

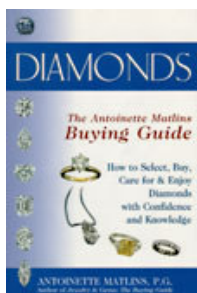
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"Diamonds, The Antoinette Matlins Buying Guide"

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The Bottom Line

An Excellent book for anyone who wants to purchase or learn more about diamonds. Twelve pages packed with color photos.

Pros

- Step-by-step approach is easy to comprehend.
- Line drawings enhance explanations.
- All terms used are clearly defined.

Cons

- Pricing guides could become outdated.

Description

- Chapters devoted to each of the Four C's: diamond color, cut, clarity, and carat weight.
- Examples of diamond grading reports and tips to help you learn to read them.
- Advice to help you spot a diamond imposter or a diamond that's being misrepresented.
- Details about diamond enhancements and other treatments applied to diamonds.
- Information about diamond synthesis and how it might affect the market.
- Price comparisons for different grades of diamonds. Tips for internet purchases.
- A chapter about fancy colored diamonds.
- Practical advice to help you choose a setting. Diamond care instructions.
- Suggestions for questions you should ask before you buy diamond jewelry.

Guide Review - "Diamonds, The Antoinette Matlins Buying Guide"

Ms. Matlins always knows exactly when we're ready for more information--a quality I've noticed in all of her books. She skillfully introduces a topic, then puts it aside temporarily while she gives us the information we need to understand it more fully. After the supporting facts are explained, she returns to the first topic full-force. This book is an excellent reference for anyone looking for advice and information about diamonds that only a jewelry insider can give. It contains all of the information you need to find and purchase a fine diamond, one that you love and can afford. You'll refer to this book often during your search for a diamond ring or other diamond jewelry.

DIAMONDS, 2nd Ed: The Antoinette Matlins Buying Guide (6" x 9", 228 pp. with 12 in full color and 200+ b/w and color illustrations and photos, Quality Paperback Original, ISBN 978-0-943763-46-0, \$18.99) is available from Barnes & Noble, Borders, Books-a-Million, Doubleday, Indigo/Chapters, amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and many other booksellers, or directly from GemStone Press, P.O. Box 237, Woodstock, VT 05091. Tel. (802) 457-4000, Fax (802) 457-4004, www.gemstonepress.com. For credit card orders, call (800) 962-4544. Add \$3.95 shipping and handling for the first book, \$2.00 for each additional book.