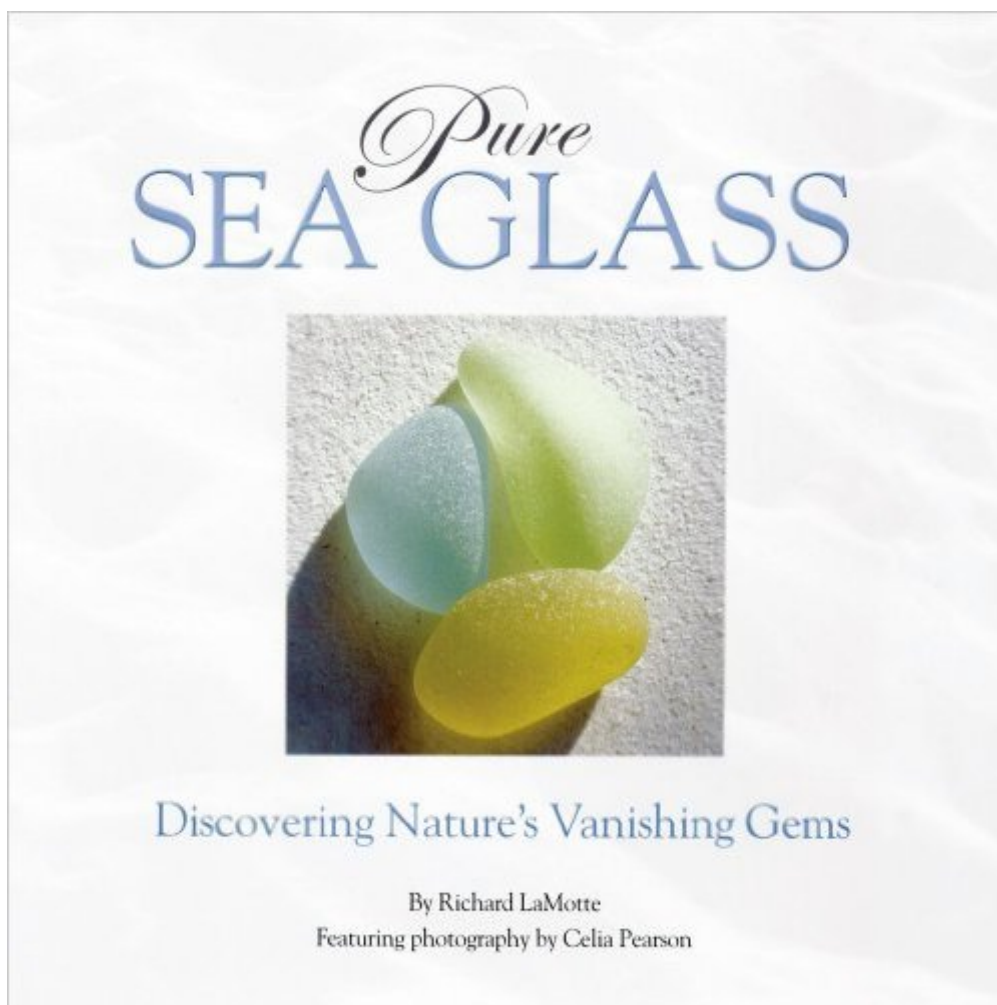


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Pure Sea Glass: Discovering Nature's Vanishing Gems



Synopsis

This definitive reference for beachcombers is also a beautiful addition to any coffee table. Pure Sea Glass surveys the history of glass manufacturing, explains the weathering process that creates frosted gems from fragile shards of old glass and tableware, and offers tips on how and where to find the best pieces. More than 200 exquisite photographs bring to light the luminous beauty of authentic sea glass. Winner, 1st place for nonfiction, Writer's Digest International Self Published Books Award.

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Customer Reviews

"This fascinating coffee table book provides a comprehensive reference on sea glass as well as a soothing, tranquil visit to the seashore through its wonderfully executed photographs. Readers learn how sea glass is transformed by the rolling waves; natural elements developing its frosted patina and fascinating color." -- Allbooks Review, Shirley Roe ".com""No seaside hotel, motel or B&B should be without this beautifully presented guide book." -- Rebeccas Reads ".com"

Pure Sea Glass is a fascinating reference for anyone who loves the coast. Over 150 elegant images by photographer Celia Pearson present some of the best sea glass ever collected, along with a vast array of classical American glassware that is often its source. Using knowledge of tides, weather, prevailing winds, historical records, and boating charts, the reader can learn the most advantageous times and locations to search for sea glass. Pure Sea Glass assists the collector in playing detective

using subtle clues regarding color and shape to identify the possible source of sea glass shards, their age, rarity, and historical significance.

