

Explore Rocks and Minerals

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Explore Rocks and Minerals, written by Cynthia Light Brown and Nick Brown is an interesting book about geology that provides a solid amount of information. This book is part of an entire series of 'Explore Your World' and is a good read for anyone who is interested in geology.

Explore Rocks and Minerals, hits all the major parts of geology. It is written clearly in an easy to understand manner. There is also an excellent glossary at the end of the book. In addition, the reader is given some fun-filled science experiments where they can create their own rocks such as Stalactites and Sedimentary rocks. The directions are simple and can be easily accomplished by ages 9 and up.

For older readers, particularly ones who already have some knowledge of geology I think this is a superior book to reinforce and strengthen knowledge in geology. The science experiments are a great hands on approach to enhance the book. I would recommend this book to any child who has a desire to learn about the earth. It will be even more fun if there is an adult available to discuss and enjoy the concepts of geology described in the book

The target audience listed for the book is ages 6-9, but I don't believe that a child younger than 9 will be content to sit down alone with this book alone. The facts that when compiled together can be overwhelming to process. The major area lacking in this book is that it is printed in all black and white, and does not provide any illustrations to support the text. Children will have trouble visualizing processes such as the ocean crust spreading and melting into the mantle, or the hexagonal pattern of atoms.

This book is the only one in the series by these authors. There are nine other titles in the 'Explore Your World' series, and if they are as advanced as this book, I would recommend them for older (9+) audiences.