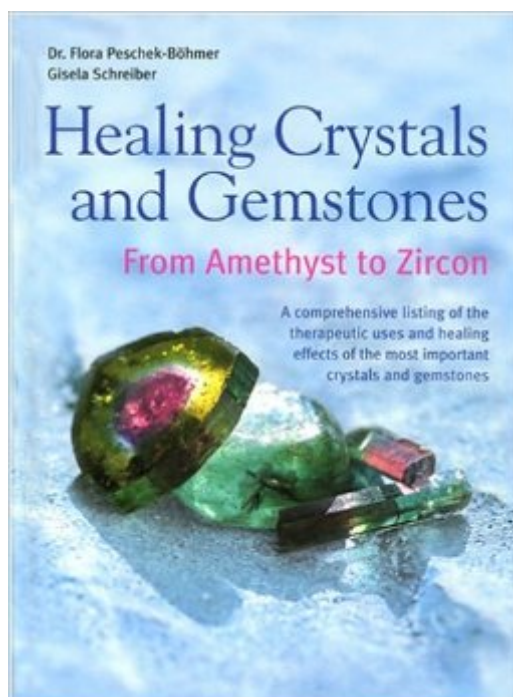


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# Healing Crystals And Gemstones: From Amethyst To Zircon



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## Customer Reviews

This book is typical of the "healing crystal" literature: a lack of understanding of basic geology and chemistry, combined with healing claims that are not substantiated in any way, resulting in dangerous advice for people with serious health conditions. The book is littered with errors. Even the very first sentence is incorrect, when it claims that all gemstones originate from hot magma. (Opal, for example, can be sedimentary.) The authors claim "jasper ... always has a trigonal structure", when in fact jasper essentially doesn't form crystals at all. On page 150, the authors claim that fluorite is "also known as feldspar", when in fact feldspar is an entirely different mineral. On page 75, the authors confuse native antimony with the mineral stibnite, which is actually antimony sulfide. On page 85 the authors claim that that aragonite is silicon dioxide, not calcium carbonate. The mineral Charoite is consistently misspelled as "Chaorite". They claim that the crystal structure of Herkimer diamonds is similar to that of real diamond, when in fact they crystallize in completely different systems. They claim that kunzite is "aluminum acetate-lithium", when in fact it is a lithium aluminum silicate; no acetate at all is contained in it. They claim that Magnesite "consists almost entirely of

pure magnesium", when in fact it is just magnesium carbonate. They claim that Magnesite "was first discovered in Africa", when in fact its co-type localities are in Greece and Italy. The authors recommend the use of various minerals without noting health problems associated with them.

I knitpick. People who love me dearly become exasperated at the merest expression on my face, because they know I'm about to point out some (possibly stupid and definitely human) error made by an unwitting "fool." I just bought this book yesterday (June 23, 2012) and came to to compare it with some others I have on my "wish list." So, when I read Mr. Shallit's review, I thought I found a kindred spirit and had to see if what he said was true. When I discovered that, for the most part, it wasn't (or at the very least it was subjective), I had to respond immediately. [By the way, for all of you trying to guess Mr. Shallit's qualifications and motive for reading this book, all you have to do is click on his name to find a brief bio and a list of his other

reviews.]\*\*\*\*\*The book is littered with errors. Even the very first sentence is incorrect, when it claims that all gemstones originate from hot magma. (Opal, for example, can be sedimentary.) I've read elsewhere people claiming that certain stones are "manufactured by celestial beings in an underground laboratory" in order to bring about the New Age. This semi-harmless statement of magma production is a cut above that type of hooey. (My apologies to anyone who is actually "in contact" with these beings.) A simplified generalization that introduces the concept of minerals from the earth is hardly cause to dismiss the entire book. The frequent use of the word "gemstone" is unfortunate. Although quite a few of these crystals and minerals are used in jewelry (which is a perfectly acceptable way to wear your stones for healing purposes), most are of the semiprecious variety (or lower) and very few would be used in a cut form.

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