

# Where in the world is ERICA COURTNEY®?



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## NEW & NOTEWORTHY GEMS

This past month Erica exhibited at the AGTA gem show in Tucson, AZ. This show is one of her favorite times of the year.

Of course it wouldn't have been a great show if she had not returned with some amazing souvenirs. Here is a sneak peek of what she got.

Stay tuned to see what she has in store for them!



68.41ct Amethyst

7.71ct Paraiba Tourmaline

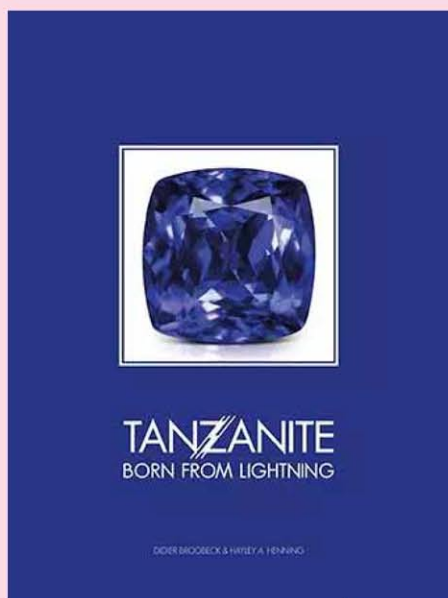
8.87ct Malaya Garnet

A Paraiba Tourmaline in this tone and color is extremely *rare*.

Malaya garnets are *the next big thing* in the industry. This gem displays such a cool and interesting mix of colors.

*Did you know?* Amethyst is February's birthstone.

## #MUSTREAD



Hayley Henning & Didier Brodbeck's new book

Hayley and Didier did an amazing job at narrating the history of this beautiful gemstone and its journey through the jewelry industry.



Erica's Tanzanite "Aurora" necklace with Pink Sapphires

"African folklore tells of massive thunderstorms and bolts of lightning that set alight the plains in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. When the flames died down and the ashes settled, shimmering blue-violet crystals appeared, leaving the landscape scattered with sparkle."

Hayley A. Henning Introduction, *Tanzanite Born from Lightning* (2016)

## THIS MONTH'S OBSESSIONS



I love the color combination, it's like an African sunset! These stones (Mandarin Garnet and Mahengue Spinel) individually are super rare in their own right, but to have them together in one ring... is a whole new level.

- Mariana



When most people think of opals they think of a burst of rainbow flashes, but the fascinating thing about opals is it comes in many varieties. The "Fuego" earrings perfectly showcase how two very different opals can come together to make one beautiful piece.

-Sheila