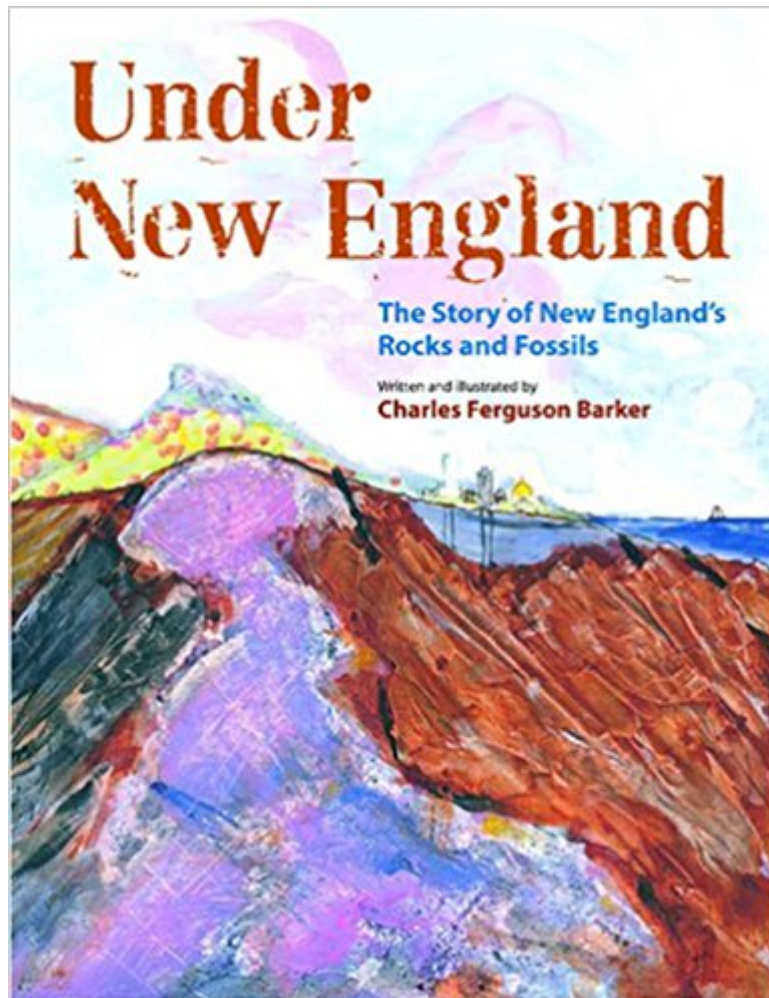




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Under New England: The Story Of New England's Rocks And Fossils



Synopsis

Under New England introduces the reader (approximately ages 7 to 12) to the formation of the rocks and fossils that lie beneath New England and explains the fascinating geology that defines our landscape. The book presents the incredible story of colliding continents, fiery volcanoes, oceans closing and opening, and ice sheets more than a mile thick slowly scraping across the land—all shaping the place we now know as New England. The book explores the region's geological past, taking readers far below the familiar sights of New England to show what lies beneath, from the soil under the cobblestone streets of Boston and the sandy shores of Cape Cod, to the mountains of Northern New England and the birth of the Berkshires, from the Precambrian to the present. Most of all, the book will inspire both children and adults to see New England in an entirely different way. Placed throughout the book are poems and quotes relating to the region's landscape by some of New England's favorite writers, providing a link from the geology of the land to its literature. Fully illustrated with charming and enlightening illustrations by the author.

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Customer Reviews

Charles F. Barker has creatively filled a niche in the annals of New England geology. With great metaphors and abundant, clear and engaging illustrations, he brings 500 million years of geology home to the reader. While geared to upper elementary aged young people, adults, even

professional geologists, will find this book interesting. Dr. Barker takes us from moving tectonic plates to glaciers, ground water, sea levels, and even the geologic underpinning of the "Big Dig," and he weaves his story with poetry quotes, a bit of Latin, and some very effective analogies. Teachers of all ages will love this book for themselves and their students. This is an impressive work. It covers a vast amount of geologic time and events clearly and creatively. I loved the engaging artwork and analogies, as well as the quotations from Frost, Dickinson, Thoreau and others. Kudos to Dr. Barker! (Dr. Richard Little, former president, National Association of Geoscience Teachers and author of *The Geology of the Connecticut River Valley* (2003))

CHARLES FERGUSON BARKER, a geologist with a graduate degree in geology from Boston University, has done extensive fieldwork across New England. He now teaches geology at Wayne State University and works for an environmental consulting firm in Detroit. He is the author and illustrator of *Under Michigan* (2005), and *Under Ohio* (2007).

I've always loved geology...and want my greatniece (and her parents) to learn about geology and New England's in particular! The image of the supermarket checkout conveyer-belt to illustrate the push-pull of tectonics is super...far better than the "old" illustrations of plate tectonics.

Bought this for the kids in my classroom and while the text is OK, the paintings are amorphous splotchy watercolors that teach them nothing about what real geologic formations look like.

Anyone who knows anything about the earth will not learn anything from this non-informative book. At best it is an introductory children's book, and was not labeled as such.

In response to the previous review: I found this book in the children's section of the local bookstore in Maine. It is for kids. It's a lovely, age-appropriate presentation of geology basics. My kids were 5 and 7 when we first read it. They were riveted then. Now my daughter is re-reading this on her own, as her 4th grade class is studying rocks.

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