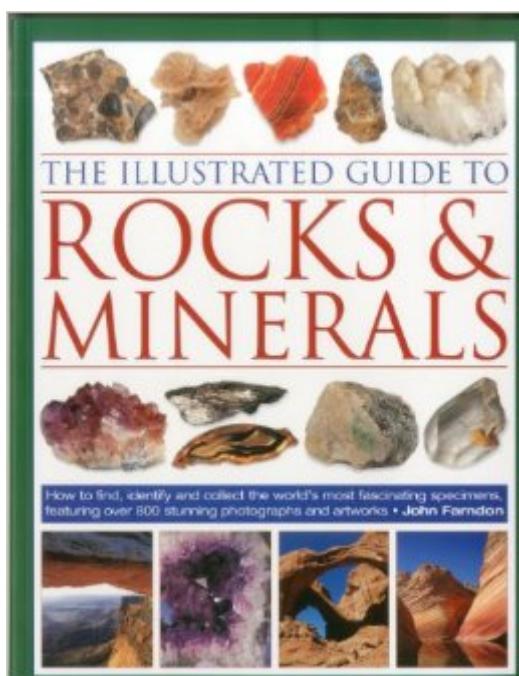


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# The Illustrated Guide To Rocks & Minerals: How To Find, Identify And Collect The World's Most Fascinating Specimens, Featuring Over 800 Stunning Photographs And Artworks



## **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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Wonderful illustrated guide book that includes beautifully photographed plates, and explains the mineralogical characteristics of all the specimens. Very easy book to read and enjoy, which will help you learn about or classify your finds. Great for a rock hound or even a good beginners book. If my review helped you, please click on "helpful" below. Thanks.

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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.

As a guidebook, this is an excellent resource, particularly for those who've either a core knowledge of geology established through learning on their own or anyone who has taken a formal Geology course and want a resource other than a textbook. Make no mistake, it is not a textbook; it wasn't designed to be. While the facts are presented adequately, many underlying processes, factors, and principles are absent. This is expected of a book of this kind. At 249 pages, the book covers rocks and minerals very well and includes very good photos for examples. One aspect of the book I appreciate is its different perspective in explaining things. This gives the reader who may have had difficulty understanding a particular topic from the pages of a text or other book another opportunity to grasp the concept/facts. The book text is very well written and "just right" for the anticipated reader audience; not too simple but not overly technical either. I gave the book four stars only because of the implication of "perfect" that five stars has, but the book is probably the best of its kind I've seen. I highly recommend the book to anyone interested in rocks and minerals!

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.

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