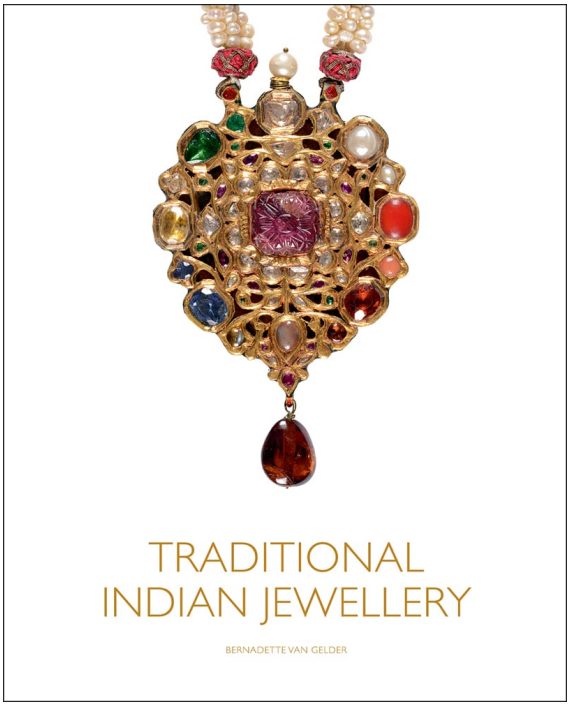
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Bernadette van Gelder founded the firm 'Van Gelder Indian Jewellery' in 1980. She is a frequent face at high quality art fairs.

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