

ERZGEBIRGE I: BOOK FOR MINERAL COLLECTORS

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Bode publishing is well known for the journal *Mineralien-Welt* as well as for numerous books about mineral localities, especially several books about Namibia. Since 2013 they are specialized in books about important mining regions in Germany (Siegerland, Harz and four volumes of Schwarzwald). The recent book is the first volume about the Erzgebirge Mts. in the German state of Saxony.

Erzgebirge is not only famous for mines like Freiberg, Schneeberg, Annaberg, Marienberg and many others, but it is also the region where modern mineralogy was born. For all these reasons is not surprising that Saxony is, together with the Czech part of the Erzgebirge Mts., the area with one of the largest known number of type minerals. The authors described in the book 97 Saxonian type minerals. By each mineral they discuss the original description, type locality and by many minerals also problems with establishing the correct formula or crystallography. The book is filled with hundreds of excellent photos of minerals (including many type specimens), historical labels, localities, persons etc. By majority of minerals, especially of recent ones, is finding of the type locality quite easy. Nevertheless, in many cases it was a detective work involving study of very old original articles, which are often very difficult to find. Parts of these articles are often quoted in the book. Thanks to this work it was possible to include very old minerals like fluorapatite (from Ehrenfriedersdorf) or pyromorphite (from Zschopau). In the end of the book there are problematic minerals like discredited or redefined ones, as well as biographies of people connected with Saxonian minerals.

The book has a large size (28 x 23,5 cm) and 664 pages, price is 78 Euro.

I can recommend it to every serious mineralogist, mineral collector or museum curator.