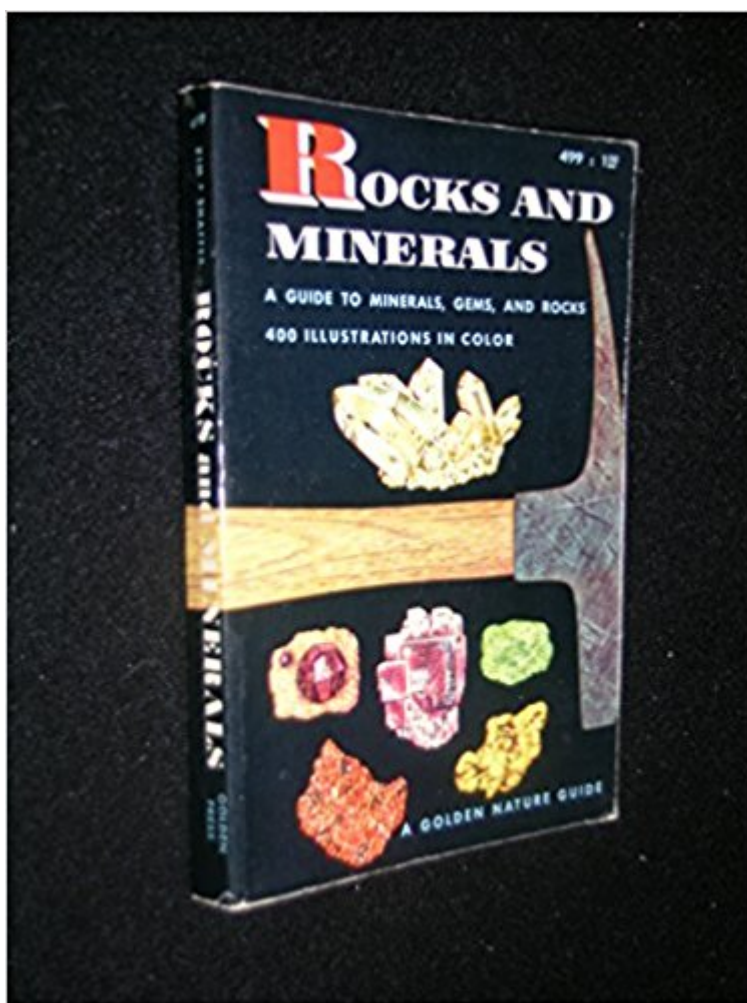


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# **Rocks And Minerals: A Guide To Familiar Minerals, Gems, Ores And Rocks (Golden Nature Guide #24499) (A Golden Nature Guide)**



## Synopsis

A guide to familiar minerals, gems, ores and rocks.

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## Customer Reviews

A guide to familiar minerals, gems, ores and rocks.

This book was given to me by my Uncle in the late 1950's and it was an absolute joy for me as a young boy. I poured over it again and again until it was soiled and the pages tattered; searched for local fossil specimens and talked my uncle into taking me up to the mines in Sussex County, NJ. Though the technical field my career was involved with was electronics, I have returned to my boyhood love of geology and specimen collecting now in my golden years. I have many more resources now but bought a copy of "Rocks and Minerals" for nostalgic reasons and soon discovered it is still a joy and quite useful (especially handy fitting easily in my field pack). All the best.

I got my first copy of this when I was a kid in grade school and began collecting rocks. I've had (and still do) other collecting and identifying guides, but this is one of the best. Lots of color pictures, spread throughout the book (vs in a single section separated from the details of each mineral as in some others), a convenient size to fit in a pack, and with a binding that makes it easy to keep the book open (again, unlike some others). I bought this copy for my son who is taking a required mineralogy class in college (his first love is paleontology), as something a little easier to digest than the course textbook. Obviously this doesn't have that level of detail, but it's a great refresher or intro, and the pictures are ideal for the more visually-oriented learner.

I was having frequent recollections of my first rock and mineral book, the one that got me hooked when I was around 7 years old, so I took a look on , and there it was just like I remembered. When I received it, I was as excited as I had been as a kid, especially when I discovered, that it even smelled the way my old copy did !! Still full of great information and incredible artwork, even some facts not found in more advanced books.

My husband has an original print of this book from when it was first published. Through the years, it has lost its cover page and the first couple of pages along with yellowing in color. He was thrilled to see that he could find a new one on .com and ordered it. He was like a little kid all over again. :)

I had this book as a young child and lost it. I used to collect rocks when I was little, and compare them to the book. It has become a lifelong hobby. I just wanted to have it again, as a memento of my childhood. I was SO thrilled to find it after all these years! It's an old book-1957-in decent shape, but I wanted it for sentimental reasons, and in that sense it's perfect! :D

My grand daughter wanted one like mine. She is 6 and loves it. She refers to it all the time to see if the rocks she finds are rocks or minerals. Very happy with it. Its a good little reference and easy to understand.

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