

Rockhounding Books: Rockhound Books for Children

Good Rockhounding Books

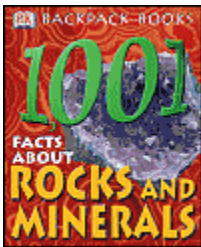
There are lots of good books about rockhounding and many are designed for children and families. Unfortunately, it appears that, as a hobby, rockhounding may have reached its peak a generation or two ago. Accordingly, many of the better rockhounding books may be difficult to locate. Not to worry. There are a variety of ways to find these books. Some ideas:

Check your local library - you know, that building that children used to frequent before the internet.

Join a local rockhounding club and use their library. Rockhound clubs often have a reference library that members can use. In addition, club members typically have excellent collections of rockhounding books.

In addition, you can often find out of print and other rockhounding books on the internet.

Books for Young Rockhounds



1001 Facts About Rocks and Minerals

By Sue Fuller

DK Backpack Book. Numerous fascinating facts about minerals, gems, and rocks. Includes numerous photographs and illustrations. [Paperback, 192 pages] (2003)



Dig Into Rocks, Minerals, and Crystals

By GeoCentral

Short factual information about rocks, minerals, and crystals with pictures. [Small paperback, 33 pages] (2003)



Everybody Needs a Rock

By Byrd Baylor

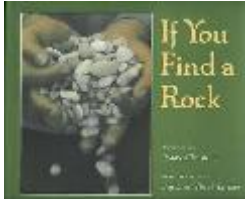
Describes the qualities to consider in selecting the perfect rock for play and pleasure. [Paperback, 25 pages] (1974)



I Am A Rock

By Jean Marzollo

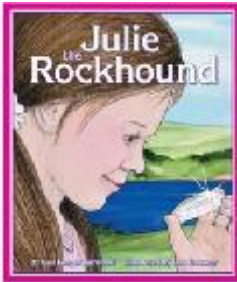
Hello Reader Level 1 Science Book (Pre-school - Grade 1). First-person riddles presents information about various rocks and minerals, including sandstone, chalk, slate, and petrified wood. [Paperback, 29 pages] (1998)



If You Find A Rock

By Peggy Christian

Coffee table style book with minimal text and beautiful pictures of rocks and children. [Hardcover, 28 pages] (2000)



Julie the Rockhound

By Gail Langer Karwoski

Designed for children 4 to 8 years of age. [Paperback, 32 pages] (2007)

Junior Science Book of Rock Collecting

By Phoebe Crosby

[Hardcover, 64 pages] (1962)



Learning About Minerals

By Sy Barlowe

Children will learn about 12 different minerals. Each page contains a concise explanation of a mineral with a blank space for a sticker illustration. [Small paperback, 12 pages] (1988).

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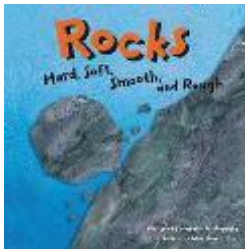
Children will find this easy-to-read guide perfect for identifying the three main classes of rocks (igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic) and 12 different kinds of common rocks. Each page contains a concise, fact-filled text about one of the rocks, with a blank space for a sticker illustration. [Small paperback, 12 pages] (2000).



Let's Go Rock Collecting

By Roma Gans,

This is a terrific book for young children. The book describes the formation and characteristics of igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks and how to recognize and collect them. [Paperback, 32 pages] (2d ed. 1997)



Rocks – Hard, Soft, Smooth, and Rough

By Natalie M. Rosinsky

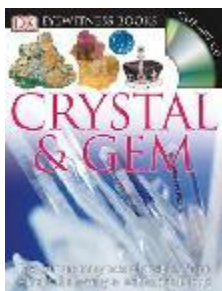
The story of rocks – igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks, metamorphic rocks, and rock solid facts. [Hardcover, 32 pages] (2003)

Rocks & Fossils

By Martin Bramwell

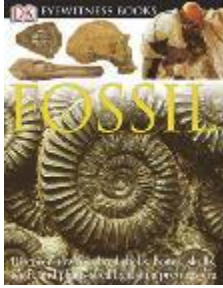
Introduction to rock and fossils. Includes detailed diagrams and illustrations. [Paperback, 32 pages] (1994)

Reference Books for Children

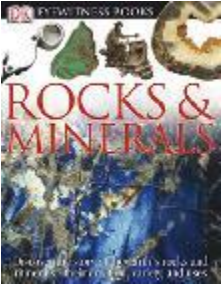


Dr. R. F. Symes & Dr. R. R. Harding, ***Eyewitness Crystal & Gem*** (Rev.ed. 2004) [72 pages, hardback]

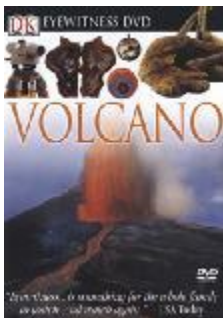
Part of DK Eyewitness Books Series. Lots of content and good pictures.



