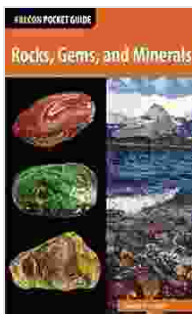


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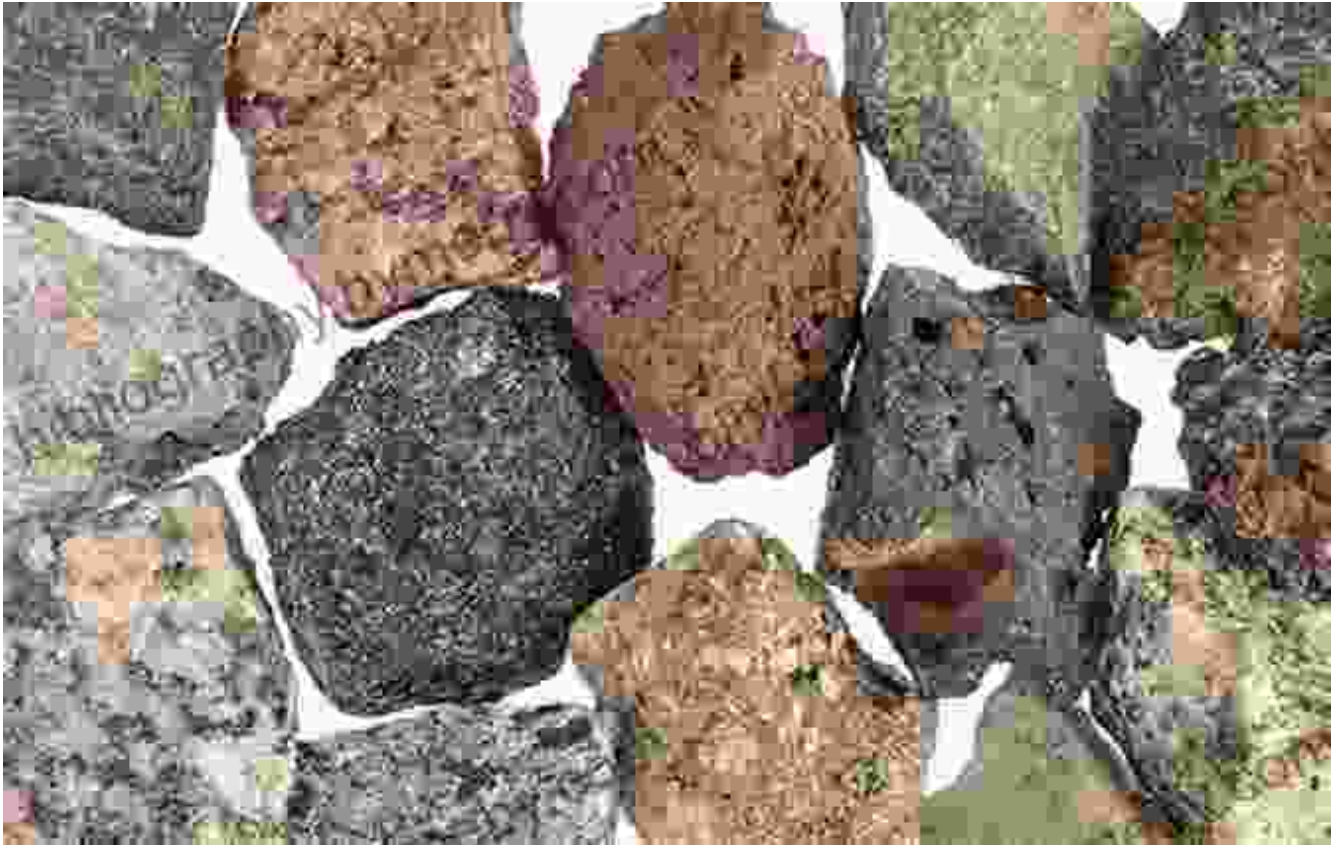
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# Types of Rocks

## Igneous

- Forms from magma or lava solidification
- Hard, no layers



Granite

**Intrusive**  
slow magma cooling



Obsidian

**Extrusive**  
rapid lava cooling

## Sedimentary

- Forms from sediment compaction
- Crumbly, layered



Sandstone

**Clastic**  
compacted  
broken rocks



Limestone

**Chemical**  
compacted  
dissolved minerals



Coal

**Organic**  
compacted  
biogenic matter

## Metamorphic

- Forms by transformation of other rocks
- Relatively hard, may or may not have layers



