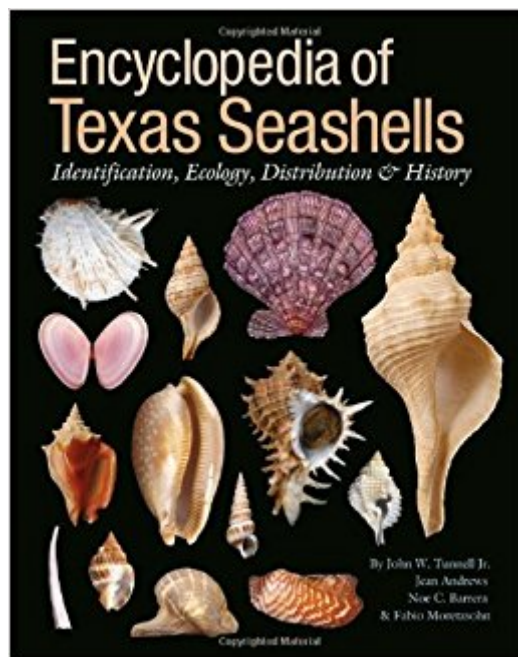


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An essential reference book for every collector and researcher of American seashells, *Encyclopedia of Texas Seashells* is a complete sourcebook and up-to-date identification guide, covering an unprecedented nine hundred species of seashells and mollusks that reside in the marine habitats of the Gulf of Mexico. Special features: Illustrated guide to the general features of mollusks Family overviews Descriptions of deep-water, tropical, coral reef, and bank species Information boxes on notable species Assemblage photos of dominant species in primary Texas habitats Checklist and glossary This reference contains 987 detailed and data-rich color images for even the tiniest shells, a valuable primer on shell collecting as a hobby, and a wealth of entries on the history of use and study, habitats and ecology, shell characteristics, distribution, biology, and identification. Covering species that range from Florida to South America, the *Encyclopedia of Texas Seashells* will also be a valuable resource for anyone interested in seashells of the Western Atlantic.

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How wonderful to finally have a more comprehensive book on the shells of Texas. I am tired of buying books about the shells of Florida. This large encyclopedia covers over 900 species of shells found in Texas waters. Each shells has a picture to help with identification. I am a casual beachcomber and shell hunter, but I want to know about the shells I pick up at the beach. The book should be a valuable resource for those who shell the Western Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico. Too large and heavy to carry to the beach, it can be used in the comfort of your home.

A massive coverage of the mollusks of Texas shores, the Caribbean and Brazil. Photographically beautiful and descriptively complete, including cephalopods ,nudibranchs and pelagic species of the Atlantic Cavoliniidae. A very valuable book for anyone interested in malacology, conchology or just beach combing for seashells.

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Excellent resource for information on Texas seashells and I will use it for a very long time.

I would highly recommended this book. Everything about it is first rate, the photos, the text etc. Shows many species that you never see in books.

Fantastic!! Better than I though

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