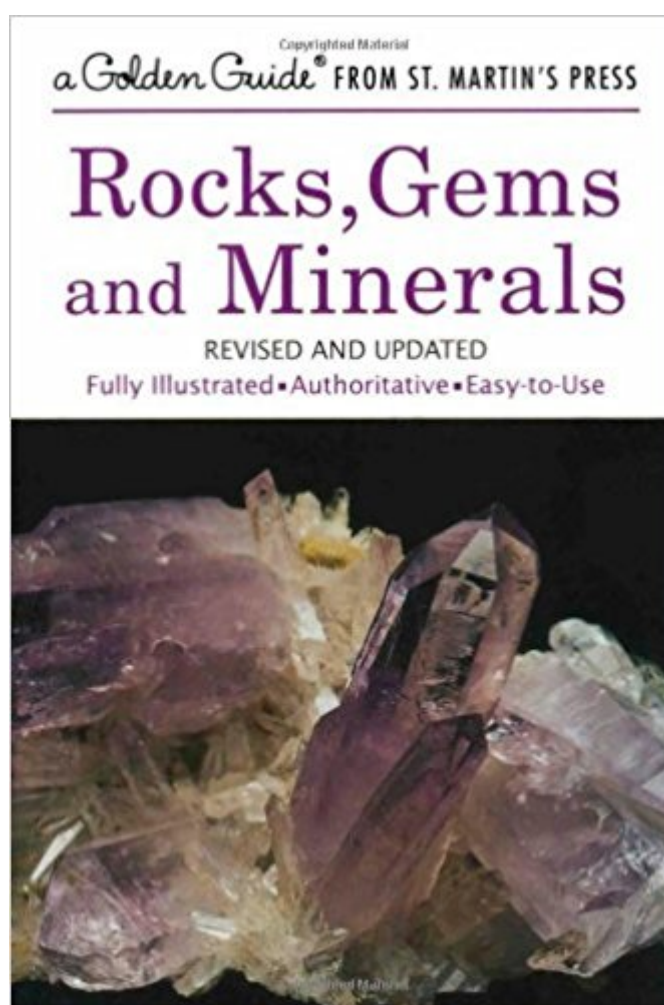


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# Rocks, Gems And Minerals: A Fully Illustrated, Authoritative And Easy-to-Use Guide (A Golden Guide From St. Martin's Press)



## Synopsis

This handy identification guide to the most common kinds of rocks and minerals offers concise and fascinating information on:- Physical and chemical properties- Origins and geologic significance- Gems and semiprecious stones- How to find and collect specimens Illustrated in full color throughout, Rocks, Gems and Minerals is a gem of a guide for rockhounds and mineral collectors!

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I am a science teacher and I have used this book in the classroom. It is an excellent guide for beginners. Minerals are classified in 4 practical categories: Metallic, Nonmetallic, Gem, Rock Forming. This is more user friendly than the chemical classifications used by geologists. The economic uses of each mineral are also mentioned. There is a section describing the various tests used to identify minerals (some of the professional tests shown here are not found in any other guide). The chapters on rocks are not as extensive as I would like. Many rock types are not included. But it provides a solid intro. Economic minerals including soil, fossil fuels, clay, and gravel make this a well rounded book.

Very well illustrated.

I bought this for my 13 yr old grandson but with all the information, illustrations and locations of where to find everything it is perfect for any enthusiast wanting to take along. It is small enough as a paperback but the pix are large enough to help the beginner or more experienced alike. This is is very helpful and my grandson loved it.

Purchased for granddaughter, age 5, and she loves all of these books about nature. I read to her about the things she gets interested in by the pictures.

It is a smaller book but I like that about it because it is easy to put in a pocket/backpack/bag to take it with you for identifying. I bought it for my nephew, it is great for little hands and has nice colored pages.

I loved looking for rocks and gems as a kid, and I still do, so I had to check out this book when I found it. It's been a great read so far, and is just right for someone like me who is a rock and gem enthusiast and an amateur geologist.

Purchased awhile back. Very useful.

I am giving a young man (7 year old) a Rock Tumbler for Christmas because he loves rocks. This book & another book I purchased from will go in his stocking. I looked thru this book & I really enjoyed it & I know he will like it too.

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