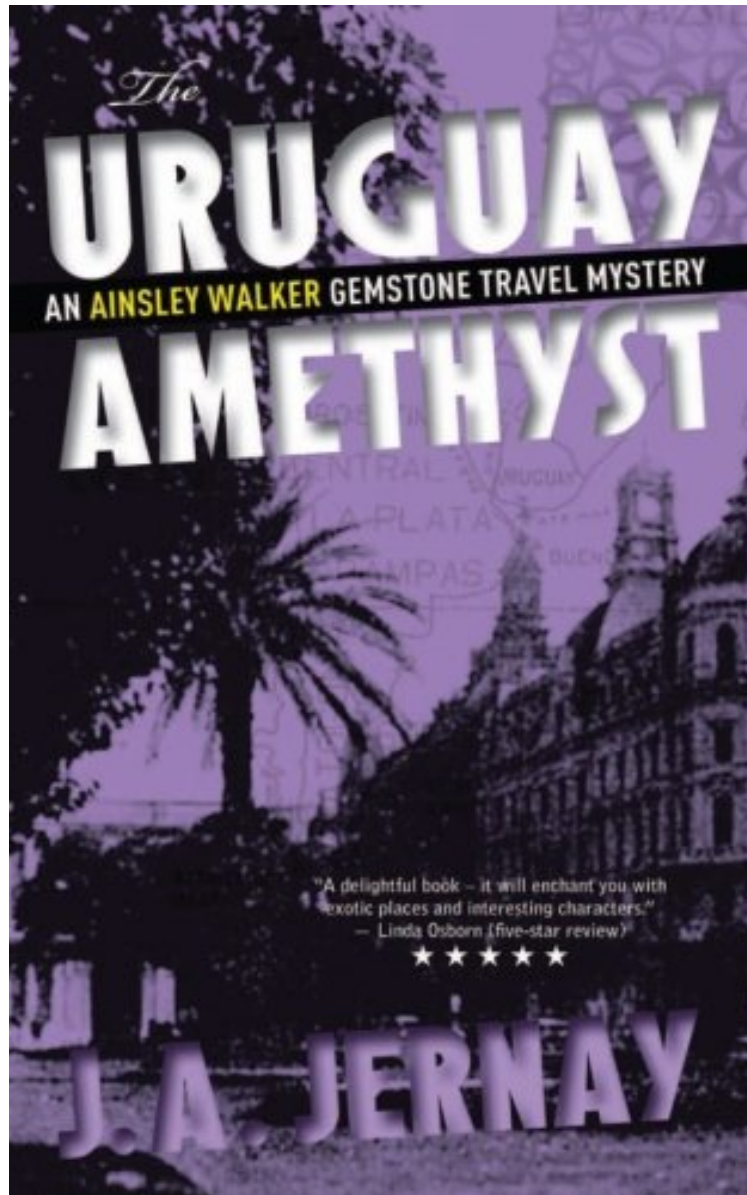


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**J.A. Jernay : The Uruguay Amethyst (An Ainsley Walker Gemstone Travel Mystery)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Uruguay Amethyst (An Ainsley Walker Gemstone Travel Mystery):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fast-paced, culturally rich adventure  
By B. Till  
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.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really very wonderful...  
By Ericka Rossani  
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.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thrilled to have found this series!  
By Emily SI  
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!

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 rbol 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. Second in the series.