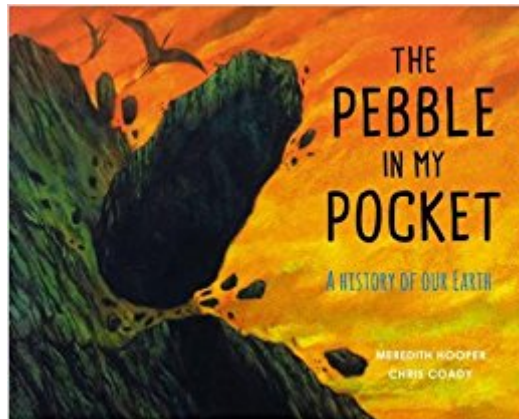




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The Pebble In My Pocket: A History Of Our Earth



Synopsis

New in paperback! Where do pebbles come from? How were they made? This book tells the story of a pebble, from its origins in a fiery volcano 480 million years ago to a busy, modern landscape. Readers follow the processes of rock formation and erosion that create new pebbles all over the world. "Hooper and Coady pass on a sense of wonder for the history contained in one small pebble....Coady provides spectacular paintings, given texture, weight, and movement by the strokes of his brush." - Kirkus Reviews

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Customer Reviews

Grade 2-4?A child muses about the long history of a pebble, from its volcanic origins when the Earth was young to the day she picks it up off the ground. The conceit doesn't quite work, as the narrator sounds like an adult lecturer?"Two great landmasses, like giant plates, are colliding...It is 395 million years ago."?but the idea of using some common object or artifact as a springboard to the past is a tried-and-true one. Coady places an array of familiar, dramatically rendered dinosaurs and other flora and fauna in landscapes characteristic of each passing era. A timeline at the end includes labels for animals not previously named. More conventionally scientific than George Ella Lyon's *Who Came Down That Road?* (Orchard, 1992), this title makes an appealing alternative or replacement for Bruce Hiscock's *The Big Rock* (Atheneum, 1988).?John Peters, New York Public LibraryCopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr. 3[^]-5. A girl finds a pebble on the ground and asks, "Where did you come from, pebble?" The answer unfolds through words and pictures. The first double-page spread shows volcanoes erupting 480 million years ago, bringing molten rock to the surface of the earth; the next illustrates land masses colliding and buckling into mountains 395 million years ago. Page by page, the story goes forward in time, tracing one pebble's history as the face of the earth changes, animals become more complex, and finally a little girl picks up the pebble, "a little piece of the history of our planet." The last two pages feature geological and biological timelines laying out the periods dramatized in the story. Rich with color and shading, the paintings dramatize Earth's history. Considering the vastness of the topic, the text does a good job of balancing the general with the specific. Teachers will find this a good introduction to geology. Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Good for NC Science curriculum. 3.E.1

great

I work with children in environmental education. One thing that never ceases to amaze me is that many children have no concept of the soil except that it is dirty! This book helps the reader examine this precious resource and contemplate the longevity of soil and the importance of it in a fun manner. Hooper takes the child on a creative adventure of reliving some of the possible experiences of the piece of rock that they take for granted. Although a scientific topic, "A Rock in my Pocket" is also a delightful romp through the history of the earth. I highly recommend this book for any child who thinks soil is dirty, and even for those who think it is cool. In addition, Hooper's book "A Drop in my Drink" deals with water in the same manner. You should not get one of these books and not the other.

This book presents the earth's timeline, from 4 billion years ago to the present, by following a pebble's journey from its volcanic birth to the top of a mountain, to the sea, to being captured by glaciers, with other stops in between. The illustrations are wonderful in showing different life forms over that period. We bought this book for my son when he was 4, and he still likes reading it at age 6. A nice touch is that it is a girl who finds the pebble.

Unfortunately, I was expecting more of a lyrical story. This is a very dry, factual book. I wish it was

something I could really read to my students.

I am delighted with my purchase!

My fifth grade students were bored when I read this book to them. They are very interested in the rock cycle, however, this book presented information that went on forever. I think it would have been better if it could have been more concise.

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