I originally tracked this book down because it is issued by the same company that produces the sea glass identification card set, (Pure Sea Glass Identification Deck). You see that card deck at every glass show, museum and jewelry show on the California Coast. The photos are excellent and the little info-bits on the cards really whet one's appetite for sea glass hunting and collecting. Anyway, this book is written by the person behind that deck. It is spoken of as being THE sea glass book, but it's a little spendy for a casual collector. We aren't obsessed, but we are enthusiastic, so we decided to splurge on the book as a treat. It is worth every dime. Sure, there are lots of great photos. But there are plenty of books with lots of photos. In fact, and this is the important point, while most other books are mostly nice photos and a cheerful song and dance, this book has so much fascinating info that you will find yourself sitting down and reading at length. There are, in no particular order of priority, tips about locating sea glass, explanations of the subtleties of weathering, a history of glass making and of color and coloring. There are extended reviews of sea glass sources - including bottles, tableware, flat glass, marbles, utility glass, containers, insulators and bonfire glass. There is some consideration of appraising rarity. Basically, you get over two hundred pages of amiable instruction in the company of a knowledgeable and engaging expert in the field. You come out the other end informed, encouraged, and raring to find that one in a million red piece that will be the center of your collection. You will absolutely have a better understanding of and appreciation of the sea glass you see in shows, and even the sea glass you might have in your own collection. (You will undoubtedly have one, "Oh, so that's what that is!", moment as you read.) Certainly, no other book better balances enthusiasm, information, encouragement, insight and freshness. Like a well weathered cobalt blue piece, this was a happy find.

This is a wonderful book to refer to when finding glass on the beach as it contains lots of information about glass production for someone like myself, who has taken ordinary glass, both old and new for granted. I think of all those summers on a beach as a child, looking for that perfect rock or shell, picking-up a piece of glass and saying, "Oh, it's just glass." Although, even then, in the 1970s, I remember that red glass was a highly prized find, even if one wasn't beach-combing for glass. The book is well done, has enough information without being over-the-top for amateurs, and has excellent photos of glass, both in their original antique bottle form, as well as their beach-glass form. The photographs of beaches and oceans also make this book a great coffee table book and one

that has quickly become a pleasant way to visit the beach without actually going there (unfortunately, I live a good distance from any beaches).

Pretty book, with nice photos of sea glass which almost makes worn cast off materials look like gems. Good information about the rarity of colors, etc. of course, seaglass in general is becoming quite scarce. Fascinating if one can still find any. If not, this is a lovely book to appreciate these gems of the beach.

If you collect sea glass, this is the source book you need ! The author gives wonderful detailed information on each color of glass, including its rarity. There's also information on the type of bottle each color came from, the probable age, manufacturing history, etc. Ceramic pieces are also included. This is a coffee table style book with color photos throughout. Simply a must-have for anyone interested in sea glass !

While enjoying strolling through the shops at Capitola, CA, I happened to go into a shop that was selling Sea Glass. It had this book on display on the counter. What caught my eye was the beautiful color photos of various glasses that comprise the make up of Sea Glasses. It covers classical American glassware that is often it's source. It explains the most advantageous times and locations to search for Sea Glass. Assist's collector in identifying the possible source of their found glass, age, rarity and historical significance. Explains how the various conditions, weather and natural elements help to develop it's frosted patina. Book also includes a glass color rating scale for helping collector determine how rare each of his or her individual pieces are. There are very interesting color photos of different colored specimens of Sea Glass educating collectors as to which colors are more valuable and rare. Interesting photos of antique bottles and tableware that a lot of the glass comes from are nicely presented. This book is a great gift for anyone that is a collector or just occasional beach comber. It is also a fine book to have in your library for reference. Finally, the book gives a good summary of future availability and relationship of Sea Glass to our Coastal Environment. Enjoy! Rudy

Beautiful book filled with great information on sea glass. For those of us beachcombers that are addicted to collecting, this book is a must read.

A must have book for all Sea Glass collector's.

This book was everything I was hoping! I got it for my girlfriend who is a sea glass lover. It gives plenty of information about everything sea glass. The pictures in the book were very high quality. I recommend this book for sea glass lovers, ocean theme rooms, or a coffee table book. Packaging was sturdy and protective with no issues on arrival.

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