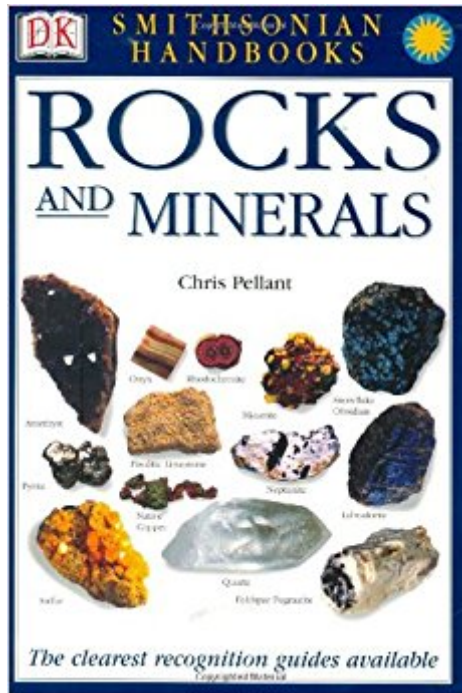


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# Smithsonian Handbooks: Rocks & Minerals (Smithsonian Handbooks)



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Created in association with Smithsonian Institution, this authoritative guide features more than 500 rocks and minerals. Packed with photographs and details on characteristics, distinguishing features, and more, Smithsonian Handbooks: Rocks and Minerals makes identification easy. Designed for beginning and experienced collectors alike, this guide explains what rocks and minerals are, how they are classified, and how to start a collection. Look up different rocks and minerals, and find clear, annotated photography to pick out the key distinguishing features. Learn the differences between igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks, and reference the glossary for many more technical and scientific terms. Smithsonian Handbooks: Rocks and Minerals is filled with information about characteristics, colors, unique attributes, and more, making it one of the clearest identification guides for rock and mineral enthusiasts.

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I bought the Smithsonian Handbooks: Rocks & Minerals by Chris Pellant on . It arrived well packaged and in a timely manner. This is much more than a kids book to help with a rock collection. The book is well written and easy to follow and understand. It contains detailed information, photographs and characteristics on over 500 rocks and minerals. It is both an excellent beginners book and a reference guide.

Fabulous book for anyone who is interested in rocks. I especially love that it's a smaller book, so it

will easily fit into a backpack to use out on the trail. Beautiful pictures.

The information in this book is very good but the print quality is bad. Colors are not rich; they look a bit faded. The reds are not bright at all. Maybe I was expecting a book with beautiful pictures, other than a field guide, but that was my initial impression upon receiving it.

I didn't make sure what condition it was in so I got one that is starting to fall apart. I wish I had gotten a like new, or every good, since I use it a lot. I use this every week for some rock or mineral.

I BOUGHT THIS FINE BOOK AS A GIFT FOR A YOUNG RELATIVE WHO HAS BECOME VERY INTERESTED IN GEOLOGY. I TOO STUDIED ROCKS AND MINERALS WHEN I WAS YOUNGER AND HAD A PRETTY GOOD COLLECTION OF ROCK SAMPLES. FROM THIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, I WAS REALLY ABLE TO CHOOSE A GOOD PICTURE SOURCE TO HELP MY NEPHEW. I CAN'T PRAISE THIS BEAUTIFUL BOOK ENOUGH. THE PICTURES ARE A SUPERB TUTOR FOR THE ROCK HOUND. IT'S A SIMTHSONIAN BOOK WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN HARD COVER AND PAPERBACK VERSIONS. I BOUGHT THE PAPERBACK. IT'S PERFECT.

Had a brief chance to skim the book before wrapping it and sending to my 10 year old granddaughter who is a real rockhound! When I visited her a few days later for Christmas, she opened the present I gave her that had the rocks and fossil that I gave her and was so excited - then opened the book. Now understand that she doesn't normally like books, but the smile that came across her face when she saw it said it all - she loved it!! She commented later after she had a chance to look at the book in depth that she would now be able to figure out what some of the rocks were that she had collected on her rock hunting expeditions. I read the book more in depth, and was very impressed by the breadth and depth of the book as well as the photos. Some of the terminology is above her reading level, but she can pick the meanings up in time and better understand how rocks and minerals are formed and the best places to find the rocks and minerals she is looking for. Great book I would recommend, especially for a rock collecting beginner.

A good product that came as described, good price and it shipped on time... very pleased.

Nice pictures to identify

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