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WHICH GARNET?

When garnet, the birthstone for January, is mentioned, most people are likely to think about a red gemstone. This reaction is only natural because the most popular garnet in jewelry is "pyrope," which is always a shade of red. However, the gemstone family "garnet" is composed of more than ten different gemstones that display slight variations in color. Among the most desirable of these is the green variety of andradite garnet known as "demantoid." Its name is derived from the Dutch word for "diamond" ("demant") because its brilliance is greater than that of diamond. As far as color is concerned, at its best, its green hue rivals emerald. Those familiar with demantoid never

think of garnet the same way again.

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