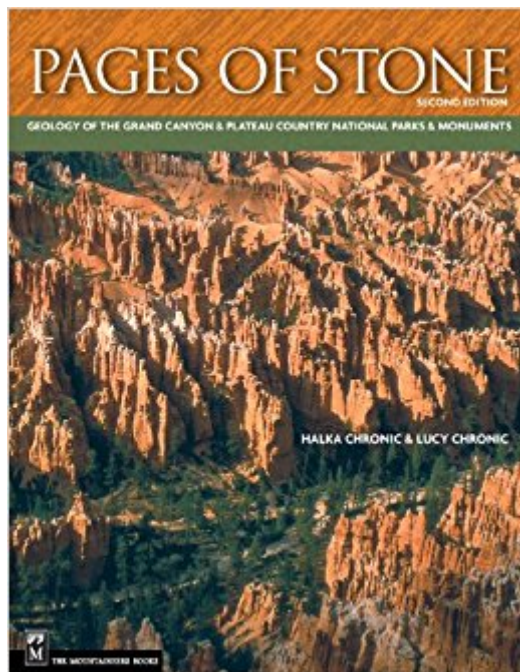


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# Pages Of Stone



## Synopsis

\* Expanded to include Grand Staircase/Escalante, Vermilion Cliffs, Canyons of the Ancients, Dinosaur, and Hovenweep National Monuments\* Color photo insert\* Many sights accessible by car From the sheer-walled magnificence of Zion to the breathtaking intricacy of Bryce Canyon's sculptured turrets; from the "Grand Staircase" of the Vermilion Cliffs, and Pink Cliffs in southern Utah to the volcanic lavas of Sunset Crater: two geologists describe the star attractions of 24 national parks and monuments. New sidebars provide closer looks at specific details such as the large numbers of dinosaur footprints in and around Arches National Park and geology's profound effect on ancient Pueblo peoples and how they lived. Geologist Halka Chronic is the author of several books on geology. Geologist Lucy Chronic has served as a park interpreter at Bandelier National Monument in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Grand Staircase, Escalante, Vermilion Cliffs, Canyons of the Ancients, Dinosaur, Hovenweep National Monuments, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Staircase of the Vermilion Cliffs, Pink Cliffs in southern Utah, volcanic lavas of Sunset Crater, geologists, dinosaur footprints in and around Arches National Park

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## Customer Reviews

You don't have to be a rock hound to get motivated by the information in these 170 pages. Fossil forests, dinosaur footprints, and ancient dunes bring out the explorer in everyone. (Sweat magazine)A wonderful, non-technical introduction to both the geology and history of 24 national parks and monuments. (Tulsa World)Filled with stunning pictures, this book is a great accompaniment to any trip across the West this summer. (Geotimes)Well-organized

chapters. Color and black-and-white photographs help make the scientific terminology more understandable. The book requires a little work by the reader, but the payoff is a richer understanding of the forces of nature and helpful tips on ways to enjoy these beauties. (Arizona Republic) The text, color and black-and-white photographs, and ample diagrams are far more informative than a week-long field trip. (Nevada Appeal) Past users will find an old friend they can appreciate even more... From the beginning of her writing about geology, Chronic has had the knack of making complex things comprehensible... This book has all the necessary paraphernalia... You don't know what cross-bedding is, or the difference between caliche, chert, concretion, and conglomerate? A handy glossary clarifies all such different concepts. Good black-and-white photos illustrate every chapter, and the publisher has added a section of color plates to enhance appreciation of these wonderful places preserved for our outdoor enjoyment.s (Southwest BookViews) Science can't provide the thrill of a place like Capitol Reef National Park, but geologist Halka Chronic and her geologist daughter Lucy Chronic can provide an explanation that enhances the experience. (Olympian) In planning a road trip this summer, Pages of Stone would be an asset to have on hand. (Santa Fe New Mexican)

Growing up the daughter of two Ph.D.s in geology, young LUCY CHRONIC was more likely to hear discussions of plate tectonics than the prospects of the local ball team's chance of winning the pennant. Throughout her life, she has pursued interests in natural history, biology, and archaeology, but the family pull toward geology eventually won out with her B.A. in geology from Carleton College and an M.S. in paleontology from the University of Wyoming. Her professional life has remained eclectic, with writing and scientific interpretation being the threads that tie her various pursuits together. She has worked as an archeologist, educational writer, scientific writer, and interpreter in state and national parks. She resides in the mountains of central Idaho with her husband and two daughters, enjoying the wonders of our natural world. HALKA CHRONIC, a geologist living in Sedona, Arizona, began her career at the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. She later taught at the University of Michigan summer field camp and at Haile Selassie University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She was for a time an editor-writer for the National Center for Atmospheric Research, and has consulted with the U.S. National Park Service in identifying and describing geologic landmarks in the Southern Rocky Mountain Region. She has also been a consultant for groundwater and petroleum research. Living in Colorado for more than 30 years, she raised four daughters, two of them now geologists and her coauthors. Her academic degrees include a B.A. in zoology from the University of Arizona, an M.A. in biology from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in geology from

Columbia University. Among her published books are *Roadside Geology of Colorado*, *Roadside Geology of Arizona*, *Roadside Geology of Utah*, and *Roadside Geology of New Mexico*.

I am a tremendous fan of the writing of Lucy Chronic and her mother Halka Chronic. I have her mother's *Pages of Stone 3: The Desert Southwest and Roadside Geology of New Mexico*. Informative. Understandable. Highly recommended for those looking to know more about how our landscape got this way. This volume concerns the Grand Canyon, Colorado Plateau, and associated parks. It is excellent.

Great summary for many of the National Parks in Utah and Arizona which we visited in the autumn of 2014. The book provides insight into the earth science forces which shaped this fascinating terrain over the last 2 billion years. Do note that it is important to read the introductory material in order to understand the the geologic terminology.

I love this book. I purchased it for a geology field trip course (7 days where we saw features in California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada). The book outlined many of the geological features I'd seen and gives great information on history, conditions etc.

Great for geology and southwest aficionados!!

'Pages of Stone' was in excellent condition upon receiving it. Looked new! Definitely order from the same place again. This book was most helpful as we are 'rockhounds' and our excursions are even more interesting now with using this book. It's one of our 'mainstays' that we take along on our outings. This book would also be good for anyone taking a trip out west to help understand some of the amazing scenery along the way.

Halka Chronic's "Pages of Stone" is a well-written introduction to the geology of the Colorado Plateau. Her book, following a general introduction to the geological formation processes of the plateau landscapes, is organized around the numerous national parks and monuments in this remarkable area. These include the biggies, like the Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Mesa Verde, as well as lesser known locations like Sunset Crater, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, and Wupatki. Each park and monument is treated with a detailed description of its principal geological features, how these features fit into the overall geology of the plateau, and is illustrated with black and white

photographs (there are a number of color photos in a center insert). I have only one complaint about Chronic's book, but it was enough to knock off a star from what could be a five-star volume. That's the lack of detailed park maps that would make it easier to locate some the places that she discusses. I have an earlier edition of this book, so if this has been corrected in this latest edition, then simply add a star to my review. All in all, this book, and Chronic's Roadside Geology series, are a good way for the layperson to familiarize themselves with one of the truly great American regions.

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