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# Magnificent Moonstone

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**M**oonstone is a variety of feldspar minerals, the most widespread mineral in the earth's crust. When these minerals combine and cool, they separate into alternating layers. When light falls between the layers, rolling across the gem's surface and scattering in all directions, it produces the phenomenon called adularescence, the desirable, cool, soft shimmer and warm, glowing, mystical appearance of magnificent moonstone.

Feldspar minerals create body colors ranging from colorless to gray, brown, yellow, green, or pink, and the adularescence is usually a white to a silvery sheen. Rarely, colorless specimens of feldspar will produce a spectacular blue adularescence. This

phenomenon is often called "blue flash" or "blue sheen" adularescence. These specimens are rare and extremely desirable.

An even rarer occurrence is when moonstone exhibits a spectrum of iridescent colors, known as rainbow moonstone. This phenomenon occurs when white light is separated into its spectral colors while passing through the stone.

Moonstone's delicate beauty and its long-established legacy make it perhaps the most familiar gem-quality member of the feldspar group. One of Mother Nature's treasures, moonstones like to be looked at, are admired for their sensual play of light and mystery, making them an ideal gemstone for jewelry with feminine aura.

BIRTHSTONE OF THE MONTH:

Opal



Tourmaline



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