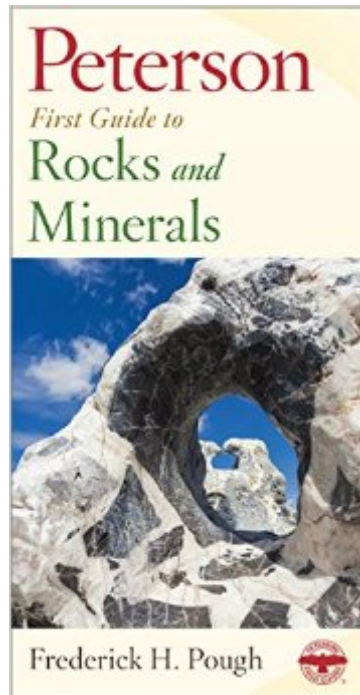


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# Peterson First Guide To Rocks And Minerals



## Synopsis

Written and designed for the beginner, this book describes and illustrates the most common and interesting rocks and minerals, from simple sandstone to exotic gems. Illustrated with dozens of beautiful color photographs, it tells how these rocks and minerals formed and how to identify them--and includes tips on collecting.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is small, easily fits into your pocket, sturdy for its tall size, and filled with brilliant photos or examples with short descriptions as the pages go on. As a direct read it is a quickie, but it is also a decent reference guide to the most common rocks, metals, and crystals. It discusses basic geology and the formation of the planet and what makes our elements, it gives to-the-point single paragraphs on a lot of basic material. This would be a great guide to the starting geologist or student hungering for a hobby.

This particular "rock identificatin book" is pretty good. The photos of samples are good and in color. However, it is not a comprehensive as our earth science instructor had hoped. On the whole, it is a good text for beginners.

As a hobbyist I was looking for a good book to start off with. I found this book to be a great starting

place. The introduction is clear and provides enough details to set the stage for understanding the rest of the material. There are photographs of each type of rock and mineral presented. The rocks and minerals are presented in a clear and concise manner with just enough information to give the reader a general idea of the chemical composition, physical description, and typical locations for each item discussed. I also found the writing style of this book pleasant and enjoyable to read.

This book is ALMOST 4" X 7". I was surprised. I love its size. Not too big and bulky. You can easily take it on road trips without the bulk. The content is actually concise and easy to understand. It starts off with the birth of the planet and Elements on the "evolving surface" of Earth. Has a section on classes of rocks. It has more content than you think for being such a small book. A good reference book that you won't forget about.

I used these field guides as reference books for middle school students who are beginning their study of rocks and minerals. The introductory information is brief, but the images and descriptions give great basic information. It is far from an exhaustive resource and the information given is a basic description, but for my students it was a great starting point for their study. The field guide is also small enough to fit into a pocket and I carried multiple copies on a cart and had no problems.

These pocket guides are great. I highly recommend these for any grade school child, 2-6 grade. These books are small and hold together well. Illustrations are good and easy to understand descriptions.

O.k. for what is in there, but I would rather have a field guide with more specimens and information. Save your money and buy the "National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Rocks and Minerals".

I assume that this field guide would show rocks and minerals, however the way they are listed are not easy to use and they seem to have more specimens that you'd find deep mining rather than just finding rocks here & there.

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