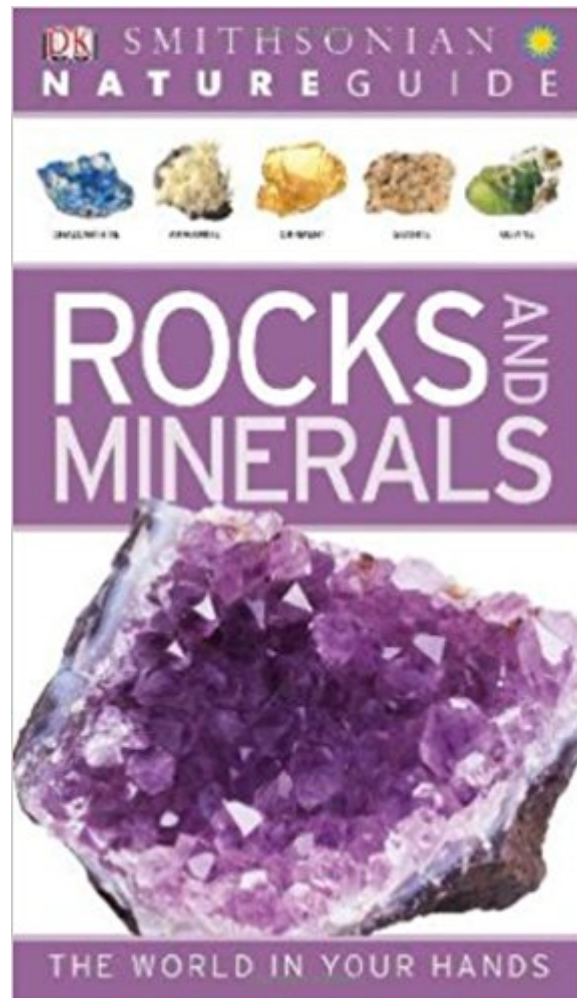




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# Nature Guide: Rocks And Minerals (Nature Guides)



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The Smithsonian Institution is the largest museum complex in the world and a research center for research dedicated to public education and scholarship in the arts, sciences, and history.

I already have three other rock&mineral books. So why get yet another one?1) every book is organized slightly differently, and they present the data on the material differently,2) the pictures are of course different, that is they provide an alternate view of a particular mineral/rock - this is the main reason I get more than one book. It very much helps identify a rock or mineral , especially

since many can have quite a varying appearance due to size of grain, crystals, color, and secondary minerals/rocks giving a specimen sometimes a dramatically different look.<sup>3</sup>) not to mention that every book has a selection of stones not found in the others<sup>4</sup>) and last but not least - What I really like about this one is how they have little pointers around the picture detailing these secondary minerals, AND often include smaller secondary picture with variations, AND often show a polished/faceted version (if it is gem/jewelry material). This book is definitely a good one for beginners, young and old alike.

I purchased this book for my 11 year old grandson who fancies himself a future geologist. He is intrigued by the beautiful pictures and has spent hours reading about his favorites. The problem is that the descriptions and information are too advanced for our purpose. He wanted to identify basic rocks that you find in the yard and some common minerals. The illustrations and photographs while beautiful are certainly not those of what can be found in a back yard. I would recommend this book for an adult without reservation, just not a child.

I love all the DK books !

My daughter goes over the pages it would be nice if I could find a regional book to help her identify local rocks and minerals too.

This book actually helped to id a rock I found and to log it correctly. This rock was a great find and now I know what it is.

This was also a gift for my a friend and they have not given me any feedback.

Bought to my autistic grandson. He is really into rocks. Picture are large and gives allot of info. He loved it. He is 11 yrs old.

I purchase this book for my wife. She has several rock and mineral books and this one rates right at the top to her. This book had information that she wasn't able to find in her other rock books.

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