



## Gems (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Gems Gems in their appeal are like the stars. They enchant the eye, they stir the imagination. Then, as with cats and clocks, they are company. A valuable stone is the one thing that endures. Lace is soon a rag, velvet impossible, flowers dead; but a jewel, if treated kindly, lives forever. It is indeed almost as indestructible as truth or a mighty love. The very word evokes a picture. Is there a richer syllable than gem ? With the jeweler it means the finest of its kind. But the scholars say a gem, whether of emerald or quartz, is not a gem unless engraved. Other times, other manners. These days the art of gem engraving scarcely exists, while precious stones are everywhere. Before a fine specimen, gem leaps to the lips involuntarily. It is suggested that the business classification be known as gemology in distinction from the mineralogy of science. Treatises on gems, comparatively few, difficult of access, generally reference books, are often tough reading. The scientist may be great and useful, but for...



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