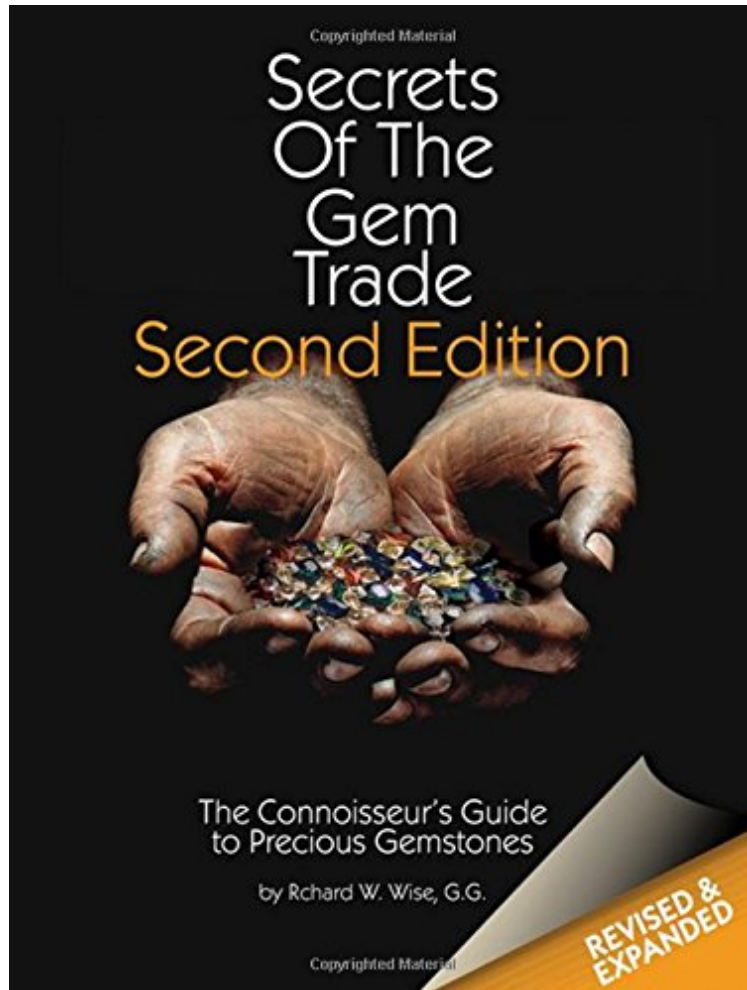


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Gemology, Jeweler's Quarterly and Colored Stone magazines. He has been Gemology Columnist for National Jeweler and Contributing Editor to Gemkey and Gem Market News. From the mines of Burma, to the Black Pearl farms of Tahiti, from the Australian outback to the Brazilian hinterlands, Richard Wise has visited most of the major gemstone producing areas of the world.