

Simon Schusters Guide To Gems And Precious Stones

Pictures three hundred and fifty species of insects found in the U.S. and describes their habitat, behavior, and identifying characteristics

From glittering gemstones to fascinating minerals and fossils, this incredible reference book is a stunning celebration of the Earth's buried treasures. Innovative, specially commissioned photography captures the essence and beauty of over 450 superb specimens, while lively and informative text describes the characteristics of each and its unique and changing relationship to humankind through the ages. Organized by rock classes and chemical groups, each rock, mineral and fossil entry contains a photograph of the specimen together with lively, wide-ranging text describing its qualities and history of use. In addition, a detailed, at-a-glance reference panel provides key data for identification and classification.

Design -- Text -- Images -- Video -- Music -- Even if you don't believe in it

A bestselling husband and wife team bring fresh revelations to the zodiac in this beautifully illustrated guide. Their easy-to-understand descriptions of the distinctive attributes for each astrology sign will provide clear insights into what makes you—and those you care about—tick.

Collecting Rocks, Gems and Minerals

Simon and Schuster's Guide to Gems and Precious Stones

Your Comprehensive Guide to Finding and Collecting

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Precious Minerals, Gems, Geodes, & More
From Anime to Zettabyte, An A to Z Guide to All
Things Geek

A Guide to Familiar Minerals, Gems, Ores and Rocks
My Love Affair with Jewelry

Three Guides in One! Identification, Values, Lapidary Uses Designed with beginners in mind, yet filled with valuable technical information for advanced collectors, Collecting Rocks, Gems and Minerals takes you from being just someone who appreciates rocks to a true "collector." • Easy-to-use, quick reference format arranged by category and color of stone • Covers both lapidary and mineral display materials • Provides values and tips for locating, buying and collecting • Includes organics such as amber, bone, coral, pearl and shell • Lists chemical group, system, hardness, opacity, fracture, specific gravity and more • Contains more than 650 full-color photos • Foreword by Johann Zenz, world renowned agate expert, author and lecturer

Go on an outdoor treasure hunt and enjoy all nature has to offer with this field guide to rockhounding, perfect for armchair geologists or anyone headed out on an adventure! Geology meets treasure hunting with this field guide to rockhounding! If you've ever kept an interesting rock or

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shell, bought a polished stone from a gift shop, or even just enjoyed a 'gram of a really cool crystal, congratulations! You've already experienced a rockhounding adventure! Rockhounding for Beginners shows you how to take your rockhounding to the next level, providing everything you need to know from tips for finding local sources for really cool finds to techniques for safely cleaning, cutting, polishing, and caring for the best samples. Complete with full-color photos to help you identify each rock and mineral wherever you find them, this guide has all the rockhounding information you need whether you're ready to get down and dirty or simply want to learn more from the comfort of your couch. A comprehensive manual for using crystals, gems, and stones to address physical, emotional, and spiritual health conditions • Includes an extensive Materia Medica detailing the healing and spiritual properties of 200 crystals and stones based on Classical Chinese Medicine • Explores the role played by the color of each stone, its Yin and Yang qualities, crystalline structure, chemical composition, and topical and internal applications • Explains how to make stone and crystal elixirs, wear stones as healing jewelry, use them in massage and energy work, and cleanse and recharge

them • Based on the oral teachings of Dr. Jeffrey C. Yuen, a Taoist priest from the ancient lineage of the Jade Purity School (88th generation) masters In addition to herbalism and acupuncture, Chinese Medicine has a rich tradition of using stones as medicine, passed from generation to generation for thousands of years. In this comprehensive guide and extensive Materia Medica, Leslie J. Franks presents the Stone Medicine teachings of Dr. Jeffrey C. Yuen, an 88th generation Taoist priest from the ancient lineage of the Jade Purity School, which dates to the Han dynasty, 206 BCE. Detailing the therapeutic properties of 200 gems, stones, minerals, and crystals, Franks begins with an extensive look at 15 different forms of quartz, followed by chapters on transformative stones, protective stones, nourishing stones, source energy stones, and alchemical stones. She explains the physical, emotional, and spiritual conditions each stone can treat and how their color, form, hardness, and energetic qualities affect us according to Chinese Medicine. She discusses how to make stone and crystal elixirs for internal and topical use, how to charge quartz with the healing properties of other stones, how to cleanse and recharge a stone after use, and how to combine stones to create

