Colorado Rockhounding: A Guide To Minerals, Gemstones, And Fossils

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An introduction to rockhounding with basic geology, mineral and fossil identification, color photos, field methods and much more. Revised, expanded second edition. This book is a 6” x 9” paperback with 304 pages. The rocks, and the minerals they contain, provided clues to the evolution of Mars. Scientists were surprised to learn that the first rock they analyzed, nicknamed Barnacle Bill, contained many of the same minerals that were common on Earth. The rock composition was similar to andesite, a rock formed by volcanic activity. Andesite on Mars was an unexpected find as volcanoes are rare on the red planet. The composition of other samples (Fig. 2) confirmed the resemblance with other volcanic rocks on Earth and scientists began to rethink their view of Mars’ origins. The boulder-studded landing