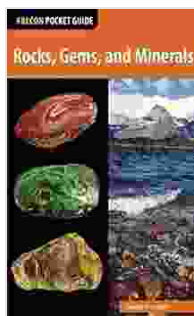


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Rocks

Rocks are solid, naturally occurring aggregates of minerals. They are the most common materials on the Earth's surface, and they play a vital role in the planet's ecology and climate.

Rocks are classified into three main types: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic.

- **Igneous rocks** are formed when magma or lava cools and solidifies.
- **Sedimentary rocks** are formed when sediments (such as sand, mud, and gravel) are compacted and cemented together.
- **Metamorphic rocks** are formed when existing rocks are subjected to heat, pressure, or chemical alteration.

Rocks can be used to identify the geological history of an area. They can also be used to find valuable resources, such as oil, gas, and minerals.

Gems

Gems are minerals that are prized for their beauty and durability. They are often used in jewelry and other decorative objects.

The most common gems include:

- **Diamond**
- **Ruby**
- **Sapphire**
- **Emerald**
- **Amethyst**

Gems are found in a variety of geological settings, including:

- **Primary deposits**, where gems are found in their original host rock
- **Secondary deposits**, where gems have been transported from their original host rock by erosion or other processes

Gems are used in a variety of industries, including jewelry, cosmetics, and electronics.

Minerals

Minerals are naturally occurring, inorganic solids that have a definite chemical composition and a crystalline structure. They are the building blocks of rocks and gems.

The most common minerals include:

- **Quartz**
- **Feldspar**
- **Mica**

- **Calcite**
- **Pyrite**

Minerals are used in a variety of industries, including construction, manufacturing, and agriculture.

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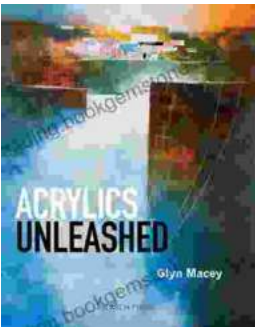


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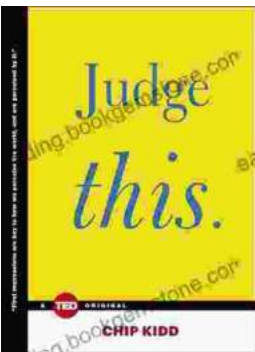
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