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"It began as a game and must remain as a game." Michele della Valle "One of the most sought-after jewelers in the world... celebrated among an elite international coterie of collectors and connoisseurs... a rarefied name... a destination jeweler." Vivienne Becker for Sotheby's Magazine. Michele della Valle is unquestionably one of the leading jewelers at work in the world today. He is famed for his appreciation of rare and unusual gemstones and it is his quest for and discovery of those gems that forms the heart of every piece he makes. "I am continually traveling in pursuit of that rare stone full of charm. I love to travel, I love to find..." Della Valle is celebrated for his great appreciation and application of color, and it is this above all else that is most admired in his work: "Rare and precious or unexpected and mysterious, the vibrant grass greens, flaming orange and lilting blues of sea and sky are the colors of jewels for which he has become celebrated." Vivienne Becker. It is his use of unusual and unconventional materials that has really marked him out as a very modern and truly original practitioner of his craft: "Recently, I used carbon fiber in an unusual way to mimic the feather-like details found around the pistils of anemone flowers" said Michele della Valle in the New York Times. This book is an autobiography told through pictures of della Valle's influences and above all his spectacular jewelry creations. "A story in pictures that spoke of my adventurous travels to exotic countries in search of rare and precious stones. I hope it will succeed in telling you about me, about my work, about my emotions and the myths that inspired me. It is not a boring autobiography but rather a dream in colors. I have dreamt of extraordinary people and places, I dreamt the cheerfulness, I dreamt the colors and the joy of nature. It is precisely from these dreams my jewels are born."

The oversized coffee-table book is rich with photographs of some of della Valle's most captivating jewelry, often shown with an image of an object, celebrity or personality that inspired the piece. (Rapaport Magazine, October 2014)