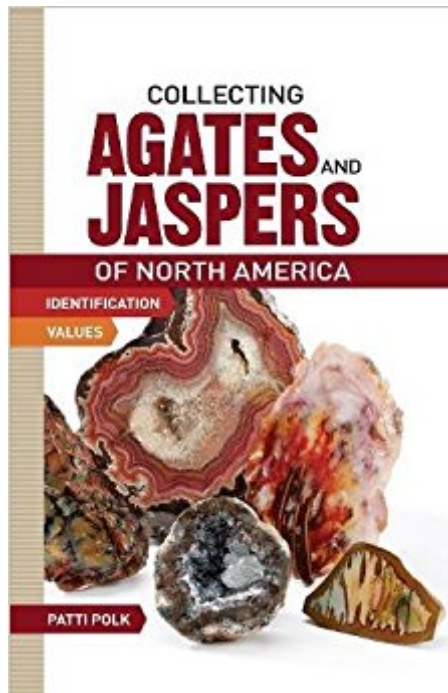




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# Collecting Agates And Jaspers Of North America



## Synopsis

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 find there.

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Author Patti Polk is recognized as one of the top agate collectors in the world (as noted in the highly respected reference book Agates III by Johann Zenz). Author of Collecting Rocks, Gems and Minerals, Polk has been collecting, cutting and polishing rocks for jewelry and display for more than 20 years. She has been published in Rock & Gem magazine and numerous other periodicals; she speaks at rock and mineral club programs and frequently serves as a trail guide for visitors to Arizona.

It is what I expected, having owned one of the author's previous books. A previous reviewer noted

that it looked like someone's collection which it probably is, but also from collections of other people as well. This same reviewer noted too that the author showed the polished product but not what the samples look like in the rough. Actually this book does contain some pics of what they look like in the rough but not for all samples, probably because they look very similar to each other in the rough. But I do sympathize with the reviewer; as a newbie, I'd like a big visual book that shows what cool samples look like in the rough.

I really love this book for identifying my collection of agates and jasper and recommends to everyone. Beautiful photos and much useful information. I show it to all my friends and had several of my fellow collector buy it. The only reason I do not give this book 5 stars is that it does not have an index. It's great to find specimens if you know its state of origin, but if you only know it by its popular name, say Horse Canyon Agate, you have to hunt state by state through the book to find it. This type of reference truly benefits from an index and I hope that simple fix will be added. I am a great fan of Patti's and truly recommend this book.

One thing I didn't realize when I ordered this book is that the specimens are listed by state. I would have preferred a book that instructs you on the different kinds of jasper, so you can inform yourself about the many types. The photographs are spectacular and I will try hard to find what I'm looking for within the structure of the book.

I have used this book daily since it arrived. Pictures are large and precise and well photographed. It has helped me identify a lot of stones in my possession.

A very good reference book that covers the subject well. I find it to be an excellent reference book for my rock collection.

Love this book.... It's gorgeous, and written in a manner that explains much, without talking over an amateur rockhound's head.

Just as described. Quality publication.

Great book. My BF and I have spent hours looking through it and adding places to our vacation wishlist because of the beautiful agates.

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