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## *My Favorite "Gems"*

*were written and printed just for fun, and just for friends.*

I started to write a dozen of my favorite writing Gems, but on and on it went until six volumes, and 1,798 pages were filled. It became a different book when I decided to add photos. Since color is expensive to print, I had the computer remove the color. These photos, and many more, are available on my web site, in full color, each with a story.

And most are so much better in color.

<http://www.travel-tidbits.com/>

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The Gem Books were Printed September, 2008,  
not really Published, but just for fun.

Questions, comments, criticisms are all appreciated. But don't  
brag if you find a duplicate photo, or even a duplicate Gem.  
At least some are on purpose.

If you see a page you would like to read again, fold the corner,  
or scribble with pen or pencil, that's the only way to find it.

*Also, the best Gem in the Book is  
just a few pages past the last one you read,  
so don't give up!!!*

## **Our Travel Concept and Pattern Includes**

*If we have no schedule, we aren't late.*

*If we don't care where we are, we aren't lost.*

*If we have no itinerary we're exactly where we ought to be.*

*If we can't see IT this trip, we'll see IT next time.*

**First I wrote three books about our travels. I liked the little stories, so wrote the Snippet books, filled with one-paragraph stories. As I read them, I liked the "kernel," the seed of those stories, so edited them to a couple of sentences, then placed each Gem on a page, and used different sized type fonts to fill the page. Some of them look like they could be framed as a plaque.**

*My Gems are short Snippets.*

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## *Ten Books, Seventeen Volumes, about our Travels*

“Invitation to...” Series (2001) Or as John Steinbeck might have said, **Travels With Emmy**

**Book 1**

### **INVITATION TO FRANCE**

Our travels in France have been a thoroughly enjoyable experience - truly, it's an exciting and beautiful country.

**Book 2**

### **INVITATION TO GERMANY**

A vacation trip to Germany can be a trip through many different settings, representing many periods of history.

**Book 3**

### **INVITATION TO ITALY**

A trip to Italy is unlike any other trip imaginable.  
A beautiful, confounding, exciting, educational experience  
That will be remembered for a lifetime

**Book 4A**

Jim and Emmy's Personal Snippets (2007)  
This Book is dedicated as a Memorial to Emmy, my most Beautiful,  
most Fabulous Wife for nearly 55 years.

**Book 4B**

Jim and Emmy's Travel Snippets (2007)  
This Book is dedicated as a Memorial to Emmy, my most Wonderful  
Travel Companion for nearly 55 years.  
(One Volume, Two Books, back to back)

# Jim's Six Volumes of Gems

Two Books per Volume, one at each end.

Book 5A

Sweetie Gems

Book 5B

Jim's Gems

Book 6A

Travel Anecdotes and Gems

Book 6B

RV Gems

Other Than Europe Gems

Book 7A

French Gems

Book 7B

A Few Favorites

Andorra Gems

Monaco Gems

Morocco Gems

Spain/Portugal Gems

Book 8A

Italy Gems

Book 8B

San Marino Gems

Vatican Gems

Book 9A

German Gems

Book 9B

Austria Gems

Benelux Gems

Lichtenstein Gems

Switzerland Gems

Book 10A

Great Britian Gems

Iceland Gems

Ireland Gems

Poland Gems

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Hungary Gems

Turkey Gem

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Yugoslavia Gems

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