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Beginner's Guide to Goldwork  
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She's an excellent teacher and it's very quaint to see text, typewritten and single spaced, w/o justified typesetting. I sadly say that I would not be able to take this book only and make the projects but that just because I'm more used to spoon-feeding in my embroidery! This is a classic, classy book.

The reference material in the front of the book is general information, planned to help you undertake a silk and metal project of your own, or to work one of the four projects in the book: The bird on the cover, box turtles, a trapunto border, and a Chinese flower, all using both silk and metal threads. The directions approximate a workshop experience, with each step building on the previous one.

About the Author  
Elsa Cose traveled the U. S. extensively for 18 years, giving lectures and conducting workshops for embroiderers' organizations and museums on silk and metal thread embroidery as well as Japanese embroidery. She also authored three correspondence courses for the Embroiderer's Guild of America, as well as numerous magazine articles.