



Sample Media Questions for Gary Bowersox

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The Gem Hunter, True Adventures of an American in Afghanistan (ISBN 0-9747323-1-1) \$29.95 - 505 pages is available from fine booksellers everywhere or through the publisher www.thegemhunter.net or by calling 877-612-9078.

1. What type of consulting do you do for the department of defense?
2. If you went looking for Bin Laden tomorrow, where's the first location you would go?
3. Who are the people who are helping Bin Laden hide and why are they helping him?
4. Princess Diana tried to focus world attention on the dangers of abandoned land mines throughout the world. How serious is this problem in Afghanistan today?
5. How many times were you actually under rocket attacks in Afghanistan? Tell me about those incidents.
6. You wrote that America has a knack for picking the wrong allies in Afghanistan. With whom should we align ourselves? What mistakes has the U.S. and other countries made in Afghanistan?
7. Would you describe yourself as an expert on Afghanistan? How many other people in the world can claim to be an expert on Afghanistan?
8. What makes the Afghans different from other cultures you have encountered on your travels? Why do you seem so fascinated by this country and its people?
9. Will the Afghans ever become educated enough to become self-sufficient so that the country's wealth is spread around and not exploited by a few?
10. What are the employment prospects for Afghans beyond being miners in the gem mining industry?
11. In what ways can the U.S. be more helpful to Afghanistan as it seeks peace and a new future?
12. How difficult was it to traverse the rugged mountains to reach the emerald mines of the Panisher Valley? Were there no easier routes?
13. How long did you spend writing the Gem Hunter?
14. Your company, GeoVision, has a collection of more than 60,000 gems. How does that compare in size with other collections in the U.S. or world?
15. Looking back on your more than 30 years of travel, adventure and exploration, what would you say is your greatest accomplishment?
16. What is your greatest personal reward from your travels around Afghanistan?