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What does the diamond on your finger have to do with the GI

Bill? Why is green-tinted jewelry exalted by so many cultures?

Why were the glass beads that bought Manhattan for the Dutch

initially considered a fair trade? And how did a coveted

necklace start the French Revolution? In this delightful account

of how eight jewels shaped the course of history, jeweler and

scientist Aja Raden tells an original and often startling story

about why we covet beautiful things and how that desire has

transformed the world as we know it. What moves the world is

what moves each of us: desire. Jewelry has long served as a

stand-in for wealth and power, glamour and success: It has

birthed cultural movements, launched political dynasties, and

started wars. With a sharp wit and a light touch, Raden weaves

together history, science, and economics to explore our

enduring love affair with beautiful things and shows us that,

just like their glittering surfaces, jewels have a singular power

to reflect our desires back at us and show us who we really are.



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