healing formulas for individual conditions. She explains different techniques of wearing stones as healing jewelry and how to use them in massage and energy work. She examines the chemistry and sacred geometry of crystal structure, revealing how the minerals contained in the stones affect our physiology by supporting our Jing (Essence); by nourishing Qi (energy), blood, and fluids; and by clearing Wind, Cold, Damp, and Heat conditions that can lead to disease. Including a thorough primer on Traditional Chinese Medicine and backed by modern scientific research, this book explains how stones access our deepest layers, vibrating ever so slowly, to initiate deep lasting change.

Wall Street Journal Business Bestseller A Financial Times Business Book of the Month Named by The Washington Post as One of the 11 Leadership Books to Read in 2018 From the New York Times bestselling coauthor of Great by Choice comes an authoritative, practical guide to individual performance—based on analysis from an exhaustive, groundbreaking study. Why do some people perform better at work than others? This deceptively simple question continues to confound professionals in all sectors of the workforce. Now, after a unique, five-year study of more than 5,000

managers and employees, Morten Hansen reveals the answers in his “Seven Work Smarter Practices” that can be applied by anyone looking to maximize their time and performance. Each of Hansen’s seven practices is highlighted by inspiring stories from individuals in his comprehensive study. You’ll meet a high school principal who engineered a dramatic turnaround of his failing high school; a rural Indian farmer determined to establish a better way of life for women in his village; and a sushi chef, whose simple preparation has led to his restaurant (tucked away under a Tokyo subway station underpass) being awarded the maximum of three Michelin stars. Hansen also explains how the way Alfred Hitchcock filmed Psycho and the 1911 race to become the first explorer to reach the South Pole both illustrate the use of his seven practices (even before they were identified). Each chapter contains questions and key insights to allow you to assess your own performance and figure out your work strengths, as well as your weaknesses. Once you understand your individual style, there are mini-quizzes, questionnaires, and clear tips to assist you focus on a strategy to become a more productive worker. Extensive, accessible, and friendly, Great at Work will help you achieve more by working

less, backed by unprecedented statistical analysis.

Going Interstellar

National Geographic Pocket Guide to Rocks and Minerals of North America

Rocks and Minerals

A Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals

Rock and Gem

A Chinese Medical Guide to Healing with Gems and Minerals

It's the classic work: revised and updated! Identify over 500 of the most collectible minerals quickly and easily with this fully photographed field guide. And this new reissue makes identification easier, with new cleavability ratings for each entry alongside the handy classifications based on streak color, Mohs' hardness, and specific gravity. A complete introductory discussion of mineral forms and properties explains the essential criteria for recognition, and each of the hundreds of minerals (from Ankerite to Zinwaldite) is accompanied by information on its fracture, luster, chemical formula, aggregates, distinguishing characteristics, and localities.

"A comprehensive reference guide to the spiritual healing qualities and scientific properties of hundreds of sacred crystals,

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minerals, and gemstones, this book includes color photographs to aid in stone identification"--

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Elizabeth Taylor

Identification, Values, Lapidary Uses

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The Hidden Habits of Top Performers

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A Compilation of Data, Recipes, Formulas, and Instructions for the Mineralogist, Gemologist

Collecting Agates and Jaspers of North America

“A swashbuckling adventure.” –Booklist “A rollicking Indiana Jones flick with a female lead.” –BCCB The Last Magician meets A Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue in this thrilling, “breathless” (Kirkus Reviews) tale filled with magic and set in the mysterious Carpathian Mountains where a girl must hunt down Vlad the Impaler’s cursed ring in order to save her father. Some legends never die... Traveling with her treasure-hunting father has always been a dream for Theodora. She’s read every book in his library, has an impressive knowledge of the world’s most sought-after relics, and has all the ambition in the world. What she doesn’t have is her father’s permission. That honor goes to her father’s nineteen-year-old protégé –and once-upon-a-time love of Theodora’s life–Huck Gallagher, while Theodora is left to sit alone in her hotel in Istanbul. Until Huck returns from an expedition without her father and enlists Theodora’s help in rescuing him. Armed with her father’s travel journal, the reluctant duo learns that her father had been digging up information on a legendary and magical ring that once belonged to Vlad the Impaler–more widely known as Dracula–and that it just might be the key to finding

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him. Journeying into Romania, Theodora and Huck embark on a captivating adventure through Gothic villages and dark castles in the misty Carpathian Mountains to recover the notorious ring. But they aren't the only ones who are searching for it. A secretive and dangerous occult society with a powerful link to Vlad the Impaler himself is hunting for it, too. And they will go to any lengths—including murder—to possess it.

