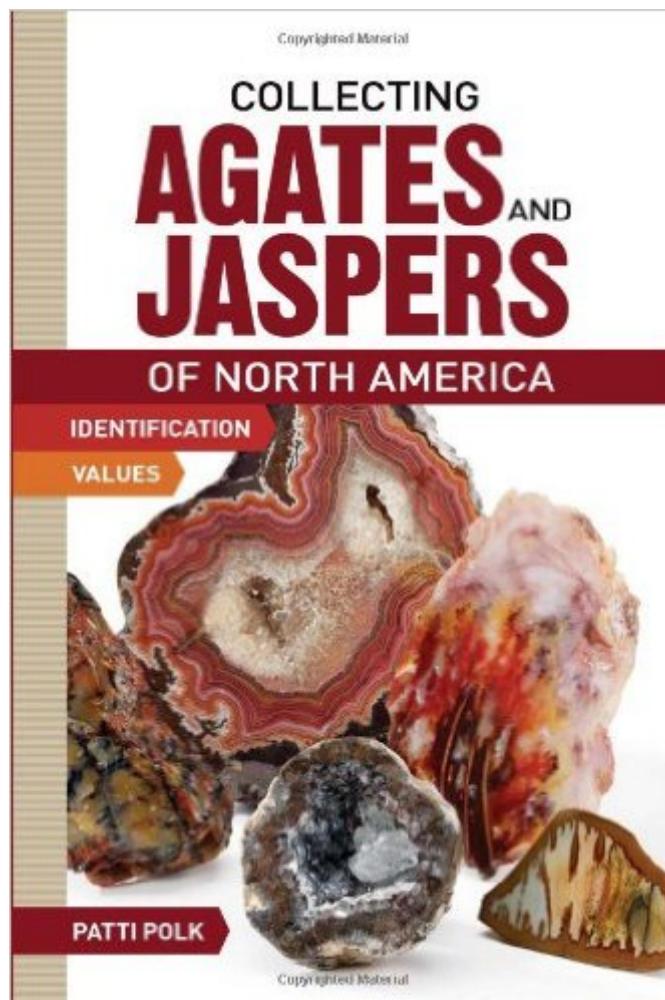


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# Collecting Agates And Jaspers Of North America



## **Synopsis**

Treasures of the EarthFrom the author of "Collecting Rocks, Gems and Minerals" and one of the leading agate collectors in the world, comes this comprehensive guide to collecting agates and jaspers, the most sought after types of collectible rocks on the market today. Designed with all beginners in mind, yet filled with valuable technical information for advanced enthusiasts, "Collecting Agates and Jaspers" helps rockhounds discover these treasures of North America. The only book on agates and jaspers to offer values. Featuring nearly 700 beautiful color pictures, descriptions and technical information, the book provides an easy-to-use, quick reference format perfect for home and field. Organized by U.S. states and provinces in Canada and Mexico, with introductions pinpointing each area's best spots and what you can find there.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The photos in this book are incredible. (Hence the 1 star). They show you exactly what is available out there and gives a nice estimate of pricing. Unfortunately, it doesn't give details on where to look. Example: Very Rare Mojave Blue agate - A beautiful photograph and the description where to find it - The Mojave desert. No kidding? Or Poppy Jasper - Mariposa County CA. Just a little hint would have been nice. Another thing is that all of the photos are of polished specimens. I want to see what they look like laying on the ground. I'll never get to the polished stage if I can't find them. There is nothing in this book about "collecting" other than getting out there like the author and poking around. A truer title would be "A photographic catalog of my Agate and Jasper collection." If you

want a pretty book of what's out there, this is the one. If you want one on collecting, try "Gem Trails of ...." books for details of where to go to and what to look for.

It is what I expected, having owned one of the author's previous books. A previous reviewer noted that it looked like someone's collection which it probably is, but also from collections of other people as well. This same reviewer noted too that the author showed the polished product but not what the samples look like in the rough. Actually this book does contain some pics of what they look like in the rough but not for all samples, probably because they look very similar to each other in the rough. But I do sympathize with the reviewer; as a newbie, I'd like a big visual book that shows what cool samples look like in the rough.

I really love this book for identifying my collection of agates and jasper and recommends to everyone. Beautiful photos and much useful information. I show it to all my friends and had several of my fellow collector buy it. The only reason I do not give this book 5 stars is that it does not have an index. It's great to find specimens if you know its state of origin, but if you only know it by its popular name, say Horse Canyon Agate, you have to hunt state by state through the book to find it. This type of reference truly benefits from an index and I hope that simple fix will be added. I am a great fan of Patti's and truly recommend this book.

Patti Polk's latest book is an outstanding reference guide to agate and jasper collecting in North America. The beautiful pictures and the accuracy of collecting locations are spot on. The locations are precise and listed in the state/county as to exactly where the pictured agates and jaspers can be found by collectors. Any collector of agates and jaspers will find this book extremely helpful. I highly recommend this book! You will not be disappointed with this purchase.

One thing I didn't realize when I ordered this book is that the specimens are listed by state. I would have preferred a book that instructs you on the different kinds of jasper, so you can inform yourself about the many types. The photographs are spectacular and I will try hard to find what I'm looking for within the structure of the book.

As a life-long rockhound, I have to say that this book is THE DEFINITIVE guide to collecting agates and jaspers. It is clearly written and easy to understand for both the novice and the expert alike. The photos are second to none! If you want to collect agates and/or jaspers this book is a MUST have!

I have used this book daily since it arrived. Pictures are large and precise and well photographed . It has helped me identify alot of stones in my possession

Love this book.... Its gorgeous, and written in a manner that is explains much, without talking over an amateur rockhounds head.

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