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About the Author Dorothy Wood is an expert beader, craft designer and author who has written over 20 craft books on a variety of subjects and is a regular contributor to numerous craft magazines. Her recent titles for David Charles include the bestselling *The Bearer's Bible* (2008), *Crystal Jewellery Creations* (2010), *The Bead Jewellery Bible* (2011) and *The Knotting Braiding Bible* (2014). In 2012 Dorothy became the first UK Ambassador for Swarovski Elements.