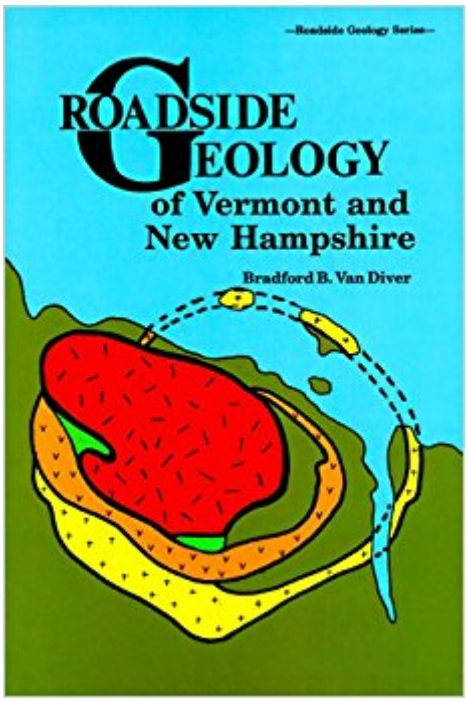
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Synopsis

This book is for everyone who ever traveled in these lovely states and wondered about the meaning of their landscapes and tortured rocks. Since it is a book for the traveler, it concentrates on what you can see from a car, yet it points out interesting places to stop and examine rocks you can get close to, touch, or even sample. It addresses the broad plate tectonic concepts of opening and closing oceans, volcanism, mountain building, and colliding continents.

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Customer Reviews

"This book will surely enhance any visit to these beautiful states. If someone reads as you drive along, you will travel more slowly. If you collect samples, it may take several summers for you to complete your trip." --Science Books & Films

Born in 1927 in Orlando, Florida, Bradford B. Van Diver lived in New York state until age 18. He now lives with his wife at Highland Farms in Black Mountain, North Carolina, a retirement community in the Swannanoa Valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Members of the Carolina Mountain Club, Van Diver and his wife hike almost every week on the many trails the mountains offer. They maintain a three-mile section of the Mountains-to-Sea trail near the Blue Ridge Parkway for the CMC and are involved in several other volunteer activities. They stay in shape by swimming several times a week at nearby Warren Wilson College. They are members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of AshevilleVan Diver continues to gain new understanding of the complex geology of his part of the

Appalachians, and attempts, through teaching courses, to spread that knowledge.

I have several of the books in this series and I love to understand the geology of the areas that I visit. Vermont/New Hampshire in particular had piqued my interest on past trips, due to the striking schist bands along the Connecticut river and of course the impressive White Mountains granite formation. So I was looking forward to getting a better insight into it by reading this book. I was disappointed. Perhaps it works better if you read the book while you're driving along the designated routes, but reading it at home, I could hardly find any of the features I remember. The pictures are poor and the maps are even worse. It's almost impossible to orient the maps relative to recognizable features and the legends are confusing. For example, it took me forever to figure out what was supposed to desiginate schist, granite etc. and then correlate it with actual features on a topographical map. I wish this book was more helpful, because I love the concept, but sadly, I don't think it will be.

Just what I was looking for.

Thanks!

Great job. Some technical jargon did not throw me, but gets in the way sometimes. You will be anxious to get ont he road after reading. I wish the pics were in color.

We love this book and will use it on our frequent drives to Vermont and New Hampshire . Thank you very much !

This series is a 'must' for our road trips. This one came in good condition, and at a good price.

Great review of basic geology to appreciate the mountains and the land around you.

I have a layperson's understanding of geology, from plate tectonics to glaciers and moraines. Yesteryear, I had found the Roadside volume on Idaho quite helpful in understanding the variety of geological formations in that state. I hoped that the guide to Vermont and New Hampshire would be equally helpful when I visit family in New Hampshire. The text, which I am reading in Georgia, may be helpful when I am there on the ground, but I am worried that it will not be. The geological detail is

more than I am willing to spend time absorbing. The highways covered are too few to be useful to me, and I found the maps difficult to read, even with a magnifying glass.

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