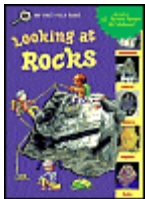
Dr. Paul D. Taylor, ***Eyewitness Fossil*** (Rev.ed. 2003) [72 pages, hardback]
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Dr. R. F. Symes, ***Eyewitness Rocks & Minerals*** (Rev.ed. 2004) [72 pages, hardback]
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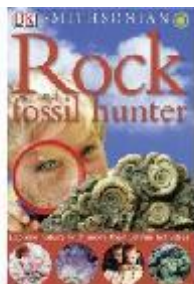
Susanna Van Rose, ***Eyewitness Volcano & Earthquake*** (Rev.ed. 2004) [72 pages, hardback]
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Looking at Rocks

By Jennifer Dussling

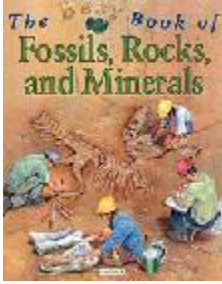
A My First Field Guide Book. Terrific book for young children. This book includes fun facts about the rocks you will find, a rock identification chart, special write-in notebook pages, and a set of color stickers of various rocks. [Paperback, 66 pages] (2001)



Smithsonian Rock and Fossil Hunter

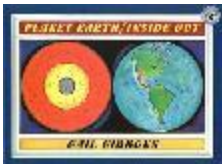
By Ben Morgan

DK Smithsonian book. Lots of content and good pictures. Includes fold out identification chart. [Paperback, 72 pages] (2005)



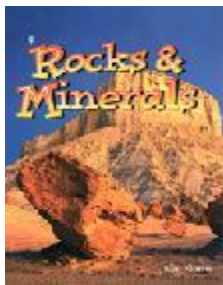
The Best Book of Fossils, Rocks and Minerals
by Chris Pellant

Ever wonder what treasures lie in the rocky world beneath your feet? This book investigates everything about Earth's fossils, rocks and minerals - from their formation and uses to their amazing beauty and mystery. Detailed illustrations identify rocks and crystals. Step-by-step pictures show how fossils are formed over millions of years. Full-page scenes reveal the Earth's breathtaking landscapes. *The Best Book of Fossils, Rocks and Minerals* is the perfect book for the budding explorer. Find out how to recognize rocks and become an expert fossil hunter. Discover the mysteries of minerals and learn all about the Earth's precious treasures from gems and metals to coal and oil. Detailed illustrations and informative text allow readers to mine this fascinating subject. A useful reference section includes an illustrated glossary and a comprehensive index. Hard cover, 9.5" x 11", 31 pages (2000).



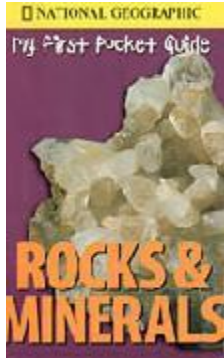
Planet Earth/Inside Out
by Gail Gibbons

What if we could open up our planet and look inside? From its red-hot core to the highest mountain peak, come see Earth as you've never seen it before in a colorful introduction to the powerful forces shaping our home. This geology primer will help clarify the concepts for the youngest learners.



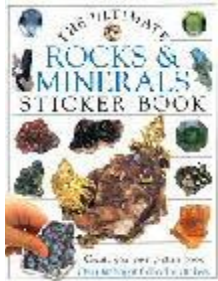
Rocks and Minerals
by Neil Morris

This primer answers the question what are rocks and minerals? It describes and illustrates The Rock Cycle, Igneous Rocks, Volcanic Rocks, Sedimentary Rocks, Changed Rocks, Grand Canyon, At The Seashore, Fossils, Minerals, Ores, Gemstones. Rocks From Space, and Using Rocks and Minerals. Includes a glossary of geologic terms. Soft cover, 8" x 10", 32 pages.



