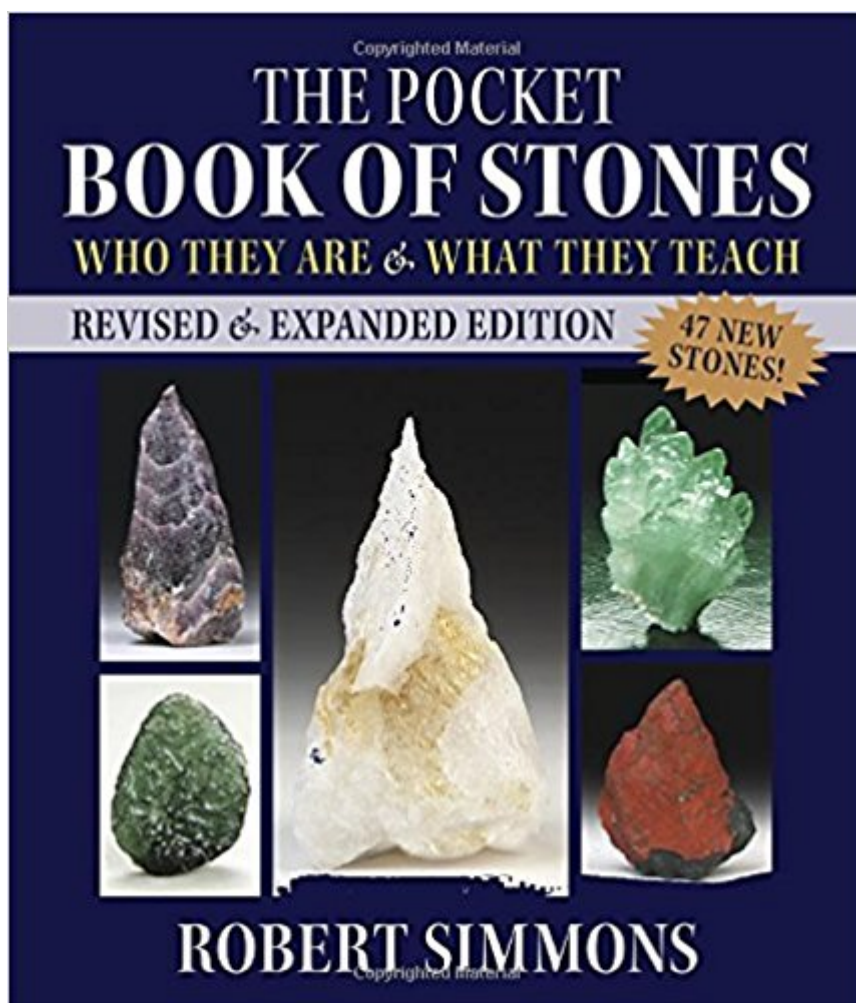


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The Pocket Book Of Stones, Revised Edition: Who They Are And What They Teach



Synopsis

The spiritual and healing qualities of 390 members of the mineral kingdom are detailed here in *The Pocket Book of Stones*, Robert Simmons's condensed reference guide to crystals and gems. Based on the bestselling *The Book of Stones: Who They Are and What They Teach*, this guide describes 47 new stones not covered in the original encyclopedia and also contains an index of the spiritual, emotional, and healing qualities of the stones. This pocket edition has been requested by many readers who are looking for a compact reference that they can carry easily or give as an inexpensive gift to the rock-lovers on their gift lists. Incorporating beautifully lit, full-color photos of each stone, it imparts the spiritual understanding that made *The Book of Stones* the "bible" of many thousands of crystal lovers. This book is an ideal introduction to stones and their energies for those who are new to the field, as well as being an invaluable portable reference for well-versed readers. Every entry contains a vivid color photo and quick-look list of key words, elemental and chakra correspondences, plus the beneficial physical, emotional, and spiritual qualities of each mineral, crystal, or gemstone. Below the quick-look list, Simmons provides a description of each stone, including scientific data and the story of each stone's spiritual and healing qualities, as well as recommendations for other stones that combine harmoniously with it. The scientific information offered welcomes those not yet familiar with crystal energies by providing a familiar frame of reference and also broadens the knowledge of those who come to stones primarily for spiritual purposes. *The Pocket Book of Stones* includes a comprehensive index of the healing qualities and the emotional and spiritual properties of all the stones in the book.

