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# *The Gem Hunter Uncovers Veil of Mystery and Intrigue Surrounding Afghanistan in The Gem Hunter, True Adventures of an American in Afghanistan*

## *Author Gary Bowersox Called a 'Modern Day Indiana Jones'*

**Honolulu, HI--** Drawing on more than 32 years experience, Gary W. Bowersox offers a panoramic view of an Afghanistan that remains a mystery to most Americans.

Bowersox, author of ***The Gem Hunter, True Adventures of an American in Afghanistan*** (ISBN 0-9747323-1-1 \$29.95 505 pages), spent 32 years in Afghanistan to discover precious gems and lead an exciting life. He finds both, but not without risking his life avoiding war, corruption and diseases. The book is available from the publisher at: [www.thegemhunter.net](http://www.thegemhunter.net) or by calling 877-612-9078.

Bowersox was described as a "modern day Indiana Jones" by Diane Sawyer on Good Morning America, "Except Indiana Jones never had live rounds fired over his head," Bowersox quickly adds.

With Saddam Hussein sitting in prison somewhere, the U.S. military, government and its citizens are far more interested in the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden. Bowersox, who once stood next to Bin Laden, knows more than anyone else about the sites where the World's Most Wanted may be hiding.

One of the few Americans who knows Afghanistan like the back of his hand, Bowersox also knows who is protecting Bin Laden and why, and why Bin Laden could not have remained "hidden" this long without major support from "friends."

Bowersox was personal friends with the late Ahmed Shah Massoud, the Northern Alliance leader Bin Laden had assassinated a few days before the events of September 11, 2001.

A world renowned gem hunter, explorer and author, Bowersox served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Defense shortly after September 11<sup>th</sup>. "The Department of Defense wanted

to know about Afghanistan -- where the landmines were, the tunnels, where the troops were, and who's who in the Northern Alliance and where their loyalties lay," explains Bowersox

While travelling in Afghanistan, Bowersox has met numerous characters from Presidents to soldiers to spies to horse traders. In *Gem Hunter*, he introduces these characters to readers and shares experiences of danger and intrigues of this land of mystery.

Bowersox has traveled to more than 80 countries and worked with gem miners in Afghanistan, Brazil, Burma, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. He has chaired eight symposiums from 1982 to 2001 on gems and minerals of Afghanistan, and was presenter/consultant on "The Gem Hunter in Afghanistan 2001", a 50-minute television documentary.

For anyone interested in Afghanistan, gems, geography, politics, or in a "Virtual Who's Who" in Afghanistan, the *Gem Hunter* will not only be a good read but the only read.

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