

Dedication

This book is dedicated to the memory of Carlton Davis: mentor and mineral collector extraordinaire,
and to Neal & Chris Pfaff

Rob Lavinsky

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Thanks Received

When our family decided to offer Miguel's collection for sale, Rob Lavinsky submitted the only comprehensive and creative bid, including a plan for us to donate over a third of the collection specimens back to the University of Arizona, in perpetuity.

While we are saddened to see his collection broken up, his legacy will live on, at least in part, at the University, thanks to the dedication and hard work of Rob Lavinsky, Museum Board member Les Presmyk, University of Arizona Flandreau Science Center director Alexis Faust, and curator Shirley Wetmore. We thank them for working with our family to set up the best possible plan, both for us and for the museum. Rob's belief in the importance of museum collections like that of the University of Arizona is in keeping with Miguel's, making this donation very appropriate. We also wish to thank Les Presmyk for help in specimen handling and paperwork, and Dr. Terry Wallace, Dr. Wendell Wilson, Peter Megaw and Rock Currier for their work as authors, helping to preserve Miguel's legacy in this beautiful book.

Margarita & Alejandro Romero

I want to personally thank Rob Lavinsky for working so diligently to bring a substantial portion of the Romero Collection back to the University of Arizona.

Alexis R. Faust

Executive Director, University of Arizona Science Center

Covers

Front Cover: *Upper left:* Legrandite crystal 4.7 cm tall, from the Ojuela mine, Durango. *Upper right:* Wulfenite, 7 cm, from Los Lamentos, Chihuahua. *Lower left:* Rhodochrosite, 8 cm, from the Potos' mine, Santa Eulalia.

Lower right: Amethyst crystals, 14 cm, from Guerrero. Photos by Wendell E. Wilson (upper right and lower left), Jeff Scovil (upper left) and Joseph Budd (lower right). **Back Cover:** Acanthite, 6.5 cm, from the Rayas mine, Gaunajuato; painting, oil on canvas in the style of 17th century Spanish still-life painting, by Wendell E. Wilson.

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