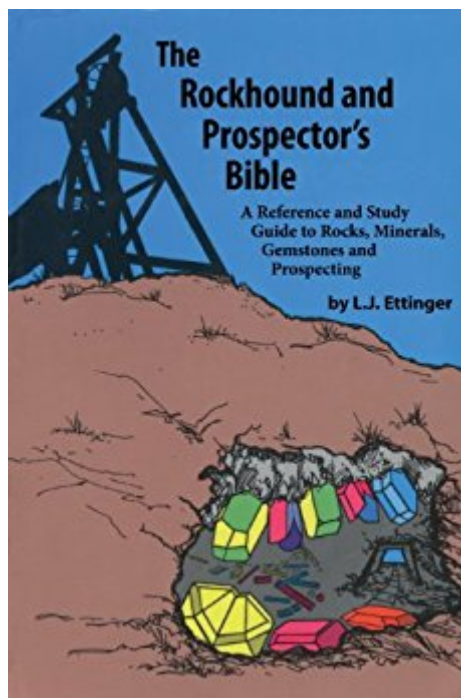


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Rockhound And Prospector's Bible: A Reference And Study Guide To Rocks, Minerals, Gemstones And Prospecting



Synopsis

This book contains data on the mineral deposits themselves, broken down by magmatic, hydrothermal, secondary and placer deposits, as well as gemstones. Determinative tables, specific geologic environment references and a glossary round out this book. This Bible should appeal to the reader who wants a deeper understanding of geologic processes.-----I have no hesitation recommending this most useful "Bible" to all students of gemology. Not only will you enjoy reading this book, you will be amazed at what you will learn about the practical aspects of mineral identification, with the assistance of the Determinative Tables and the listing of Geologic Environments of Minerals. Its purchase is highly recommended for students. Len Ettinger's more than decades of expertise in exploration geology is obvious. This is indeed a book to teach the practically applicable basics of field mineral identification and prospecting techniques. â "Revered Australian gemologist Grahame Brown, former editor of the Journal of the Gemmological Association of Australia-----The Rockhound and Prospector's Bible is more than just a basic text for the gold-panner or rockhound. It is actually a study guide which begins by giving the reader a general introduction to Geology. This detailed, yet simple to understand volume is recommended for those who are interested in how mineral and gems came to be, rather than just giving directions to sites where they can be located. â " Stanley W. Paher, in the Las Vegas Review Journal

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did a great job of locating this book and getting it to me in new condition, even though it's out of print. Unfortunately, the book itself was a serious disappointment. Each and every chapter which I hoped would yield tips about identification, location and preparation of precious stones located in the field instead pointed me to a corresponding chapter in a different book by the same author. A more apt title would have been "The Rockhound and Prospector's Hymnal," given the brevity of the book and its continual reference to another, apparently more thorough text.

I come from an extended time living in Southwest Wyoming where Rockhounding is as common as hunting and fishing. The knowledge value gained from having and reading this book, for those who would like to know how to put together effective rockhounding trips into the field, is so much more than what you will pay. The author is a wonderful source of information and knowledge. The book is a good read and should be a companion to your endtable reading list when not in the field. But do include it on your field trips. All areas of Wyoming geologic strata is discussed and explained so you can go out to this wonderful wild area and rockhound with complete confidence. I do recommend this book. If you are a Kindle owner it is only 3\$ and will be there for you forever.

I'm so glad there is now a Kindle version of the Rockhound and Prospector's Bible. This is definitely a must have for students, amateurs and professionals. The determinative tables were a key feature in the print book. They have now been converted for electronic search. I can now find the attributes of a mineral in the table, determine the name and chemical formula and then search for additional information both in this book and on the web. I only wish that more of the named (and hyperlinked) additional reference books had a Kindle equivalent as well.

Nice companion to other economic geology and prospecting texts. Would like to see more color in here - especially regarding geology maps. But the info is solid and well-researched. Lots of charts and lists and drawings, but no photography.

I used this book with three reference books, suggested reading and bettered my knowledge of rock and mineral identification. I understand that almost 13000 copies of this book have been sold over the last 12 years. I would recommend it to anyone interested in learning about rocks and minerals.

This is a GREAT book for acquiring an understanding of the various classifications of rocks and their occurrences. I read many rock books, but it wasn't until I read this book that I finally got a handle on what rocks to expect and where to expect them as I searched for rocks and minerals. I LOVE the charts and use them extensively.

This book spends way too much time referencing other books. Basically, this book is just an overview of about 3 other books, and if you don't own them, it's totally worthless.

This book is full of good information, and has really nice diagrams and illustrations. I would say the only thing that got it 4 instead of 5 stars was its brevity. That might be something someone else prefers, but I prefer more meat in my geology books.

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