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**BUTTERWORTH HEINEMANN GEM BOOKS** cover all the principal gem minerals, with each book in the series dealing with a single species and employing a standard format for the presentation of facts and information. Many gemmological and gem dealers tend to specialize in two or three gemstones, and information on a particular gem species has in the past had to be extracted from books covering the whole field of gemmology. **BUTTERWORTH HEINEMANN GEM BOOKS** allow dealers or collectors to purchase only the information they require, in a well-organized and compact format.

The gem mineral **topaz** is rigorously examined, for the first time, to this concise but thorough review.

All important gemmological attributes of topaz are covered, including a survey of important crystals and gems; chemical, optical, physical and crystallographic properties; colour phenomena and colour change treatments; deposit geology; and a comprehensive description of all important topaz localities on a country-by-country basis.

**Dr Hauser** is a research geophysicist with a lifelong interest in gems, who is active in the field of gemmological research. His book is the only extensive treatment of topaz, and as such represents a long text for gemmologists, dealers, students, collectors, interested lay and anyone else interested in this important gem mineral.

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