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Seashells



Synopsis

Artist Josie Iselin celebrates the diversity and beauty of nature with her exquisite portraits of seashells. Like her extremely popular *Beach Stones and Leaves & Pods*, *Seashells* is not a field guide but an artful and informative portrayal of a beloved part of our natural world. The book balances the exotic with the familiar, from tropical corals and rare fossils to everyday clamshells and barnacles. In her introduction and captions, marine geologist and paleontologist Sandy Carlson introduces the reader to seashells in all their variety, explaining why they look as they do. Both an art book and a contemplation of nature, *Seashells* combines aesthetic delight in natural things with scientific fact and philosophical wonder.

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Customer Reviews

Josie Iselin is the author of Abrams's popular *Beach Stones and Leaves & Pods*. She lives in San Francisco. Sandy Carlson is a paleontologist at the University of California, Davis. She lives in San Francisco.

Loved this little book. I always put it out on the coffee table July through August. A nice reminder of our vacationing to the Pacific Ocean Coast.

This book is just that. What do you expect for beachcomers? What will you find laying around on the

beach? This book doesn't explain too much in detail about those nature-made objects washed ashore (nothing like man-made things turned into something else like sea glass), but just tells what they are called, and what exactly are they or scientifically, how they are made or how they got that way. It does explain the little details of why certain shells or urchins have unusual textures and forms. It explains somewhat where they come from or where they are found. Most of the shells, urchins, sea fossils among other things mentioned in this book are from North America. It doesn't say the size, or the depth in the sea, or in more details like that. This is not really a field guide. However, it is a little bit like one. But it does give some interesting and educational information about seashells and how they are formed and what they are made of. Calcium Carbonate. Still, an ok book. I like it. I really am especially looking for a field guide, and this book came to me from UK, so I did not want to go through the trouble of returning it and I bought it used, quite cheap in a "NEW" condition. So I will treasure it among my other seashell books next to my large seashell collection! -Rehana (Chicago, IL)

Beautiful book - great for decorating or as a gift.

Very informative, well written with great photos.

Terrific little coffee table book - beautiful images and really going to be fun leaving it at our beach house and comparing our 'seashell finds' to the information in the book.

Beautiful!

Love it! Great book that provides photos and information. Makes a great coffee table book!

Beautiful!

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