Slate

**Foliated**  
has layers

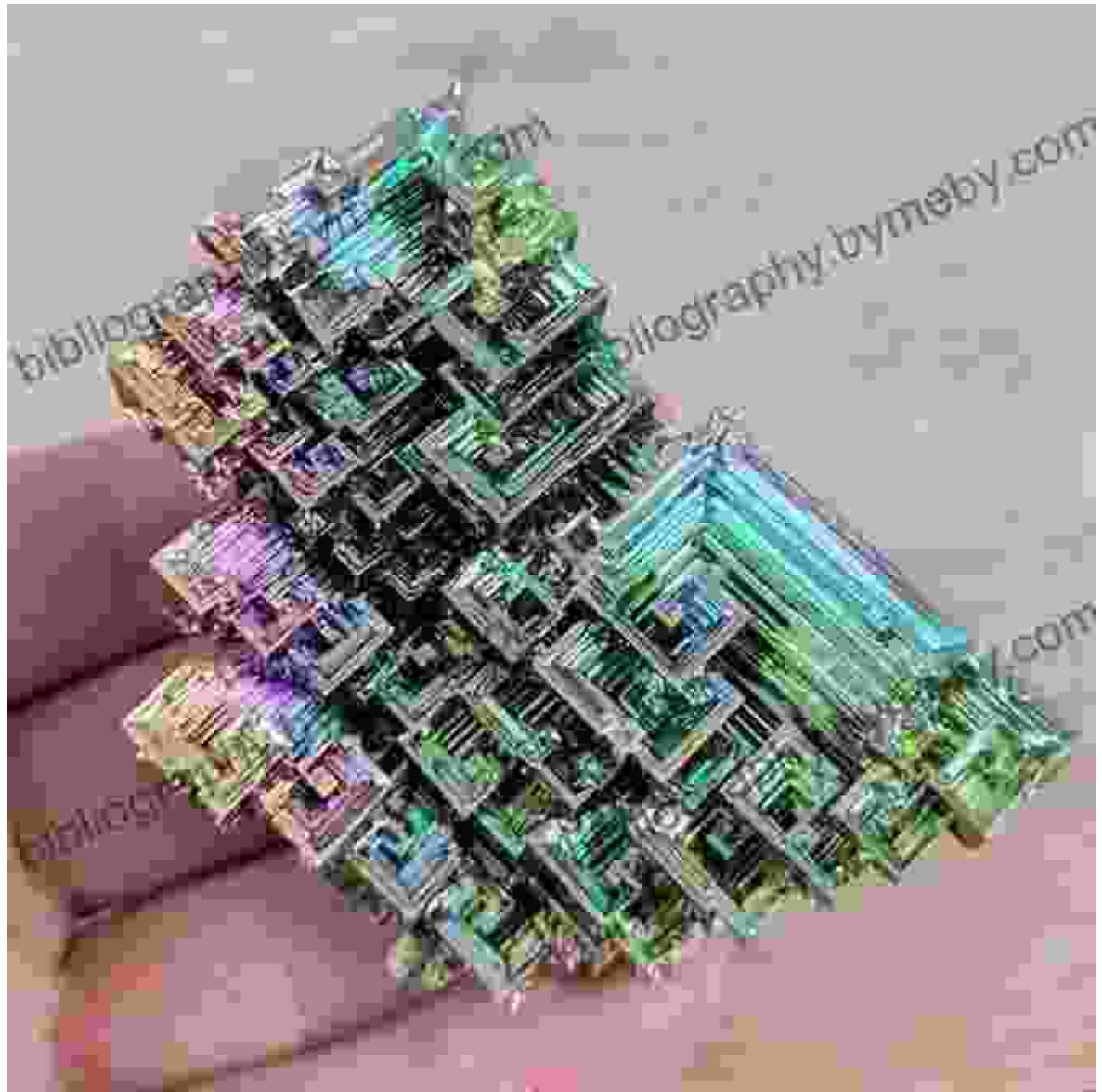


Marble

**Non-Foliated**  
no layers

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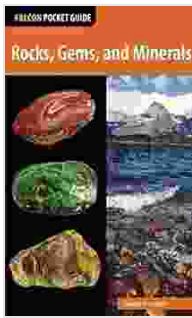
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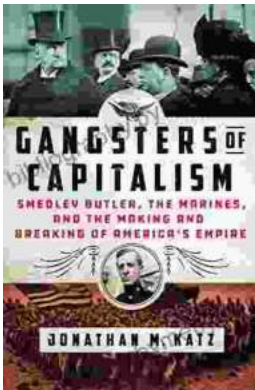


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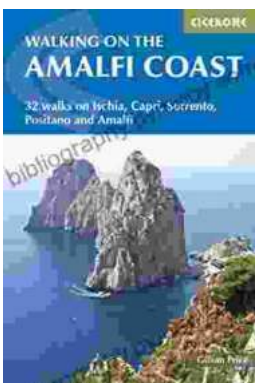
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