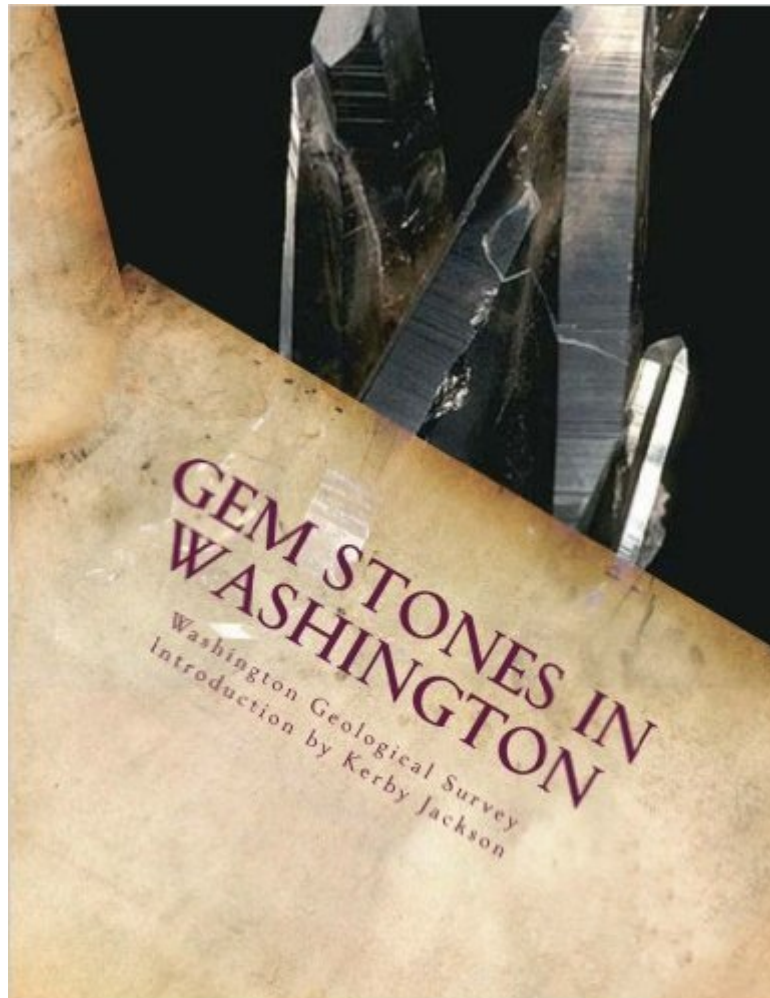


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# Gem Stones In Washington



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Leading mining historian Kerby Jackson introduces us to a classic mining work in this important re-issue of *Origin and Occurrence of Gem Stones in Washington*. Unavailable since 1949, this important publication was originally published by the Washington Geologic Survey and has been unavailable since first published. Included are details on where to find naturally occurring gem stones in the State of Washington, including quartz crystal, amethyst, smoky quartz, milky quartz, agates, bloodstone, carnelian, chert, flint, jasper, onyx, petrified wood, opal, fire opal, hyalite and others.

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## Customer Reviews

The blurb says "Unavailable since 1949," but this small pamphlet was previously reprinted in 1964 and 1972, at least, and is currently available online as an excellent quality PDF from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. But I suspect I will end up buying this new reprint anyway, since a book in the hand is so often preferable to an electronic book on a Kindle, tablet, or laptop. The content is definitely interesting to anyone familiar with the region, or wishing to become so. I especially like that the locations tend to be nonspecific: Instead of sending you to overly specific locations, as do many guides, e.g. "Gem Trails" series, there are many discussions of the type of feature and terrain that has proven productive over an interesting-sized area. Consider "Chalcedony occurs as amygdules and as fillings in larger irregular cavities in the Teanaway basalt.

which crops out in an east-west belt 2 miles wide that is crossed by the highway (U.S. 97) just south of Liberty. Specimens, including blue agates, have been found in road cuts and in the hills on either side of the highway."Obviously, material this old is not going to be useful by itself, but should be used in combination with later gem hunting and rockhounding guides, a "Roadside Geography of Washington," and perhaps especially in combination with the recent "Rocks & Minerals of Washington State" by Dan & Bob Lynch, which contains broader but potentially useful geographic hints in its mineral descriptions. One might also want to have a road map of the era, or at least have a good sense of where current highways might stray from older routes.

This was a gift for my son, but he was excited when he found info showing areas close to us.

this is interesting, will be using it when we move out there, thank you

As an old book, it's informative in general terms. No illustrations.

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