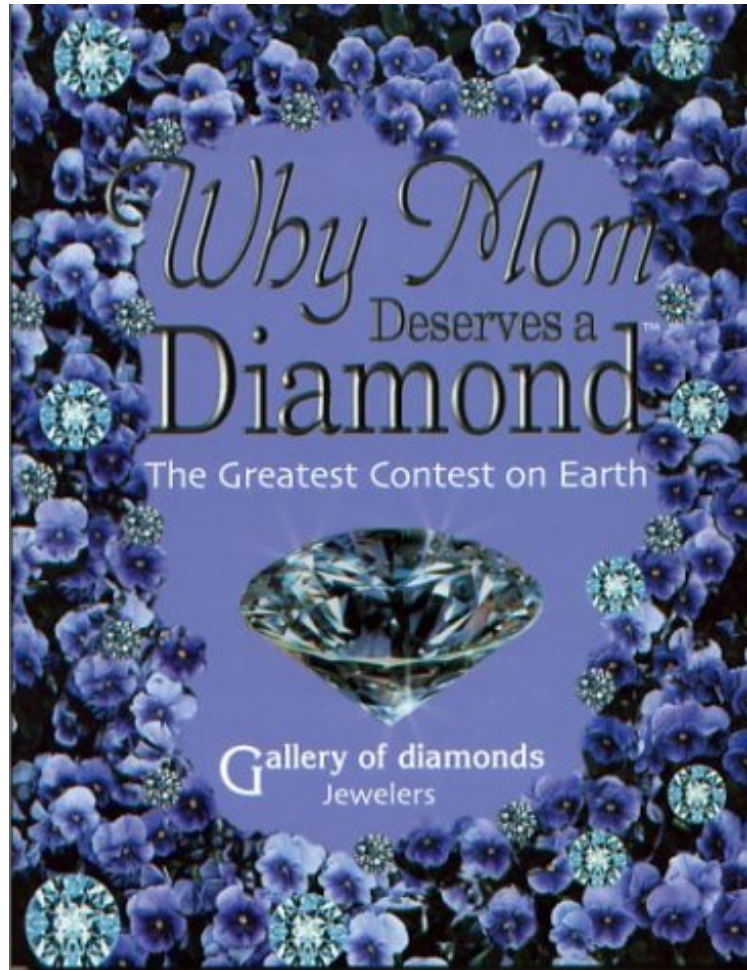


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Phonethibsavads. About the Author Never knowing his natural parents, Michael Watson was adopted when he was three days old. He spent most of his life in New Albany, Indiana, and graduated with a business degree from Indiana University. Intrigued with the beauty of precious diamonds, Watson spent the next ten years working for an Indianapolis-based jewelry chain. He relocated to Costa Mesa, California, and founded Gallery of Diamonds Jewelers in 1991. Watson is a Gemological Institute of America-trained gemologist and a member of the American Adoption Congress. He has helped thousands of people across the nation select diamonds as a symbol of their love. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Mom is a masterpiece created with love. Her sparkling smile shines from above. Bountiful in kindness she proceeds with great care. Without knowing how much I appreciate her there. Alyssa Connella- Diamond Winner. Grade 7. Behold the ark that bears the covenant of conception. From her womb the living bond arose. And so it is I must behold, my mother, the temple of creation. Jesus Hernandez- Diamond Winner. Grade 12.