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Customer Reviews

I'm relatively new to learning about and working with stones and crystals, and my interest in them is both scientific and metaphysical. This came recommended to me by a friend who has been working with crystal healing for many years as a good basic resource to the metaphysical aspect of stones and crystals. I will say that it's compact, and the appendices indicating various physical and mental conditions cross-referenced with the stones that are apparently helpful for them is useful and convenient if one is interested in that sort of thing. That said, there is a disproportionate amount of information included on so-called "Azeztulite" crystals, which just happen to be a discovery by the author (who has also trademarked them and sells them exclusively in his Vermont-based shop and online business). From what I've researched, there is geologically no such thing as "Azeztulite"; it's simply a kind of common white quartz crystal under a different name. However, this book contains nearly a dozen varieties of "Azeztulite" among its contents, as well as a rather involved appendix relating their "discovery". (Apparently, their existence was disclosed to the author by celestial beings a decade or so ago, and "new" sources and varieties have regularly been "revealed" since then.) As a result, much of this book seems more part of a marketing strategy than a reliable resource. I've dipped into another friend's copy of Judy Hall's "The Crystal Bible" (which also includes some interesting information on how stones and crystals are formed, which Simmons' book lacks) and wish I had bought that instead. (Incidentally, the copy I received was damaged. My review applies only to the content of the book, however, not the condition in which I received it.) UPDATE: A few minutes' worth of search engine research shows that "Azeztulite" isn't the only crystal in this book that the author has "discovered" and copyrighted: a look at his website [...] indicates that there are several more stones -- including "Agnitite", "Anandalite", "Azumar", "Crimson cuprite", "Healerite", and "Kaurilite", in addition to the aforementioned varieties of "Azeztulite" -- which he has similarly trademarked and which apparently aren't recognized as valid geologic specimens either.

Nonetheless, these stones are included in the book with no indication that they are trademarked by the author and evidently only sold through his business. Whether or not one believes in the healing properties of stones and crystals, that indicates some seriously negative energy to me right there.

For a moment, I forgot I ordered a Pocket size edition. It is small book but actually quite nice and easy to carry with you. I am not sure if I believe the "spiritual" information on each page - but I have to admit, I found that spiritual information to be rather interesting. The book is full of scientific

information also. So - with this pocket edition you get a little bit of everything. I am really glad I purchased it.

Such a cute and helpful little gem! This is definitely pocket sized and contains a bit more stones than Judy Hall's Crystal Bible 2. I like flipping through it and learning about the different qualities, etc. about each stone that piques my interest.

REVIEW: THE POCKET BOOK OF STONES.by Robert SimmonsThis revised edition is a treasure and a gem (metaphorically as well as literally)! Gorgeously illustrated, with lovingly intuitive text, THE POCKET BOOK OF STONES REVISED EDITION tackles, with a viewpoint to cosmic consciousness, a subject of lifelong obsession for me: stones. I've collected stones as long as I've been conscious, and walk nowhere without scanning the ground for new pieces to collect. Now I can ponder beautiful photographic examples, while expanding my mind and Imagination. What a glorious opportunity! I reviewed a digital ARC provided via NetGalley. No remuneration was exchanged.

Great book for those interested in learning about stones. I have the larger edition of this book and have given several away as gifts so when I found this smaller version that I can take with me I knew I had to have it. It makes it easier to throw into a bag when I go to a show so I can do a quick check on stones that I am looking at

Yes, you can buy a gemstone app for your phone. Yes, there are multiple websites that can provide you with the same info. But I like having it in book form. And my customers appreciate not having to squint at a screen while I'm explaining gemstone properties associated with my jewelry pieces. This is a great, portable little reference guide!

I've tried many apps that say they're the complete crystal guide and they always fall short. Because I had the original copy of this book in paperback I decided to get it in digital. Yes, this revised copy is not as complete as the original because they removed some crystals to add more, but it's still worth the money. Plus it's great for on the fly crystal research.

What an amazing and insightful book! Highly recommend it for geology enthusiasts or beginners trying to learn about the gem, crystal, and mineral world. Def love the fact that its pocket size too

which is extra convenient for going to gem shows with or showing to friends

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