



Fifty Minerals That Changed the Course of History (Paperback)

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FIREFLY BOOKS, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. The brief sections are consistently interesting, and plenty of supplemental illustrations and photos make this a handsome volume. best-suited to curious kids and casual mineralogists. --Publishers Weekly A beautiful book, nicely bound and richly illustrated. written in an easy to read, casual style. - -Science Books and Films Fifty Minerals that Changed the Course of History is a beautifully presented guide to the minerals that have had the greatest impact on human civilization. These are the materials used from the Stone Age to the First and Second Industrial Revolutions to the Nuclear Age and include metals, ores, alloys, salts, rocks, sodium, mercury, steel and uranium. The book includes minerals used as currency, as jewelry and as lay and religious ornamentation when combined with gem minerals like diamonds, amber, coral, and jade. Examples of the fifty minerals are: Diamonds: Did a necklace ordered by Louis XV precipitate the French Revolution? Sulphur: The biblical brimstone now used in organic farming. Clay: The oldest ceramic object is not a cooking pot or drinking bowl, but a statuette. Arsenic: Was Napoleon murdered while imprisoned on the island of St. Helena? Coal: The...



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