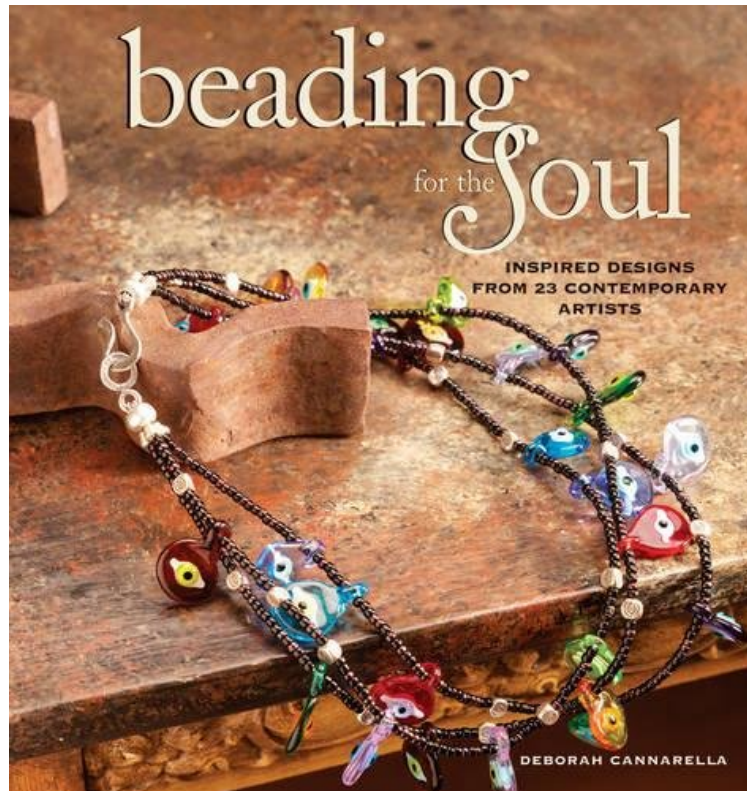


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This book contains no instructions and I should have researched it better before I purchased it. I would not purchase it again because I was really wanting some instructions. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful.
Excellent book
By Kathie Condon
Since I bead and find the process very meditative, this book sounded like an excellent choice. The book is divided into categories. Each give a little bit about the gem stone used and how it is used in different cultures. There are great pictures of finished pieces. This is an excellent book for inspiration of your next project or to see how different gemstones can affect your moods. I highly recommend it.

This collection of projects inspired by myth, symbolism, religion, and personal beliefs is designed for beaders and artists interested in imbuing their work with meaning. The 26 designs range from necklaces and bracelets to wall hangings, bags, an heirloom box, and even a mobile. Each piece has a distinct focus and specific purpose that is elaborated on by its designer, who writes about the significance beading plays in his or her life. The designs are divided into chapters focusing on different aspects: protection, healing, strength, good fortune, prayer, bonding, and remembrance. A wide range of techniques is offered for beadworkers, with some as basic as knotting, seed beading, peyote stitch, brick stitch, ladder stitch, and bead embroidery stitches. More specialized techniques include bead weaving, beading on screen, and painting on glass. Beyond the projects inside, this guide is a starting point for an artist's own creativity and self-expression.

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