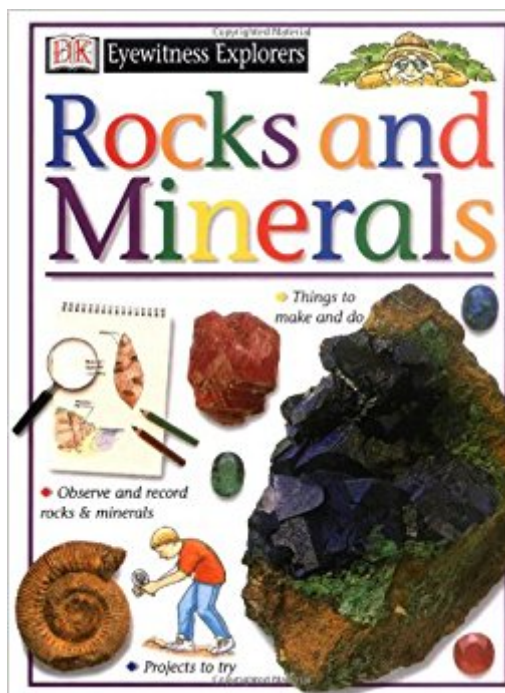


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# Rocks & Minerals (Eyewitness Explorers)



## Synopsis

See rocks and minerals up close in vivid detail, with an abundance of detailed information to match.

## Book Information

Series: Eyewitness Explorers

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Age Range: 8 - 17 years

Grade Level: 3 - 12

## Customer Reviews

But seriously, I really loved this book from the moment I opened it. Was preparing to wrap it, having just received it from , and noticed that the back had a Turn-and-Learn wheel with rock facts built in to the sturdy back cover. Nice! Then I saw that it had really well-planned graphic design, places for kids to check off their progress through the book, great activities (Grow Your Own Stalactite!) and stickers! Little Quizzes with the answers. Love it. I taught for 30 years, and as a former teacher, I'm picky about books for anyone at any age. Layout matters as much as content, and the authors and designers of this series did a great job. I'm going to look for more. When you want to get something that kids will want to USE, not just read, especially the day before you celebrate Christmas with them (we do Christmas Eve, for all you calendar-counters), this is a score. I'm giving my grand-nephew a cut geode, a fossil fish, and some obsidian to go with the book, and some locations in his state where he can find more such minerals, etc. Great price. Nice going, DK.com

When they call this a "pocket" book they really mean it. As usual, DK has packed a lot of information

and images into a single volume. But to make it so small, there are (in my opinion) too many compromises. I suspect that DK has a book with very similar content in a bigger size, and that the content was simply rearranged and reduced in size to make it fit the Pocket concept. In other words, it's as if they took a regular book and printed it in a "zoomed" version 1/4 the size or less. As a result, the text is small. As in most DK books, there's a variety of typefaces and sizes. Well, in this one, the smallest type sizes are really tiny! You can read them, but it sure takes some effort. I found it uncomfortable. Naturally, all the photographs have to be smaller, too. And because there's not enough space on a single page to fit any reasonable-size picture, many photographs of rocks and minerals -- although usually colorful and detailed -- are split across two pages. Splitting photos across the binding is a compromise one can accept in a budget-priced book. But in this case it's really problematic, because this tiny book has a very tight binding. To get any view of such pictures, you're tempted to squash the pages flat on either side. Do that enough, and this inexpensive binding won't hold up. Meanwhile, you're still dealing with the distraction of a two-part image and the physical effort to hold the pages open. The typical DK book is designed as much for browsing as for straight-through reading. But at this size, that design approach breaks down. Two pages of text and images fit into a space far smaller than a single page in a typical book. In a larger book, your eye scans across a page, but at this size, the whole thing meets your eye at once. In short, it took me only a minute or two to wish I had spent a bit more and bought a full-size book, whether from DK or whomever. There are quite a few on that looked promising, but I bought this instead because of the low promotional pricing. Lesson learned. (Here are a few available from that give an idea of what I mean: *Rock & Mineral* (DK Eyewitness Books), or *Smithsonian Handbooks: Rocks & Minerals* (Smithsonian Handbooks), or *Rocks and Minerals* (Eye Wonder)). There are many more, I'm sure.) I honestly don't know what to make of all the reviewers who make no mention of these issues. It's true that the content is pretty good, but it's not an exhaustive summary of the topic, or necessarily the best of its type. The fact that the book is small does not (in my view) mean that it's better for kids. On the contrary, it seems to me that it is stiffer and harder to manipulate than a bigger book. And since when do kids' books have \*smaller\* typefaces than usual? I think it attracts a youngster's eye because it presents a variety of colors and textures. But I would not recommend it either as a kid's first introduction to this topic, or as a reference book for children who are looking for more detailed information. Both purposes are served better by other books.

My son is really into rocks right now and enjoys trying to identify what he sees and learn the properties. These books are easy to use, have tons of great pictures, and are sized for easy

portability.

I bought this great little reference guide so my grandkids could look up all the specimens in their new rock collection. It is small but has great pictures and succinct information. Highly recommended for junior rock hounds

Excellent little book with good photographs and clear explanation!

This really is the perfect size for little hands. The pictures are all bright and colorful. Very informative and a great book for early learners. My daughter loves this and has been carrying it around everywhere she goes since the day we got it.

GREAT

Great book, good condition.

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