoise Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which boasts the most extensive collection of turquoise in the world. Joe P. Lowry and Joe Dan Lowry operate the Turquoise Museum and are recognized worldwide for their expertise.