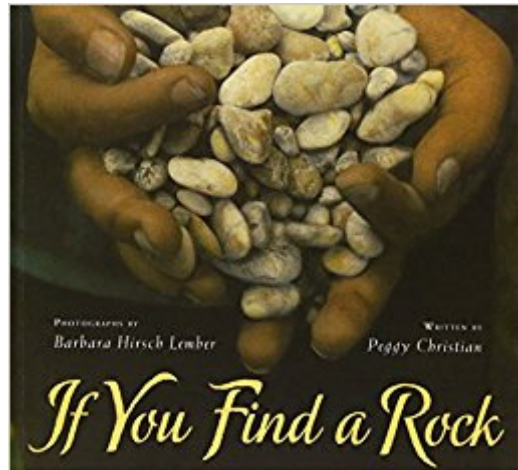




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If You Find A Rock



Synopsis

Think of all the rocks there are: skipping rocks, splashing rocks, climbing rocks, and wishing rocks. Children can't help collecting them. With joyful, poetic text and luminous photographs, *If You Find a Rock* celebrates rocks everywhere—as well as the mysterious and wonderful places they are found.

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Customer Reviews

Hand-tinted black-and-white photographs lend a timeless quality to this contemplative picture book. No feldspar or quartz is categorized here. Drather, Christian (The Bookstore Mouse) muses on a variety of rocks that children typically encounter, such as flat "skipping" rocks ("you toss it out in the water just so and see it trip across the surface, making a chain of spreading rings") to a "wishing rock" ("with a stripe running all the way round it... it must circle all the way. You whisper what you want before you throw it"). Christian imbues her words with a childlike sense of wonder that lifts the everyday to the extraordinary, a transformation intensified by superb book production. Hewing to an earth-toned palette, Lember's (A Book of Fruit) photos are spare and uncluttered, alternating between tightly focused shots (small hands holding various stones, for instance) with broader pastoral vistas, such as a boy leaping from rock to rock across a creek. A slight soft-focus effect

helps suspend the subjects in time. Despite the backpacks and sneakers, these children could be from any era. The book's design is exemplary as well; the words are matted against broad swaths of white space, while the glossy sheen of the photographs stands out vividly. A work of art in every regard. Ages 6-9. (Apr.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 1-4-Since the dawn of time, humans have found rocks, stones, and pebbles to be subtly alluring. In a poignant, lyrical text, Christian contemplates the magnetism of an assortment of such serendipitous discoveries. From drawing ephemeral runes on the sidewalk with a "chalk rock" to the satisfying slither of a handful of "sifting rocks" and the exaltation of a "climbing rock," these common but beguiling objects are wondered about ("you might find a rock with a stripe running all the way round it-You have a wishing rock, and you whisper what you want before you throw it"). Each two-page spread includes at least one of Lember's softly hand-tinted photos that eloquently reflect the evocative text. Insert this gem into an earth-science unit and watch as certain students drift from igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock, and the Mohs' scale to look at their specimens with wide, remembering eyes. Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This a lovely book for children (and grandparents, as well). We love collecting, sorting, tumbling, and treasuring special rocks. We sent this book along with a wooden "treasure chest" as a gift to a three-year-old. We were so taken with the book that we've ordered several more for our stash of gifts for grand-nieces and grand-nephews. The photography and writing are excellent.

If you collect rocks at the beach or on vacation, you will enjoy this book. I bought this book as a hook to get my students interested in rocks before we started our unit on the rock cycle, and they really loved the book. This isn't really an informational book, it is about giving each rock you encounter a special name such as resting, wishing, skipping, etc. The book is great fun to share with children before going on an outdoor adventure.

I love reading this book every year at the beginning of our Rock unit in Science. It totally engages the students and they become so interested and invested in the types of rocks highlighted in the book. Many bring in their own examples of wishing rocks or memory rocks. It lends itself to so many

teachable moments and class discussions.

Brings a little magic to story time... In a very realistic way. My kids love nature so this was a big hit. My son now references the rocks in the books. Beautiful pages. Enchanting words. Please buy this for your child! They will love it!

Beautiful story for the young collector. Not scientific about the rocks, more about describing the location, shape, and emotional attachment to the found rock. My kids love it and refer to the book while we are out hiking or just in our yard collecting.

My 3 year old is obsessed with rocks. This quickly became his favorite book. He loves the photos of the rocks.

My 6 old rock collecting daughter and I read this book the day we got and she liked it but I can't say I think it will be a favorite.

Really nice book to get kids interested in looking at rocks in a new way. I read this to my granddaughter's first grade class and afterwards gave each child a small drawstring bag to keep a special rock or rocks they may come across this summer. Very nice pictures. I'm retired, but I would have enjoyed reading this to my first grade classes while I was actively teaching. I think it would be appropriate for K-2 or 3.

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