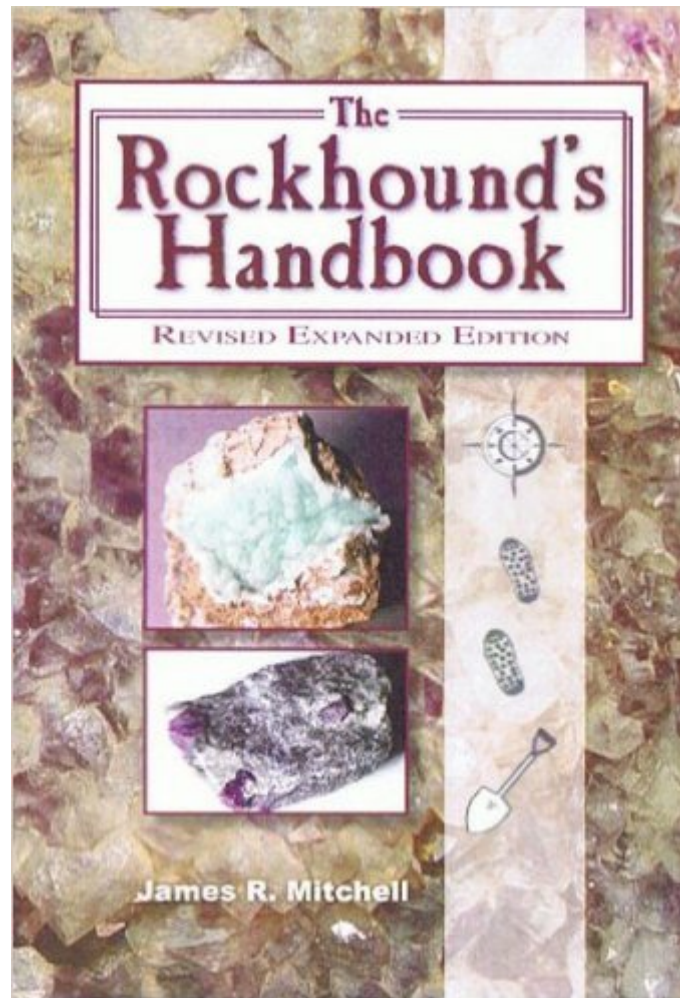


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# The Rockhound's Handbook



## Synopsis

Revised and expanded 2/E of this popular reference guide for rockhounds and field collectors of rocks, minerals and fossils. Includes expanded sections on basic geology and mineral formation; how to find and identify minerals in the field; collecting tools and techniques; finding gold and other heavy minerals; fossil formation and collecting fossils; the legal aspects of collecting; specimen preparation and display plus the basics of lapidary and jewelry making. Illustrated throughout with photos, diagrams and charts; features 16-page color insert of over 90 specimens; extensive glossary; lists of government agencies and museums and much more. An indispensable how-to book for beginners and a comprehensive reference guide for experienced collectors.

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A very informative book on rocks, but it doesn't have many pictures or help with identification. This is a great book for intermediate rock collectors and those that are looking for information on where rocks can be found and the tools to help polish and preserve. Not a great pocket reference for identification purposes, but a very informative book.

I am mainly a casual beachcomber, and new to the hobby. I was a bit misled by the 'Rockhound' part of the title. Its main focus is on minerals, and at first was a bit disappointed, but that quickly faded. I loved the science regarding the formation of minerals from the time of the Big Bang, down through geologic time until now. The author neatly lists minerals and their characteristics, and tells you how to test to identify them. I think this is a very good book for armchair and active amateurs

alike. It should be complimented by a mineral identification book, if you plan to get out and do a field trip.

I really enjoyed this book and will keep it as a reference to use. It is full of valuable information for beginner to intermediate rock hounds. The reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 is it left me wanting more information. Maybe that is good but I would have liked a little more detail on where to find the rocks and some pictures of before and after of the various lapidary processes mentioned in the book. Over all I recommend it to anyone interested in learning more about rocks.

This book is a must have for any beginner or even experienced rock hounds. My kids are having a blast going through the book and picking out what types of rocks and stones they wanna go look for this summer. Heck they wanna go this weekend but its just a tad bit cold for us.

Very few pictures what there were were 50+ yrs old and none were in color. Who wants to describe rocks? This is an old book very cheaply reproduced. JVK

Bought on recommendation of a YouTube video and rockhounding website. Hoped it would be more help in the field. However, the pictures are of polished rocks, so it's not particularly useful when you don't know what the rock looks in the raw.

Very good book for the one who want to begin in the discovery of gemstones and rocks. Many insights on how to discover gemstones and precious rocks.

I'm a newcomer to rockhounding. After reading and highlighting this book, I know much more about the subject. A gold claim I bought has some nice gems on it as well. I can't imagine a better and easy reading book on the subject.

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