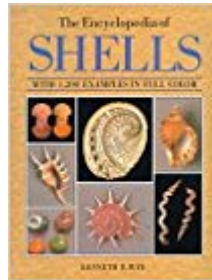




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# The Encyclopedia Of Shells



## Synopsis

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This book for serious shell collectors, not vacationers, provides color photographs of over 1000 types of shells. While the photographs are exceptionally clear, they are unfortunately almost all the same size, without a representation of scale, regardless of the actual size of the shell. Distribution, habitat depth, and relative availability to collectors are explained in descriptions. Coverage is worldwide with extensive representation from the Far East, including many shells rarely seen by casual shell collectors. Nevertheless, libraries having one of the editions of R. Tucker Abbott and S. Peter Dance's *Compendium of Seashells* (1990, American Malacologists. 4th ed.) will not need this volume unless their collections are exhaustive.- Susan Klimley, Columbia Univ. Libs. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Great book for information on shells and pictures are incredible! Great coffee table book and for learning!

This is a great book. Just what I was looking for. I needed a field guide type book on seashells, since I'm a big collector. If you're like me, this is the book for you. Weather you're a beginning

collector or serious. It is a good sized book, pretty large, thick book full of many pages of different types of seashells. Each specific seashell photograph is accompanied with detailed information on the size, distribution, depth, and how common or rare. I know it doesn't seem like one, but this is a great big field guide. Don't judge a book by its cover! I was surprised myself. I didn't think it was until I opened it. In the beginning, it also explains the scientific anatomy of the shells, and how they grow, the organs of the living animal, different classes of shells, etc. It also talks about the history of man's uses of shells in different cultures since early times and how the forms of shells are used in the inspirations of the arts. It is a wonderful book. It really is like an encyclopedia of shells. I just love it!!! Rehana (Chicago, IL.)

This book is excellent for beginners and pro shell collectors alike. Lots of information and GEORGIOUS pictures. So glad I have this book, great for referencing at any time! Very satisfied customer!

Very good for ID most common shells - world wide species. Pics are very good. If u are collector, would recommend this as one of several basic texts for identification of specimens.

As a beginner in shell collecting I have looked at many shell handbooks and find this one to be the best guide to identifying and classifying the shell in hand. It is comprehensive and descriptive to the degree that if the specific shell isn't listed the descriptions of the class are enough to go on to describe whatever shell I have found. But the great number of shell photos are very helpful and usually show what I am looking for. I like the way the families and classes are represented. There is enough information to inform me and yet, it doesn't boggle me down with a biology dissertation. More than any other guide, this one helps me the most.

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