Rocks and Minerals - My First Pocket Guide
by Paul M. A. Willis

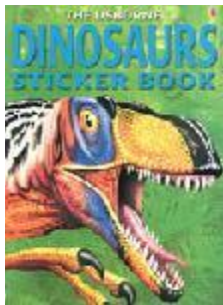
Which Crystal can grow as big as a person? How can plants turn into rocks? What is the Grand Canyon made of? *Rocks and Minerals My First Pocket Guide* answers these and many more questions as it leads the reader on an exploration of the world beneath our feet. Photographs and illustrations help the student find and identify many rocks and minerals, from glittering fool's gold to twisted rocks from outer space. Large print. Soft cover, 4" x 6.5", 80 pages.



The Ultimate Rocks and Minerals Sticker Book
by DK Publishing Inc.

Create your own picture book with over 60 bright full-color stickers. The ultimate collection of rock and mineral stickers, ideal for home and school projects. In a special eight-page section you can create your own book of rocks and minerals using your favorite stickers. Each self-adhesive sticker is easy to peel off, and can be used more than once. Fact-packed labels accompany every sticker. Soft cover, 8.5" x 11", 8 pages (1995).

Dinosaurs

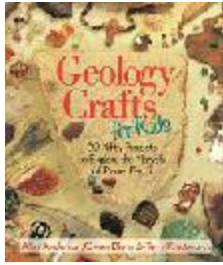


The Usborne Dinosaurs Sticker Book
by Usborne Publishing Ltd.

There are over 80 different dinosaurs and prehistoric animals shown inside this sticker book. Each one is clearly described, and illustrated with a black and white picture. A pronunciation guide is given for the name of each animal in the book. Also given is a head to tail measurement, along with the period in which the animal lived. Can you find the right description to go with each picture? Soft cover, 7.5" x 10.5", 24 pages.

Rocks &

Crafts

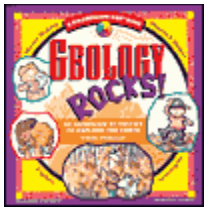


Geology Crafts for Kids

by Alan Anderson, Gwen Diehn and Terry Krautwurst

Dig into Planet Earth with these 50 nifty activities. Have mountains of fun searching for all kinds of treasures right beneath your feet as you learn about different kinds of rocks and minerals, volcanoes and earthquakes, planetary placement, and much more. Make sandstone just like canyons in the Southwest. Imitate the look of marble with special coloring techniques. Make a fossil cast that looks a million years old. Make a homemade seismograph to measure "quaking" movement. Build with miniature adobe bricks. Watch crystals grow. Bake cookies that look like metamorphic rock (but taste great!). 43 more hot projects! Fun, entertaining and educational, the promise hours of adventuresome fun. Soft cover, 8.5" x 10", 144 pages.

Activity Books



Geology Rocks – 50 Hands-On Activities To Explore The Earth

By Cindy Blobaum

Designed for children 7 – 14 years old. Presents 50 hands-on activities to explore the earth. [Paperback, 96 pages] (1999)

More Great Books

§ Dr. Joel E. Arem, ***Discover Rocks & Minerals*** (1991).

Brief explanation of rocks and minerals with pictures. [Hardcover, 44 pages]

§ Dougal Dixon, ***The Practical Geologist*** (1992).

This is a good introduction to earth science. This book provides a history of the earth's formation and development and explores the substances that compose the planet, movements within the earth, and the surface effects of weather and water. It shows how to search for, identify, and extract samples of various rocks and minerals and for each rock and mineral type, there is a brief mineralogy and explanation of its location. [Paperback, 160 pages]

§ National Audubon Society, ***Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals*** (21st Printing February 2005)

Provides descriptions of 200 minerals and 40 rocks and where they occur. Also

includes several hundred full color photographs. [Paperback, 850 pages]

§ Chris Pellant, *Rocks, Minerals & Fossils of the World* (1990).

Easy to follow, information-packed reference book written by a geologist. Includes more than 300 color photographs. [Paperback, 175 pages]

§ Frederick H. Pough, *Rocks and Minerals* (1991).

Peterson First Guide (condensed version of the famous Peterson Field Guild).

Features beautiful color photographs and concise descriptions of more than 250 rocks and minerals as well as information for the beginner on how to identify rocks and minerals and where to find the best specimens. [Paperback, 128 pages]

§ Walter Schumann, *Handbook of Rocks, Minerals, & Gemstones* (1993).

Provides a comprehensive description of each rock and mineral, including its history, origin, structure, composition, properties, classification, and where it is found throughout the world. Also includes 600 photographs. [Paperback, 380 pages]

Rockhound Fiction

Evelyn Sibley Lampman, *Rock Hounds* (1958) [213pages, Hardcover]