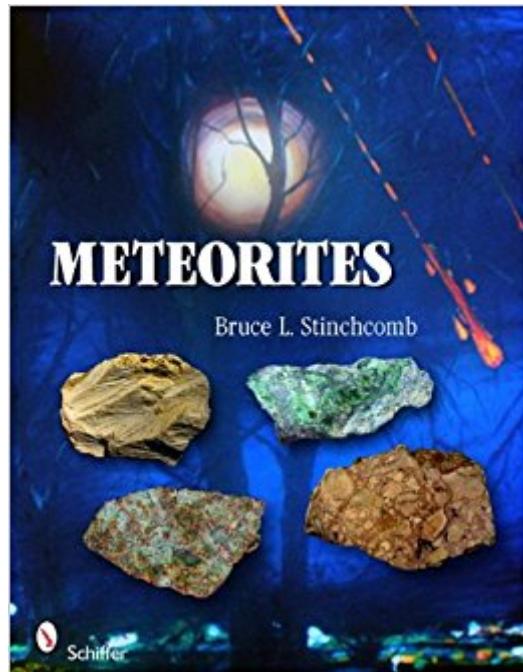


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# Meteorites



## Synopsis

Over 500 color images and engaging text provide insight into these interesting collectibles from out of this world. Meteorites link back to the early stages of the Milky Way galaxy and are the oldest items one can touch, some dating back to before the creation of our solar system. Meteorites are also among the most primitive forms of matter you can closely observe and handle. Some of these ambassadors from the void were created in stars that no longer exist. Others provide the curious researcher with original material from the earliest days of our own solar system. These rocks tell tales to those who know how to read them of nebulas, novas, supernovas, red giants, and impacting celestial bodies. Readers can explore metallic, stony-iron, and stony meteorites, meteorite falls, Northwest African meteorites, and rare meteorites.

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Meteorites are the closest most of us will ever come to outer space. There is a fascination with these bits of iron and stone fallen to Earth that few other rocks have for the non-geologist. Probably more geologists and museums are asked to identify "meteor-wrongs" than any other stone, because they are perceived to be of great value, and theoretically, they can be found anywhere. Probably 99% of specimens presented as potential meteorites turn out to be iron ore, iron slag, or various earth rocks which only look like meteorites. In this book, Dr. Stinchcomb presents an overview of rocks from space, a closer look at iron, iron-stony and stony meteorites, talks about the place of carbonaceous chondrites, a specific meteorite type in the middle of the search for extraterrestrial

life. He devotes a whole section to Northwest African meteorites--a plentiful resource for meteorite aficionados and tells the differences between falls and finds. Stinchcomb was one of the first to correctly identify Missouri astroblemes as being meteor-related; a latter section of the book talks about these, and a site containing rip-up clasts related to the K-T boundary Chicxulub Crater. He also addresses anomalous nickel deposits where the deposits may have had extraterrestrial origins. The book is profusely illustrated with meteorite examples. One thing I found missing was a systematic guided key for an amateur to make a first or second exclusionary cut when he or she has a rock suspected of being a meteorite.

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