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“For tricks, tips, and some clever ideas, check out *Gel Candles*.” – *New Orleans Times-Picayune*

From the Back Cover

10 easy steps to gel candle crafting

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About the Author

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