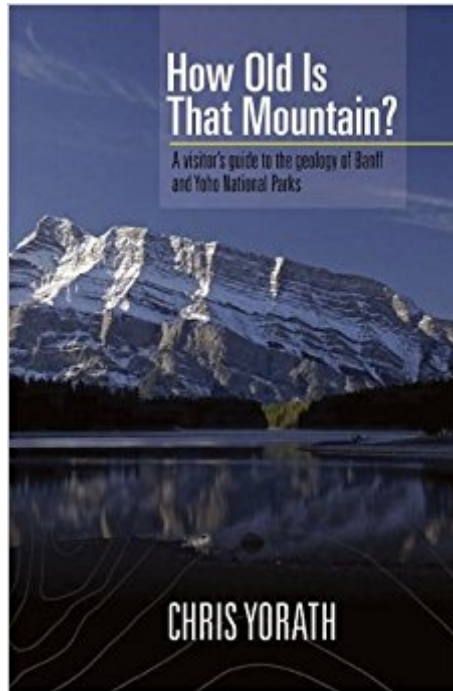




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Synopsis

How Old Is That Mountain? is about the Rockies. More specifically it's about the Rocky Mountains of Banff and Yoho National Parks and adjacent areas. It's about thrust faults and glaciers, hot springs, carbonate and shale. And time. Vast amounts of time. Intended for those who don't know a graptolite from a jǎŕkulhlaup, How Old Is That Mountain? conveys the most current understanding of how these mountains came to be, keeping geological jargon to a minimum. Yorath distills reports, scientific papers and the work of other geologists into a fascinating and readable account for anyone who is interested in their natural surroundings and has ever wondered "how old is that mountain?" Illustrated with more than 60 photographs, maps and diagrams, How Old Is That Mountain? is also an excellent field guide, offering visitors a new understanding of this popular tourist destination. Taking the reader along the Trans-Canada Highway from the Mountain Front to the Rocky Mountain Trench and from Lake Louise to the Columbia Icefields, Yorath presents a fresh and intriguing look at the geology of this incredible region.

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Customer Reviews

C. J. Yorath is a geologist who for many years worked with the Geological Survey of Canada at the Pacific Geoscience Centre at Patricia Bay. He is the author of four other books on the geology of Western Canada and a book on the history of the D'Arcy Island leper colony.

This was a terrific book on the geology of Banff. I am a geologist and wanted a "guide" while I was there on vacation. It is well written (even for a lay person). The descriptions of the locations of

WHERE to look for specific things was excellent! Unfortunately I left it in a restaurant and it was too far to go back to get it when I realized I'd lost it. Wish I had had it for the rest of the trip. Highly recommend it!

The most impressive part of this book is the glossary. Is anyone still reading this review? Okay, then: this deceptively compact book is very detailed on the geological history of the Canadian Rockies. However, keeping the cost down means that the illustrations are too small, and that the photos are grouped together at the front and middle instead of placed near the text describing them. But I'm glad I worked through it, and seriously, I'm taking it with me because of its small size and that glossary.

Great travel addition to a GPS or map. Beautiful area, but even better when you understand the geologic background. Even a non-geologist can understand it.

A must take along for a trip to Banff or the Canadian Rockies. The book explains where these magnificent mountains came from, in an easily readable way.

If you have any interest in the mountains and other landforms you will see or have seen in Banff or Yoho National Park, this book gives an excellent description of how they were formed and of what they consist. It begins with an easy to understand chronology of the geologic processes that formed the layers of sediments on display, through the natural forces that formed the mountains, valleys, lakes and rivers you see today. The pictures are postcard quality assisting you if the weather isn't the best. The illustrations clearly show what the text describes. The glossary is great for anyone who hasn't studied geology or for those that have who need a refresher. If going on to Jasper, I would have liked to have "Of Rocks, Mountains and Jasper: Exploring the Geology of Jasper National Park" which I wasn't aware of until I read this book and at which time it was too late to order. This is an excellent introductory guidebook. For more detailed material, contact the Canadian Geological Survey. Jonathan

Now in a newly revised edition, *How Old Is That Mountain?: A Visitor's Guide to the Geology of Banff and Yoho National Parks* is about the Rocky Mountains and their adjacent areas in Banff and Yoho parks. Written for the lay reader and traveler, *How Old Is That Mountain?* keeps geological jargon to a minimum while describing how the mountains' glaciers, hot springs, and other geologic

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