An irresistible, nostalgic, insightful—and totally original—ramble through classic children's literature from Vanity Fair contributing editor (and father)

Bruce Handy. “Consistently intelligent and funny...The book succeeds wonderfully.” —The New York Times Book Review “A delightful

excursion...Engaging and full of genuine feeling.”

—The Wall Street Journal “Pure pleasure.” —Vanity Fair “Witty and engaging...Deeply satisfying.”

—Christian Science Monitor In 1690, the dour New England Primer, thought to be the first American children's book, was published in Boston. Offering children gems of advice such as “Strive to learn” and “Be not a dunce,” it was no fun at all. So how did we get from there to “Let the wild rumpus start”? And now that we're living in a golden age of children's literature, what can adults get out of reading Where the Wild Things Are and Goodnight Moon, or Charlotte's Web and Little House on the Prairie? In Wild Things, Bruce Handy revisits the classics of

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American childhood, from fairy tales to *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and explores the backstories of their creators, using context and biography to understand how some of the most insightful, creative, and witty authors and illustrators of their times created their often deeply personal masterpieces. Along the way, Handy learns what *The Cat in the Hat* says about anarchy and absentee parenting, which themes link *The Runaway Bunny* and Portnoy's Complaint, and why *Ramona Quimby* is as true an American icon as *Tom Sawyer* or *Jay Gatsby*. It's a profound, eye-opening experience to reencounter books that you once treasured after decades apart. A clear-eyed love letter to the greatest children's books and authors, from Louisa May Alcott and L. Frank Baum to Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Mildred D. Taylor, and E.B. White, *Wild Things* will bring back fond memories for readers of all ages, along with a few surprises.

In this "glittering, Gatsby-esque" (Publishers Weekly) novel, two generations of Quincy women—a bewitching Jazz Age beauty and a young lawyer—are bound by a spectacular and mysterious Indian necklace. Always the black sheep of the tight-knit Quincy clan, Nell is cautious when she's summoned to the elegantly shabby family manor after her great-aunt Loulou's death. A cold reception from the family grows chillier when they learn Loulou has left Nell a fantastically valuable heirloom: an

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ornate necklace from India that Nell finds stashed in a Crown Royal whiskey bag in the back of a dresser. As predatory relatives circle and art experts begin to question the necklace's provenance, Nell turns to the only person she thinks she can trust—the attractive and ambitious estate lawyer who definitely is not part of the old-money crowd. More than just a piece of jewelry, the necklace links Nell to a long-buried family secret involving Ambrose Quincy, who brought the necklace home from India in the 1920s as a dramatic gift for May, the woman he intended to marry. Upon his return, he discovered that May had married his brother Ethan, the “good” Quincy, devoted to their father. As a gesture of friendship, Ambrose gave May the necklace anyway. Crisp as a gin martini, fresh as a twist of lime, *The Necklace* is the charming and intoxicating story “written with wit, compassion, and a meticulous attention to period and cultural detail” (Kirkus Reviews) of long-simmering family resentments and a young woman who inherits a secret much more valuable than a legendary necklace.

A guide to selecting the right plants for an indoor environment explains how and when to feed, repot, and prune house plants, how to protect them from pests and diseases, and the best ways to arrange and support them

A Movie-a-Day Guide to the Movies You Need to Know

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Gemstone & Mineral Data Book

Wild Things

Minerals of the World

Simon & Schuster's Guide to Gems and Precious Stones

Capricorn

Displays rocks, minerals, variant forms, and major gemstones

"Field guide, with more than 1230 illustrations in ... color and information on appearance, size, geographic occurrence, ecological environment"--Jacket.

