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How to spot differences in stones that may appear to be the same quality. How to protect yourself from misrepresentation. Questions to ask when buying any diamond. What to get in writing. How to get what you want within your budget. Important information about buying on the Internet and much more! Written by an insider, this easy-to-read guide is the unofficial diamond bible for anyone who wants to get the most for their money and enjoy what they have purchased.

DIAMONDS: THE ANTOINETTE MATLINS BUYING GUIDE appears in an updated third expanded edition to survey the basics of selecting and caring for diamonds. It's been updated with all the basic information on new ways to buy - such as on the Internet - and covers everything from understanding grading and comparing prices to spotting misrepresentation and inconsistencies in diamonds. From what to ask to what to get in writing, this is a top recommendation for any consumer or gemstone reference collection. (California Bookwatch) About the Author Antoinette Matlins, PG, FGA, is an internationally respected gem and jewelry expert, author and lecturer. With over 1 million copies of her seven books in print in nine languages, she is the most widely read author in the world on the subject of jewelry and gems. Honored with the international Accredited Gemologists Association's highest award for excellence in gemology, Ms. Matlins books are widely used throughout the world by consumers and professionals in the gem and jewelry field. Her books include *Jewelry Gems: The Buying Guide* (over 400,000 copies now in print the only book of its kind ever offered by Consumer Reports); *Colored Gemstones: The Antoinette Matlins Buying Guide*; *The Pearl Book: The Definitive Buying Guide*; *Gem Identification Made Easy*; *Engagement Wedding Rings: The Definitive Buying Guide for People in Love*; and *Jewelry Gems at Auction: The Definitive Guide to Buying Selling at the Auction House on Internet Auction Sites* (all GemStone Press). Former gemology editor of *National Jeweler* magazine, her articles and comments on buying and selling gems and jewelry and on gem investment have appeared in many national and international consumer and trade publications. She is also the author of the "Gemstones" chapter in the *Encyclopedia of Investments*, second edition. Ms. Matlins has gained wide recognition as a dedicated consumer advocate, and continues to spearhead the Accredited Gemologists Association's nationwide campaign against gemstone investment telemarketing scams and other types of consumer misrepresentation. A popular media guest, she has been seen on ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN, educating consumers about gems and jewelry and exposing fraud. In addition to her educational work, Ms. Matlins is retained by clients worldwide to seek fine, rare or unusual gems and jewels for acquisition.