

Diamonds in my Pocket: Tales from a Childhood in Asia By Amanda Kovattana Her writing thus captures her circumstances of being part of her Thai family culture and part of her San Francisco Bay Area culture (such as it was in the '60s and '70s) yet with part of her outside of each. Kindle Edition Only child of a beautiful blond English expatriate and the brilliant scion of an upper class Thai family Amanda Kovattana came of age in the long-vanished world of aristocratic Bangkok. In this exquisitely-rendered memoir Kovattana produces a chiaroscuro canvas full of sights and sounds and smells of daily lives textured by honor and tradition of a family ruptured by deceit and jealousy. Caught in a web of tensions between her mother and father between East and West the Old World and the New the author finally uncovers the long-buried secrets of her own soul.

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