



Book Review: “The Mineral Maniacs and the Magic Hardhat”

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I recently read an interesting children’s paperback written by the wife of a business acquaintance. He is an American mining engineer and financial analyst for a private equity fund in the junior resource sector.

“The Mineral Maniacs and the Magic Hardhat” is geared toward children 8-10 years old. It is a fantasy travelogue about three kids in the 5th grade sentenced to after-school detention for bad behavior. They, along with their teacher, sequentially don a magic hardhat and are transported to an underground world of rock people. Their task is to help preserve a particular mineral for human use from an evil element who desires to take it all himself. The kids must identify the mineral and work out a solution for its safety and future use for humankind. At the end of the book, the mineral is identified and in an appendix, its characteristics, occurrences, and uses are illustrated.

The book is the first in a series designed to spark interest in rocks, minerals and the mining industry among young students who are good in science and math.

“The Mineral Maniacs” series is supported by the Move Mining Coalition, Climax Molybdenum, and The Electrum Group. I trust the effort will be successful in leading young, budding scientists into careers in geology, engineering, and mining. 3rd to 5th grade science and math teachers should consider buying it for their classes. More information can be found at TheMineralsManiacs.com.

Ciao for now,

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