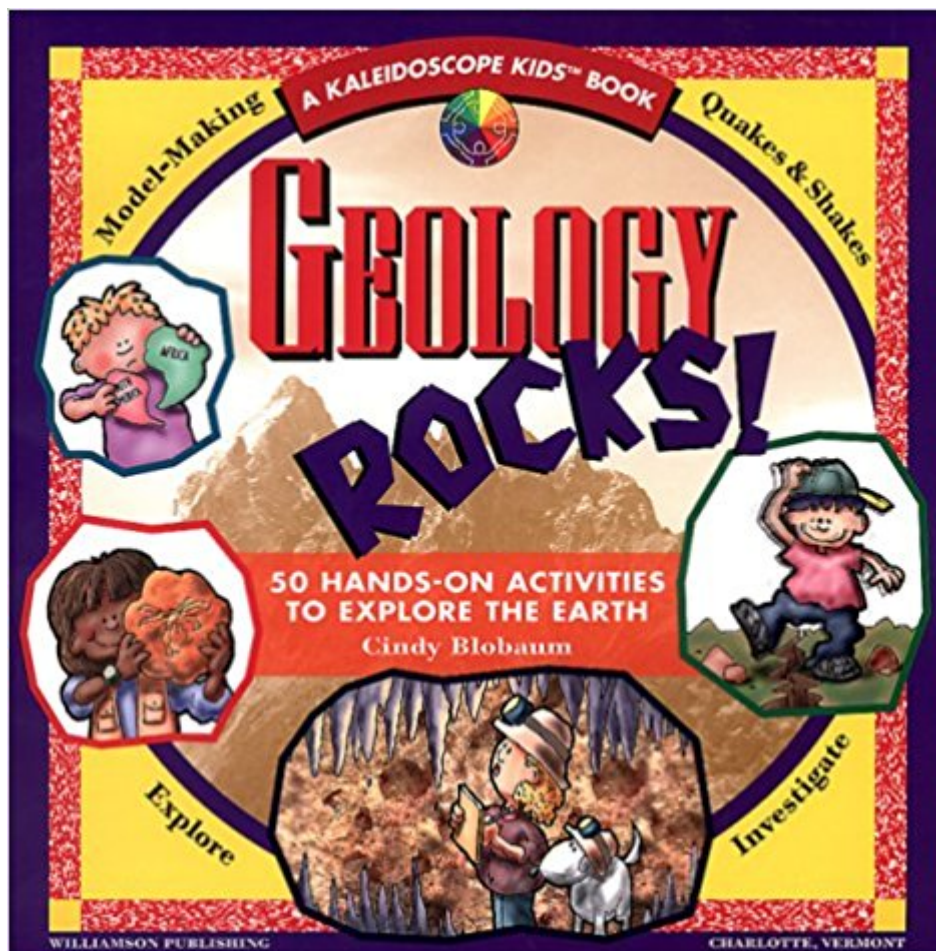




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# Geology Rocks!: 50 Hands-On Activities To Explore The Earth (Kaleidoscope Kids)



## Synopsis

Presents fifty hands-on activities to introduce the science of geology and explain the formation and history of the earth.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 and up

Grade Level: 2 and up

## Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6-Geology's basics are explored in a lively fashion and are accompanied by a combination of familiar and not-so-familiar experiments and activities. Each chapter introduces a concept such as "the first rock group-Igneous 'Iggy,' Sedimentary 'Sed,' and Metamorphic 'Morph'!" Ways to find and places to observe these types of rock are suggested. Activities such as creating a sand sculpture or playing "Rock Tic-Tac-Toe" are included. Sidebars give additional information about geologists, language links ("blow your top" or "petrified"), famous formations, scientific controversies, and how to think like a scientist. The text is witty but conveys much factual material. The experiments can be done easily with household items and include safety precautions. Whether making the standard chemical volcano, catching falling stars, or creating a mini glacier, readers will find much of interest here. The book is illustrated with red-and-purple tinted cartoons and photographs. The experiments are similar to those found in Alan Anderson's *Geology Crafts for Kids* (Lark, 1996), but Blobaum's offering is presented in a much more informal format. Kathryn Kosiorek,

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--School Library Journal

I purchased this book to supplement my curriculum while teaching a class on rocks to 4-6th graders. It was a great resource! I personally felt like it wasn't too technical (easy to grasp concepts) while at the same time not watered down so much as to be ridiculous. It has great little projects. I had a great time picking a choosing concepts out of it to teach. For example, when we learned about what a mineral is, I used a page from the book that demonstrates minerals by having the kids go "shopping" for minerals. It tells you to gather items like an empty milk carton, baby powder, toothpaste, pencils. Then you tell the kids to go shopping or on a savenger hunt, how ever you want to say it, and you tell to find the minerals calcium, talc, fluoride, and graphite. The kids then walk around the room and decide which minerals we find in which items. There were more options than just those minerals, but you get the general idea. I did need other books beside this one to teach the class because I wanted a bit more scientific terms for the kids but this was a great supplement. Love it!!!

This is an extremely detailed book about rocks. My son loves when I pull it out. I bought it to go with the Rock On Geology game. So far, we have just gone over everything. I think it is too big for his four years old but I'll keep introducing small aspects of it during summer.

Bought this for our first year of homeschooling (6th grade). This book has a lot of wonderful hands-on experiments. I know we are going to have a great time with it.

What a great introduction to Geology for my kids! We are using this book as part of our homeschooling curriculum. It has loads of great hands on activities that keep my kids engaged. We are using this along with The Young Scientist Series Set 3.

You must buy this book. It is packed with learning activities for children. One example: The section on caves in this book has your kids creating stalactites (it's not \*too\* messy, Mom) and discovering how surface precipitation dissolves limestone to create caverns. I love hands-on books, and this one has plenty of science projects for your kids to do with (and this is important) MINIMAL

PARENTAL HELP. Your seven-year-olds and up will be on fire to learn more. Even littler brothers and sisters can get in on the excitement with rock collections and plate tectonics... this book can't be beat.

I work with elementary age school children after school and during summer camp. We have done some exploring of rocks and where we get gold and precious stones. "Geology Rocks" has some of the best hands on activities I have ever come accross for demonstrating the processes of the formation of the minerals and how to extract them from the earth. They especially enjoyed chip mining! It makes the learning process so much fun, the children hate to stop the activities.

I bought this to use as a supplement for my son's science curriculum. It is full of great hands-on activites and experiments. If your child is learning about rocks and minerals and between the ages of 7-10, I would highly recommend this book. My 4th grader has really enjoyed it so far this year.

We home schools our daughter and also participate in a co-op teaching program through our church. My wife uses the book and activities at home and at the co-op. The kids love the activities and are learning how the earths forces shape the world around us.

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