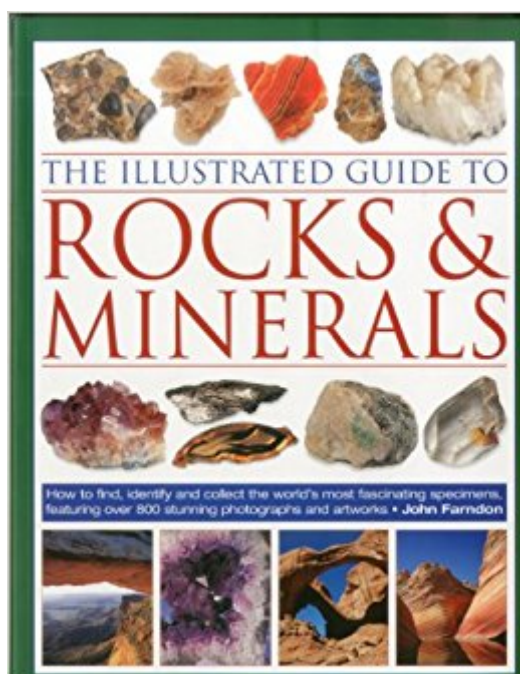


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The Illustrated Guide To Rocks & Minerals: How To Find, Identify And Collect The World's Most Fascinating Specimens, Featuring Over 800 Stunning Photographs And Artworks



Synopsis

This is the ultimate photographic guide to the world of rocks and minerals, and how to build a collection, featuring over 800 stunning photographs and artworks. This is the ultimate visual encyclopedia of rocks and minerals, with a directory of over 300 specimens. It instructs the amateur geologist on how to identify and extract samples safely, clean and store specimens, and build and present their own unique collection.

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John Farndon studied Earth Science at Cambridge University, UK, and has written a number of books and articles on the subject since, including Dorling Kindersley's Dictionary of the Earth, and the Rocks and Minerals section of their multimedia Earth science project. He has also written The Rock and Crystal Collection (Sterling), Collecting Minerals (Sterling) and Rocks and Minerals (Benchmark Books).

A lot of beautiful pictures of rocks! And good explanations of physical structure and chemical composition of rocks and minerals. A wonderful gift for someone who already collects rocks or possesses rock collections. Or do I have this backwards? Perhaps this book is just the thing to get a person interested in collecting rocks or purchasing rock collections!

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it is a big book , i perhaps should have looked for book for dummies ... it has a lot of words i need a dictionary for and lots of pictures but they are mostly small and dark , i was hoping more for clarification in pictures to compare . It does have wonderful information and great for young in school person where small print and small pictures aren't a problem. I need the large print edition. * smiles *

Informative guide for both beginning and experienced rock hounds. I am giving it to my grandson who has a rock and mineral collection and reads adult-level books even though he is only 9 years old. Beautiful illustrations; good content; large size pages---he and the family will love it and use it for many years to come. I highly recommend this book for adults as well.

This book is helpful and I do recommend it, however, I'm new to collecting rocks/minerals and this book is a wee bit over my head. I would like to see more detailed pictures and descriptions in simple English.

This was for my 11 year old grandson who really enjoys reading about rocks as well as studying about them. He loved the book.

Purchased for my mother. She hunts for rocks and this has been a helpful resource

This instructional guide was superb! It revealed clear illustrations for identifications, plus it was packed with scientific knowledge sure to educate the novice rock and mineral collector such as myself.

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