

# SRC 2010: Reading Rocks!

Week Four - Booklist

Theme: **A Rocky Read**

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Books about stones, mountains, caves, fossils, gold and other precious gems and metals!

## Picture Books for Preschool - Kindergarten

Baylor, Byrd. Everybody needs a rock

Whether you find it on a mountain, in a stream or in your back alley, a smooth stone to hold is a precious object. You'll also enjoy Baylor's If you are a hunter of fossils.

Brown, Marcia. Stone soup

There are many variants of this classic tale, including Heather Forest's Stone soup and Aubrey

Kimmel, Eric A. Anansi and the moss-covered rock.

The trickster Anansi discovers a magical rock in the middle of the jungle and he knows just how to use it to trick the other animals out of all of their food!

McDermott, Gerald. The Stonecutter: A Japanese folk tale.

What is more powerful - the sun, clouds, a mountain, or a lowly stonecutter tapping away at the base of the mountain?

## Books for Primary Students ages 6 – 9

Briggs, Raymond. Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age

When Ug asks why his pants can't be made of something softer than stone – his Dad replies because it's the Stone Age of course! Everything is made of Stone!

Jam, Teddy The Stoneboat. (also in the new collection: How we were)

Mr. Richard's is big and terrifying, and pluck huge boulders from the earth to load on to the stoneboat to clear his fields – but will he clear his neighbour's debt to him after his boys save his life.

Lobel, Arnold. Ming Lo moves the mountain

Ming Lo and his wife don't like living in the shade of the mountain, and when the wise man tells them how to move the mountain he solves all their problems.

Van Allsburg, Chris. The Wretched Stone.

Van Allsburg, famous for his tales Jumanji and Zathura, tells a fable about the mysterious and devastating power a polished stone has on the crew of a sailing ship.

## Novels for Grades 4 - 7

Armstrong, Luanne Pete's Gold

A summer which includes a freezing plunge into a lake, a search for long lost gold coins, and a skeleton in an abandoned mine is sure to be pure adventure from start to finish.

Craddock, Erik BC Mambo (Stone Rabbit series)

This graphic novel series finds Stone Rabbit thrown back to the days of the cave man.

Crossley-Holland, Kevin. Arthur: The Seeing Stone (series)

It's 1199 and young Arthur de Caldicot has received a shining black stone from Merlin in which he can 'see' the stories of his namesake: King Arthur.

Ellis, Deborah Keeley: the Girl from Turtle Mountain (series)

Keeley moves to Frank, Alberta in 1901 in this four part series from Our Canadian Girl. Living at the foot of Turtle Mountain is dangerous, as anyone who has traveled through the Crowsnest Pass from B.C. to Alberta well knows!

Fletcher, Susan Stoneheart (series)

George is between a rock and a hard place after an encounter with a bully - and although he knows it's going to hurt, his anger causes him to lash out at a stone carving of a dragon which causes all the other stone carvings to come to life!

Galloway, Priscilla. Lisa: Overland to the Cariboo (Our Canadian Girl series)

It's at 1862, and there's gold in the Cariboo! Lisa goes panning for gold with her cousin Archie and is determined to find enough gold to support her entire family!

George, Jean Craighead. My side of the Mountain (series)

This classic begins the story of Sam who runs away to live alone on the mountain with a wild falcon. Sequels include: On the far side of the mountain and Frightful's mountain.

Korman, Gordon Everest (series)

Four kids are on a quest to conquer the world's harshest mountain in this trilogy which includes: The Contest, The Climb and The Summit.

Peacock, Shane. Bone beds of the Badlands (A Dylan Maples Adventure)

Dinosaur Provincial Park doesn't just have bones – it is also is the hiding spot of a desperate killer. The Dylan Maples Adventure series also includes The Secret of the Silver Mines and Monster in the Mountains .

Smith, Roland. Peak

If fourteen-year-old Peak actually reaches the summit of Everest, he'll be the youngest climber ever to make it to the top!

White, T.H. The Sword in the Stone

The classic story of Arthur, or Wart, who proves to be the future king by pulling the sword from the stone.

Withers, Pam Vertical Limits (Take it to the X-treme series)

This title in the Xtreme series features three mountain climbers determined to conquer the Bugaboo Mountains.

### **Information books:**

Coulter, Laurie. Secrets in stone: all about Maya Hieroglyphs. Carved in stone, the Mayan hieroglyphics were the written records of the ancient civilizations of Central America.

Crossingham, John. Extreme climbing The extreme sports: no limits series by Crabtree introduces young readers to rock climbing!

Donouhue, Carol. The Mystery of the Hieroglyphs: The Story of the Rosetta Stone and the race to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphs. In 1822 Jean Francois Champollion solved the mystery of the Rosetta stone which was the clue to deciphering the Egyptian system of writing!

Rocks and minerals: a gem of a book! If you want to know the differences between sandstone and granite, slate and agate – this is the book to check out!

Skreslet, Laurie. To the top of Everest Only the most determined climbers tackle Mount Everest and this book relates Laurie Skreslet's dangerous climb to the top!

Symes, R.F. and Harding, R.R. Crystal and Gem The eyewitness titles are perennial favourites and this introduction to crystals and gems includes familiar stones like opals and topaz and a few less known gems such as tourmalines and beryl.