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instructions for maintaining and recharging their powers • Examines the “life” energy of stones, their basic vibratory patterns, and how this energy is used therapeutically to treat various disorders • Shows how to use gems in color therapy and to harmonize the chakras Gemstones have been used for both therapeutic and spiritual purposes since the beginning of time and in all traditions. Used properly, they can contribute to and accelerate healing through the practice of lithotherapy, which uses gems and minerals to restore enzymatic functions, and they can energize spiritual development. Alternative medicines such as homeopathy have given prominence to the therapeutic character of certain minerals, but the use of gemstones in expanding awareness or establishing a holistic, energetic connection with the stone itself have scarcely been brought forward. In this reclaiming of ancient wisdom, Florence Mégemont explores the many potent and beneficial dimensions of the mineral world. Over 70 precious and semiprecious stones are inventoried as to their principal deposits, therapeutic applications, and zodiac correspondences. Readers will discover which physical and emotional disorders can be relieved by using which minerals and--with the application of chakra therapy--which gemstones are indispensable to their spiritual health. While not proposing that lithotherapy is a substitute for traditional allopathic treatment, Mégemont shows that it can be a powerful complement to it. Additionally, stones can act preventively, energizing both our health and spiritual resources to a state of balance and attunement.

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The Metaphysical Book of Gems and Crystals

Crystal Basics

The Book of Stones

Stone Medicine

Simon & Schuster's Guide to Houseplants

Great at Work

This is the most comprehensive guide to the chemical and subtle nature of gemstones and their use throughout history. Johari includes detailed instructions for the creation of gem talismans and the rituals surrounding the use of gems to obtain desired effects. He also uses Hindu astrology to explain the gems you should wear to maximize your physical and psychological well-being. New edition of a popular classic. This is the first book in this subject area to draw on the ancient Hindu sciences of Tantra, Ayurvedic medicine, and astrology, as well as on the author's own family tradition of gemology.

Profiles the film star's collection of jewelry, providing descriptions of her most noteworthy pieces and describing their representation of particular relationships and events in her life.

A new edition of the clearest, most authoritative guide to gemstones you will find. From Amber to Rubellite, discover over 130 varieties of cut and uncut stones, organic

gemstones and precious metals. 800 incredible photos, precise annotations and detailed descriptions, including everything from gemstone shapes to their composition, will help you to identify different stones quickly and easily. Covers everything from what a gemstone is and where they occur to the natural properties they have and how they have been fashioned and imitated through the ages. Perfect for gemstone lovers and a comprehensive guide for collectors.

Essays by space scientists and engineers on the coolest ways and means to get humanity to the stars along with stories by an all-star assortment of talespinners abounding with Hugo and Nebula award winners: Ben Bova, Mike Resnick, Jack McDevitt, Michael Bishop, Sarah A. Hoyt and more. Some humans may be content staying in one place, but many of us are curious about what's beyond the next village, the next ocean, the next horizon. Are there others like us out there? How will we reach them? Wonderful questions. Now get ready for some highly informative and entertaining answers. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

Simon & Schuster's Guide to Mushrooms

**Simon & Schuster's Guide to Fossils
Simon & Schuster's Guide to Rocks and Minerals**

Magic and Loss

Filmology

The Energetic, Healing, and Spiritual Power of 200 Gemstones

Treasures of the Earth From the author of *Collecting Rocks, Gems and Minerals* and one of the leading agate collectors in the world, comes this comprehensive guide to collecting agates and jaspers, the most sought after types of collectible rocks on the market today. Designed with all beginners in mind, yet filled with valuable technical information for advanced enthusiasts, *Collecting Agates and Jaspers* helps rockhounds discover these treasures of North America. • The only book on agates and jaspers to offer values. • Featuring nearly 700 beautiful color pictures, descriptions and technical information, the book provides an easy-to-use, quick reference format perfect for home and field. • Organized by U.S. states and provinces in Canada and Mexico, with introductions pinpointing each area's best spots and what you can

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find there.

"The last WoW module was clunky and a bit slow on my rig but it had a great toolset for building adventures for my avatar. Now I'm at sixtieth level! Awesome!" Whether it's about science fiction, Star Trek, sports, comics, or computers, geekspeak is full of mysterious words and phrases. But now there's an easy way to understand what it's all about. With this book you can dork out with the best of 'em. Here are more than 1,000 words and their definitions, including such gems as: LARP Red Shirt Wilhelm Scream Xenomorph Munchkin So don't worry if you don't know what a midochlorian is or what to do with a proton pack. With this book, you'll never be confused again. Which doesn't mean what you think it means, unless you're a fan of roleplaying games.*

Simon and Schuster's Guide to Gems and Precious Stones Simon & Schuster Describes hundreds of minerals and lists their geographic distribution, physical properties, chemical composition, and crystalline structure. Aries

Simon & Schuster's Guide to Dogs

A Novel

In Tantra, Ayurveda, and Astrology

Libra

Rockhounding for Beginners

Describes the characteristics and behavior of various longhair and shorthair breeds, looks at the history of cats, and discusses their care and grooming.

