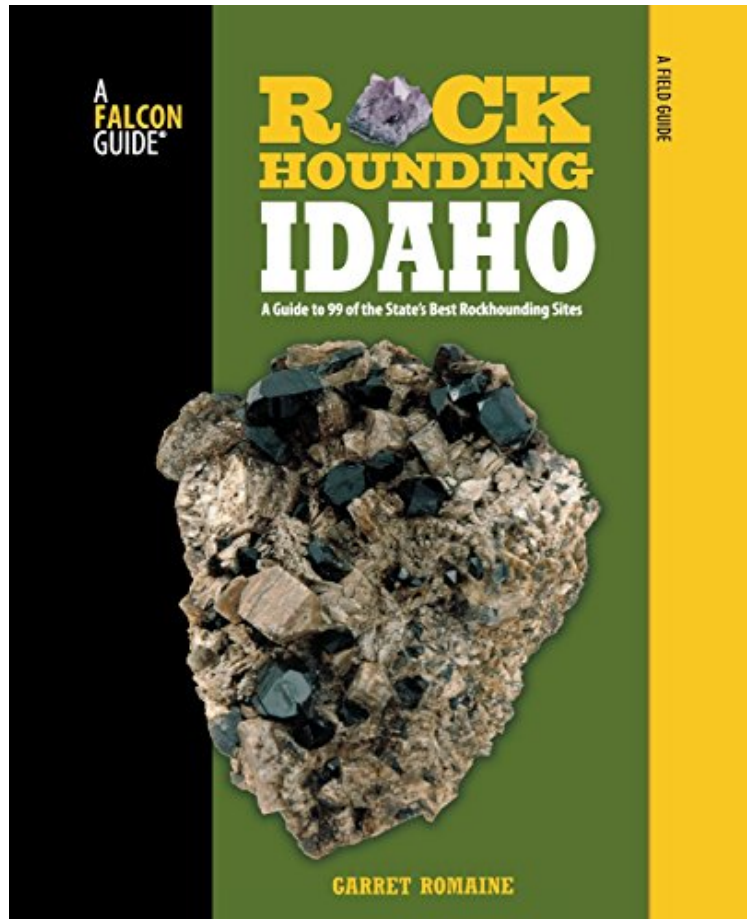


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great if you want to start rock hounding and don't know where to startBy AmandaI bought this book because my husband and I would like to get into rock hounding, and wasnt quite sure where to start. Weve dug for opals at the Spencer Opal Mines and sapphires at a mine in Montana, but wanted to expand beyond the pay to dig sites.The real value in this book is that is provides locations of where you can hunt or dig for rocks, fossils, gems, and minerals. The book does provide other useful tips to help you prepare, such as: if four wheel drive is needed, the type of terrain, and various other tips to find the rocks in that particular location. The book

is a few years old, but still seems to be relevant. One thing I wish it did have was better descriptions of the gems, minerals, and rocks. I had to Google most of the rocks listed because I had no clue what they looked like, and sometimes even what they were. There are a few black and white pictures in the book, but more frequent color pictures would have been really helpful. But like I said before, I really just purchased this book for the locations; better pictures of the rocks would have just been an added bonus. Last weekend we went on our first trip using this book. We went to the south fork of the Salmon River to look for druzy quartz and agate. The directions to the locations were super easy to understand, and we were able to find all four locations listed without much difficulty and without a GPS. The maps aren't the best, but the directions were much better. The first location we stopped at we wandered around for a few hours and found quite a few, and some really nice, druzy quartz. The other locations weren't as successful for us, mostly because we were struggling to figure out what a rough agate looked like. We bumped into some friendly locals, who actually asked us if we found this location from this book, and they were able to show us what we were looking for. We are already planning our next trip, and found this book has been really helpful. Overall this book is a great start to help you start rock hounding. Eventually, you'll probably need to buy more stuff if you start getting more serious. I think we're probably going to buy a handheld GPS, and a rock identification book because the book falls short in those areas.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great guide for Idaho beginners
By David Mark Brown
While this book is starting to get a little dated, it still applies 90% of the time. My sons and I have started rockhounding this summer (total newbies), and we've already visited four of the places outlined in these pages. We've had a pretty easy time finding the spots (via GPS coordinates). And we've had fun collecting rocks at every location. You will be able to tell that the areas have been extensively dug since this book was published. But that didn't stop us from finding plenty of rocks to keep my kids (and me) happy. Romaine's narrated directions are sometimes baffling/confusing. But if you have a smartphone with the lat/long coordinates punched into the map app, you'll be fine. Definitely worth the money.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pretty good guide
By Robert
Pretty good guide, more accurate than the Montana guide. Directions to some sites are really spot on, some are quite vague (something like, follow Forest Road 123 for 6.5 miles, but the road forks 3 or 4 times with no signs and you don't know what to follow)...Some sites I went to were quite remote and rather disappointing in terms of the rockhounding once I arrived. At one site I was actually able to find better samples on the main road than at the spot listed which involved another 25+ miles on poor forest roads. My biggest complaint are the Black and White photos, even in the E-book! All in all though...you won't find a better resource than this.

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