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### About the Author

Richard Hughes is one of the world's foremost authorities on ruby and sapphire. A Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain (Gem-A), he is also an Accredited Gemologist from Bangkok's Asian Institute of Gemological Sciences.

While a native of the United States, Hughes has spent more than two decades in Asia, where his interest in precious stones was first kindled. He has traveled to scores of countries in search of precious stones and authored four books and over 150 articles on gems and gemology.

Richard's irreverent writing style has attracted a widespread following throughout the world, making him much in demand as both speaker and writer. He is recognized for his ability to take complex subjects and make them both compelling and easily understood.

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