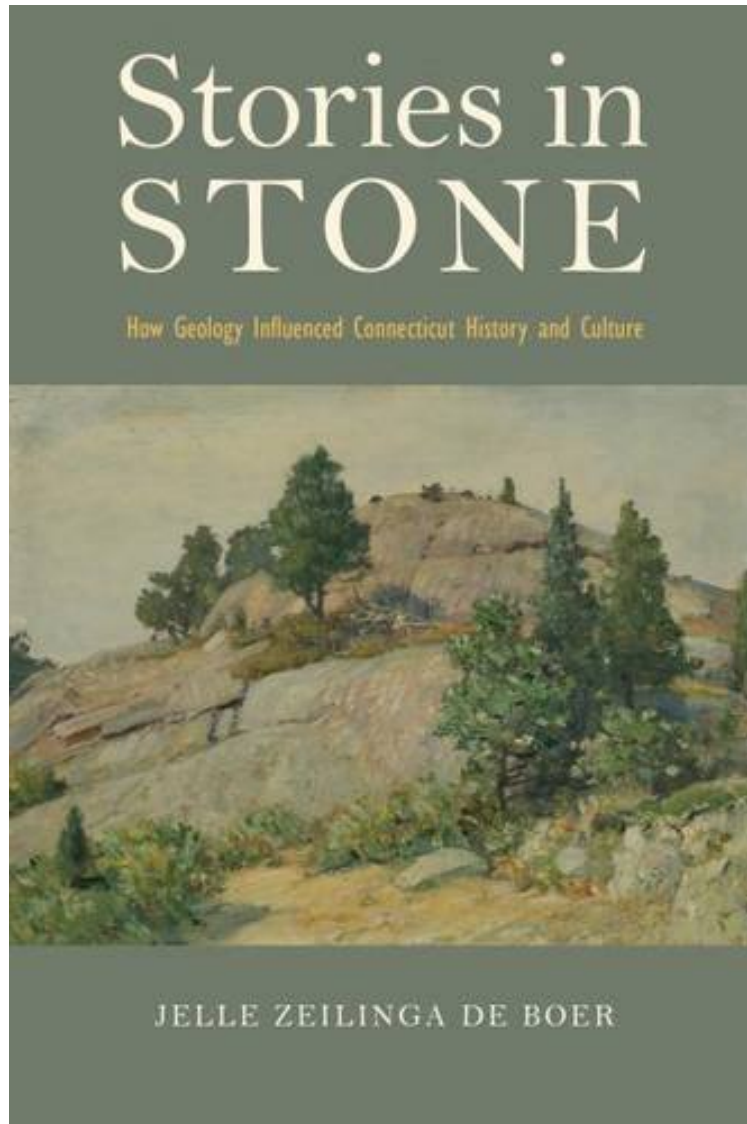


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent! By MikeN This is a small, but thoroughly engaging book. It describes sites in my locale, the CT/New England area, and expands my sense of local history and sense of place.

Boer delightfully relates examples of the impact of the underlying geology of a region on the human history playing out on the surface of the land. A perfect case study concerns the "Moodus noises" (eerie groanings associated with small earthquakes) that have haunted Moodus, CT for hundreds of years (chapter 6). The Moodus name is thought to derive from the Mohegan name, "Mackimoodus", translated as "the place of many noises"; among early native inhabitants, the sounds were thought to be the voice of the good spirit, Kiehtan, but also the rage of Hobbamocko, the spirit responsible for suffering and natural calamities. Boer tells how modern day science chased down the cause, small earthquakes, a phenomenon thought foreign to these parts by the early colonists and scientists. These earthquakes are now thought to result from the continued rebounding of the earth, that here, was once covered and depressed by massive glaciers and a glacial lake (i.e., post-glacial rebounding). Chapter 3 will delight the rock hound and mineral collector. Boer describes numerous and unusual mineral and ore deposits that seem out of context in southern New England. These deposits often have a fascinating resource exploitation story associated with them. In summary, your techtonics-loving, continental-collision-rubbernecking, rock hounds will love the whole book. Please give it a try! As it did me, it will leave you wanting more! Many thanks to Jelle Zeilinga de Boer!!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Read "Stories in Stone" if you want to know how Connecticut came to be millions of years ago.By Robert A. BuckThis book is a great read for anyone interested in Connecticut history, and especially the deeper history involved in geologic time. Professor De Boer explains in layman's geologic terms how Connecticut came to be in it's current form as it relates to plate tectonics; that is, why we see the current shape of the landforms that exist across our state. It is truly a fascinating story to anyone with a scientific curiosity about the state.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerExcellentlly written book, that explained a lot of things I was wondering about

In a series of entertaining essays, geoscientist Jelle Zeilinga de Boer describes how early settlers discovered and exploited Connecticut's natural resources. Their successes as well as failures form the very basis of the state's history: Chatham's gold played a role in the acquisition of its Charter, and Middletown's lead helped the colony gain its freedom during the Revolution. Fertile soils in the Central Valley fueled the state's development into an agricultural power house, and iron ores discovered in the western highlands helped trigger its manufacturing eminence. The Statue of Liberty, a quintessential symbol of America, rests on Connecticut's Stony Creek granite. Geology not only shaped the state's physical landscape, but also provided an economic base and played a cultural role by inspiring folklore, paintings, and poems. Illuminated by 50 illustrations and 12 color plates, *Stories in Stone* describes the marvel of Connecticut's geologic diversity and also recounts the impact of past climates, earthquakes, and meteorites on the lives of the people who made Connecticut their home.