A beginner's field guide to North American geology identifies common rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, and land formations.

A full-color practical handbook of essential techniques with an in-depth directory of healing stones • Offers guidance on selecting your crystals and gemstones and step-by-step instructions on how to cleanse, charge, activate, and program them • Includes templates for crystal grids and healing layouts, recipes for crystal elixirs, and directions for crystal meditations and energy clearing with crystals • The full-color directory includes 200 different rocks, minerals, gemstones, and crystal formations, organized alphabetically and featuring the

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physical, psychological, and spiritual healing qualities for every stone In this in-depth yet easy-to-follow guide, crystal healing teacher Nicholas Pearson offers a full-color compendium of 200 crystals and gemstones as well as a hands-on practical handbook on crystal healing, perfect for those just beginning their crystal journey as well as long-time stone lovers seeking an all-in-one reference. The handbook of crystal use opens with a thorough explanation of crystal energy, including its interactions with the human energy field, and teaches readers how to extrapolate what a crystal does based on its composition, crystal structure, formation process, and other properties. In the chapters on techniques, Pearson offers guidance on selecting your crystals and gemstones, then step-by-step instructions on how to cleanse, charge, activate, and program them. He explains how to make crystal grids and healing layouts, including templates for both, and also discusses the numerology and geometry of crystal grids. He explores the essentials of crystal elixirs, complete

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with elixir recipes, and details how to perform crystal meditations, clear the energy centers and the aura, and practice more advanced techniques, such as engaging with the crystal devas, creating sacred space, and practices for spiritual hygiene and protection. The compendium includes 200 rocks, minerals, gemstones, and crystal formations, organized alphabetically and featuring full-color photographs. Each entry includes geological information and the physical, psychological, and spiritual healing qualities for every stone. Some stones, such as jasper and quartz, have multiple varieties, each given their own entries to provide a thorough reference guide for crystal healers and collectors. This accessible yet comprehensive guide offers the essentials of crystal energy healing paired with a highly illustrated stone directory to give you everything you need to know about crystal basics in one handy volume.

Sure, everybody loves the movies. But how much do these movie enthusiasts really know about them? In this

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groundbreaking book, noted film critic Chris Barsanti gives you the most entertaining crash course in good film in a book--one movie a day. This is not just another greatest-movies celebration. Pairing cinema's lesser-seen gems alongside blockbusters, great early works from the pioneers of film alongside often-overlooked films from great directors, Barsanti unveils the movies that all true cineastes must see--for everyone's viewing pleasure. Filmology: So you can watch your way to an education in film!
Who They Are and What They Teach
Scorpio

Gemstones

Geektionary

The Healing Power of Gemstones

A handbook on the identification of the various types of American and European mushrooms includes descriptions and discussions of their habitats and edibility

With more than 250,000 copies in print, Simon & Schuster's Guide to Dogs is the best guide available -- whether you need a dog book for general identification or to select the breed that is most suitable for you. With more than 320 breeds of dogs described and illustrated in full color, this book provides quick access to essential information on physical and

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psychological characteristics and care required. The entries for each breed give details on weight, height, markings, and type of coat, as well as information on personality traits, origins, uses, and care. Each entry also features easy-to-read visual symbols that indicate, for example, whether a breed of dog is good with children or has a tendency to bite, whether a breed is well-suited as a hunting dog or a guard dog, whether the dog needs to be kept outdoors or indoors or can live happily in the city, and much more. Filled with useful information and illustrated throughout, Simon & Schuster's Guide to Dogs is a valuable reference to the world of canines.

Simon and Schuster's Guide to Cats
Simon and Schuster's Guide to Shells
Simon and Schuster's Guide to Insects
The Joy of Reading Children's Literature as an Adult
The Lady Rogue
Sagittarius