



# Julie the Rockhound

By Gail Langer Karwoski

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## “Julie saw something sparkle...”

When Julie finds a shiny crystal, her dad shows her how to dig for minerals—just like a rockhound. *Julie the Rockhound* combines clever wordplay with earth science to teach young readers about Earth’s most abundant mineral treasure: quartz.



*Julie the Rockhound* was vetted for scientific accuracy by Susan Holmes, educator at the Franklin Institute.

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## About the Author and Illustrator



**Gail Langer Karwoski** is an award-winning children's book writer of over half a dozen books. Because she married a rockhound, Gail became famous at the schools where she taught thanks to her "rock box." Now she and her husband are owners of a quartz deposit in South Carolina where visitors can try their luck at digging for crystals. Gail was inspired to write *Julie the Rockhound* to share this delight in our earth's treasures with children and their parents. She has also written *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean* (Mom's Choice Best Picture Book Author for 2005 and the 2007 Teacher's Choice Children's Book Award) and its sequel, *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers*. Visit her website at [www.gailkarwoski.com](http://www.gailkarwoski.com).

**Lisa Downey** is a freelance artist and graphic designer. A former art teacher, Lisa also attended FIT in New York, where she studied advertising and packaging design and later taught introductory packaging design classes. "Illustration has always been just under the surface in my career as a designer. I gained valuable skills working in packaging design firms; but the six year old inside was just itching to jump out and run all over the drawing board," says Lisa. Her styles range from cartoonish to very representational. Her favorite medium is pastels. In addition to illustrating *Julie the Rockhound*, Lisa also illustrated *Happy Birthday to Whooo?* and *Blackberry Banquet* for Sylvan Dell. She lives in the SC Lowcountry, with her very supportive husband, Len, and their cats; Pom Pom and Ophelia. Check out her website at [www.studiodowney.com](http://www.studiodowney.com).



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