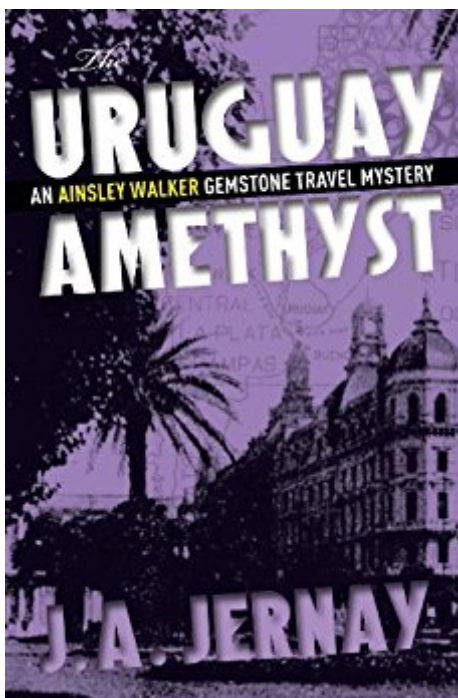


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# The Uruguay Amethyst (An Ainsley Walker Gemstone Travel Mystery)



## Synopsis

-- #1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR -- MYSTERY AND TRAVEL (January 27, 2015) “Well-paced and skillfully told, with an outstanding sense of place, an enjoyable main character, and entertaining supporting cast.... [It] swept me off my feet.” -- Venus de Hilo, 5-star review “A delightful book ... it will enchant you with exotic places and interesting characters.” -- Linda Osborn, 5-star review For fans of Nora Roberts and Janet Evanovich. Dumped by her husband just as he finishes law school, and disillusioned by her loss of another unsatisfying office job, Ainsley Walker is approaching thirty with nothing to show for it. THEN She accepts an offer from an elderly art dealer to travel to the country of Uruguay • the forgotten jewel of South America • to purchase a valuable amethyst treasure, El Árbol Negro. In a runaway adventure that propels her from historic auction houses to remote villages, from beef ranches to elite beach resorts, Ainsley finds joy, pain, friendship, duplicity, and murder -- and, most importantly, a new purpose in life. From an author who worked on the foreign desk of The Washington Post who explored North and South America for nearly twelve months who was a finalist in a prestigious short story contest sponsored by the estate of F. Scott Fitzgerald comes a travel adventure that will change the way you see your life. Length: Approximately 74,000 words. Second in the series. Praise for the Ainsley Walker Gemstone Travel Mystery series: “...an exciting new writer.” -- Pamela Barrett, 5-star review “The writing is tight, I just love the main character ... I can’t wait to read more about where her adventures take her!” -- Kenetha Stanton “I recommend this to anyone ... it is definitely worth the money.” -- J Bronder, 5-star review

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## Customer Reviews

This story is a brisk, entertaining romp in the vehicle of a stolen gemstone mystery. J.A. Jernay takes the reader on the adventurous journey through Uruguay as experienced by Ainsley Walker, a young and fashionable sleuth who stumbles into the detective business (see the teaser prelude "The American Turquoise"). The book is as much a tour of Uruguay as it is a mystery, and it succeeds at both. Jernay delivers an authentic-feeling rendering of the history, customs, geography, and language of that country that makes you want to go there. As a mystery, it may not be at the level of Raymond Chandler, but it definitely pulls you along and holds your interest. This book will appeal to anyone who wants a quick, fun escape to another place, particularly if they are into travel and learning about other cultures. The fashion and jewelry leitmotifs seem geared towards a female readership, but otherwise, the story is likely to be enjoyed by men as well. Sketching a country with historical and cultural strokes, and tying this in with a fast storyline is something Jernay does well, and I look forward to other books in this series.

Growing up in Montevideo, Uruguay, and being a fan of amethysts AND mystery novels, I figured this book would be right up my alley... I was NOT disappointed! She describes the country I remember as a child, which amuses me because this means the country probably hasn't changed much since then. Ainsley Walker is a great character, rounded out with flaws and insecurities, but strong enough to hold her own in a new country. I can't wait to continue with her on her travels to new countries, and maybe one day tracing her journey myself through city and countryside.

I stumbled across this series while looking for beach reads for my vacation to Mexico. I wanted mystery set in an exotic local and found it! Ainsley, the main character, was thoroughly modern, smart and sharp. The ups and downs she encountered kept my interest and never let up. I look forward to following her in more adventures!

I love Ainsley and her adventures. I couldn't put this one down. Just purchased the next book in the series.

this is light reading with an opportunity to learn about other countries and gems. definately sounds like she's been in the locale. wish the protagonist had a better vocabulary.

This was a nice read for the beach. The twists and turns kept it moving and the characters are interesting. Great description of Uruguay and some of the culture and traditions found there.

As a gem loving silver crafter, and a mystery lover, I was really excited about this story. But it left me wanting. I'll try another because I think/hope the stories might get better.

A breezy good read that has Ainsley Walker chasing amethysts into the depths of Uruguay. Her character is always on the move.

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