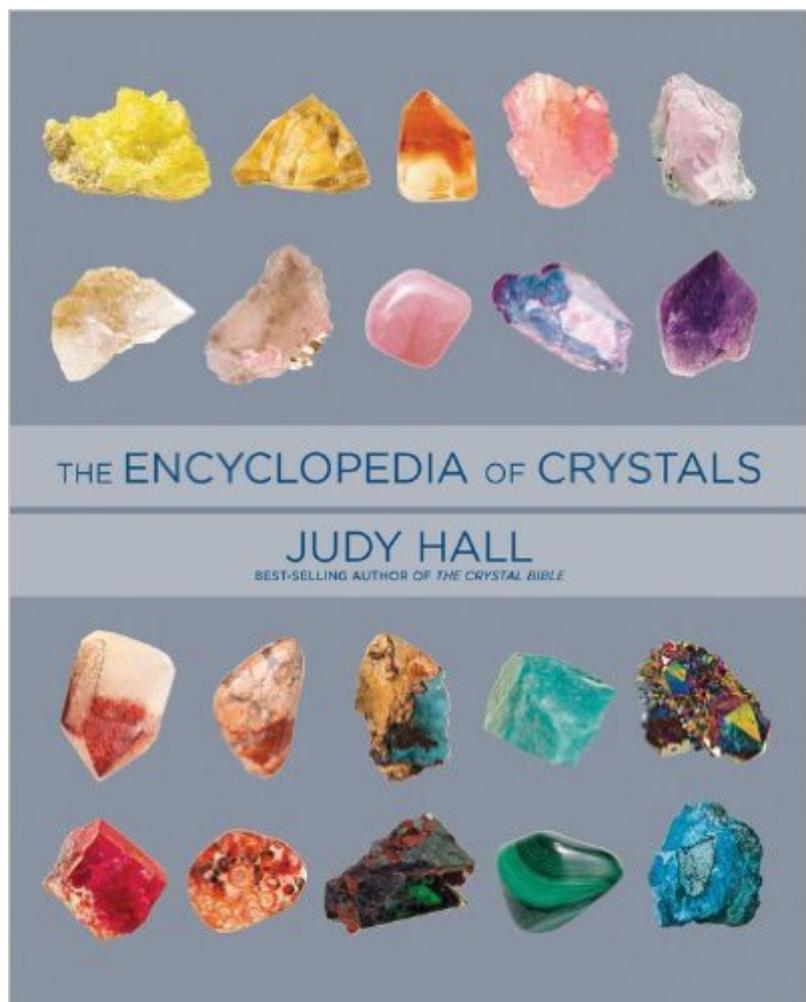


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This review originally appeared on The Magical Buffet website on 04/24/14. As you guys may recall, I am a lady that loves me some crystals, gemstones, and minerals. I was excited by the historical insights offered by "A Lapidary of Sacred Stones" by Claude Lecouteux and Isidore Kozminsky's "Crystals, Jewels, Stones: Magic & Science" but I was downright thrilled to be given access to the practical, revised and expanded edition of, "The Encyclopedia of Crystals" by Judy Hall. You may recognize Hall's name as the author of "Crystals and Sacred Sites: Use Crystals to Access the Power of Sacred Landscapes for Personal and Planetary Transformation" that I reviewed here on The Buffet. Well, when Hall isn't busy proposing new theories on how to use crystals she's authoring some of the most definitive guides to minerals

and gemstones. So why are her books some of the best out there? Glad you asked. My favorite feature, and the most obvious, is that the crystals are laid out (or listed if you prefer) in the book by color. How great is that? Hey, I have this purple stone and I can't remember what it is. No problem, I'll pull out the "Encyclopedia" and flip to the purple section and see what it matches up with. How awesome is that? But I know what stone I want to read about! Again, not a problem. There is an alphabetical crystal index at the front of the book and there is a thorough index in the back of the book as well. There is also a short but very informative introduction that covers everything from basic geology to the chakras. Each stone is given a fantastic image or two to help with identification. Then they list: crystal system, chemistry, hardness, source, chakra, number, zodiac sign, planet, and what it's beneficial for.

I am a crystal healer, I sell crystals and have over 25 years of experience. I love Judy's work for the most part, but this book has a few problems. I am not overly interested in the mineralogy/geologic aspect of stones and do focus more on the metaphysical aspects, so in that sense it's great. The pictures are wonderful and while I have never met Judy, a kind essence seems to radiate from the pages. However, it is hard to ignore some of the factual errors regarding the mineralogy/geological aspects. I am not even as interested in them, but I do at least want to get the right information for my customers. I have had to do extensive research on various stones listed just to make sure that I am not giving my customers wrong information based on this book. The metaphysical aspects are intuitive for the most part and gemstone guides are like dream symbol books and open to interpretation based on how a stone affects you personally, but the geological information isn't as easily played with and when you get it wrong, you get it wrong. I wanted the "source" I use to be reliable so that my customers and I could learn together, but I've had to "correct the book" a few times and frankly, it makes me enormously uncomfortable because while I do have some knowledge and my customers appreciate it, I'm not a name like Judy Hall and it's hard to tell your customer that a well-respected "expert" got it wrong, especially when I don't even claim to study mineralogy. Yet, because of the need to research those aspects when a customer has a question, I'm quickly becoming an expert in finding mistakes in this book. The confusing part is that while many people want a source of good information on all aspects of a stone...

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