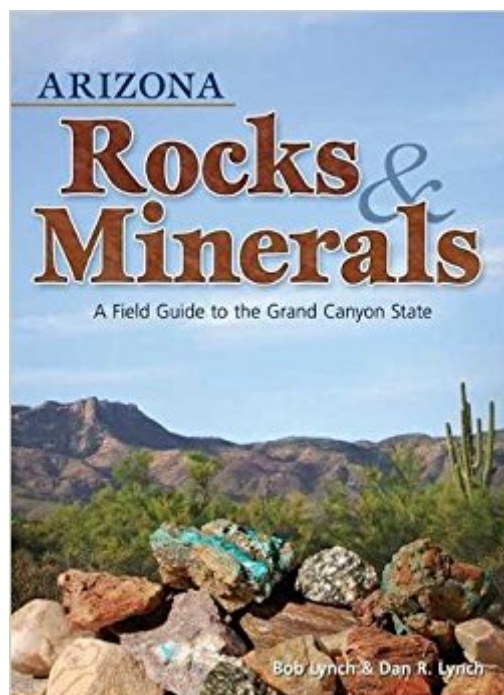




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Get the perfect guide to rocks and minerals of the Grand Canyon State! This handy book by Bob Lynch and Dan R. Lynch features comprehensive entries for 106 rocks and minerals found in Arizona, from common rocks to rare finds. The authors know rocks and took their own incredible, full-color, sharp photographs to depict the detail needed for identification—no more guessing from line drawings. Entries are organized alphabetically, and the easy-to-use format means you'll quickly find what you need to know. With professional pictures and all the important details—including what to look for and where to look for it—identifying and collecting is more fun and informative than ever!

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Customer Reviews

Dan R. Lynch has a degree in graphic design with emphasis on photography from the University of Minnesota Duluth. But before his love of art and writing came a passion for rocks and minerals, developed during his lifetime growing up in his parents' rock shop in Two Harbors, Minnesota. Combining the two aspects of his life seemed a natural choice, and he enjoys researching, writing about, and taking photographs of rocks and minerals. Working with his father, Bob Lynch, a respected veteran of Lake Superior's agate-collecting community, Dan spearheads their series of rock and mineral field guides—definitive guidebooks that help amateurs “decode” the complexities of geology and mineralogy. He also takes

special care to ensure that his photographs complement the text and always represent each rock or mineral exactly as it appears in person. He currently lives in Madison, Wisconsin, with his wife, Julie, where he works as a writer and photographer.

This little book is big in content. What I like the best about this book are the beautiful photographs showing the rocks as they would appear in nature & not as highly groomed rock shop specimens like my other rock books do. It was easy to identify all the common to unique rocks & minerals that I have found in Arizona. Also, I have identified many rocks & minerals that I have collected in Nevada which were described as excellent examples. The binding is stitched and is easy to search through. There are around 200 colorful images with a variety of methods & descriptions to help you identify about any rock you will find while out exploring the desert. Beside each of the descriptive photographs is a page simply defining common traits, colors, hardness/streak, general size, type of landscape where that rock is found & how common or rare it is to find. Also noted are any unique descriptions, specific locations to look for certain rocks along with a small graphic of Arizona indicating occurrences of that rock or mineral. A helpful glossary, index & bibliography with recommended reading suggestions was an appreciated inclusion too. This book will always go in my pack when I head out on desert excursions.

As a life-long rockhound, I have to say that this book is one of the VERY BEST on the subject. It is clearly written and easy to understand for both the novice and the expert alike. The photos are second to none! This book will help you to EASILY identify most rocks and minerals that you find in the field, and it is the perfect size to take into the field, which can't be said of many books out there. If you want to collect rocks, gems, and minerals this book is a MUST have!

This is an excellent little book. Excellent photo examples and well written text. This is not a book shelf book. It is sized to be carried in the field, which is the main reason I purchased it. It shows, generally, where the minerals occur within the state. Worth the price.

A fine field guide for rockhounding, size and binding are ideal. All mineral plates are in full color. There is reasonable detail regarding locations to hunt, and the notes on each mineral are concise, yet informative.

This is the best guide I found so far to learn about the rocks in AZ. This book is small (6 x 4.25) and

only 8.5 oz's. So you will actually take it with you on a hike. Quick index guide with small pictures and color range of specimens to get you to the right part of the book and full color half page photos for each specimen, with a description on the opposite page. Suggested (where to look) locations are given to locate specific minerals as well. And it has a section on testing your sample such as hardness, streak test etc. Another reviewer complained about some of the specimens only coming from deep mines that you can't go into, but the book clearly states to stay out of old mines and to collect your minerals from the mine dump. This is a well known technique to find excellent collectibles as the miners were not looking for the pretty rocks, they were moving ore. If you like rocks and live in AZ you'll want this book.

I didn't like this rock book as it had no info I needed. Two thumbs down for me!

Just one more amazing book by Bob Lynch! We have used his Colorado Rocks & Minerals book for years and have found it to be SO easy to use with the quick find option in the front of the book based upon location, color, shape, texture and density. Wish we had purchased the Arizona book at the beginning of our Arizona trip instead of at the end. However, we KNOW we will be back, so will enjoy it when we return!! This is really a MUST HAVE book if you are into rock hounding, prospecting, or any outdoor activities involving exploring Arizona.

I haven't been to Arizona yet to check out these treasure hunts but we plan to go in the very near future. There are many interesting locations we plan to check out. The other books I purchased with other state rock hounding have been excellent.

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