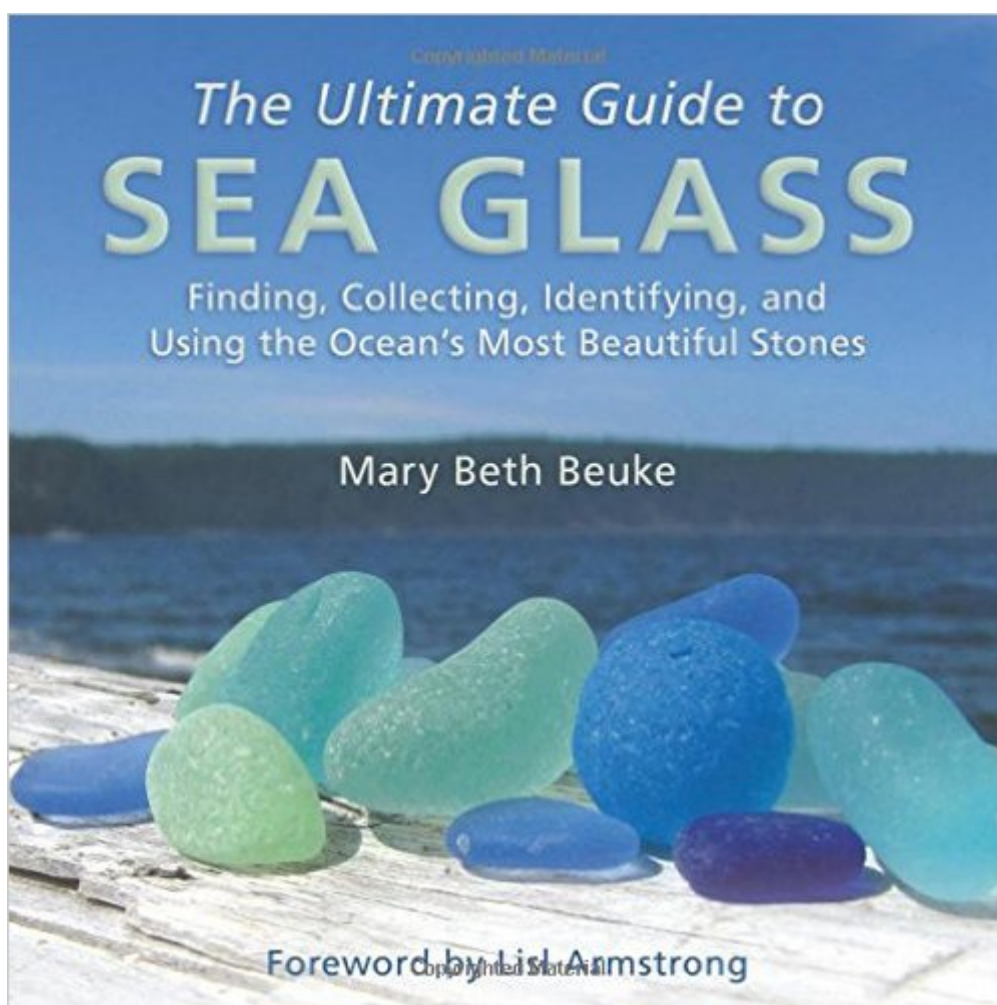


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# The Ultimate Guide To Sea Glass: Finding, Collecting, Identifying, And Using The Ocean's Most Beautiful Stones



## Synopsis

As the owner of one of the world's most elaborate sea glass collections, Mary Beth Beuke gets to talk about these prized ocean gems on a daily basis. Unfortunately, with each passing day, sea glass becomes more and more difficult to find, making the hunt more of a challenge to the seeker&#151;especially one with limited experience in sea glass hunting. There are several reasons why the hunt is so important to the sea glass seeker. Some find their Zen moments in the solitude and beauty of the hunt. Some collect to add color to their life. The history, mystery, and discovery of sea glass are also strong forces that draw collectors to shorelines around the world, looking for these pieces of physically and chemically weathered frosted glass. Whatever your reason for wanting to learn about and start your own collection of sea glass, the window for doing so is closing as pieces are becoming more elusive due to a growth in sea glass popularity and a decrease in recent glass bottle production. In *The Ultimate Guide to Sea Glass*, Beuke provides information that will help first-time seekers start new collections and veteran hunters learn more about their current sets. Beuke shares her experiences in gathering her own collection via photographs of vibrant and rare pieces, as well.

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## Customer Reviews

Met author Mary Beth years ago just when I had just started collecting sea glass (always collected sea shells). She was so sharing and encouraging that I became a convert and avid collector. I have purchased every sea glass book, calendar, poster & photograph I could get my hands on. So, my

anticipation of this book was high - Mary Beth did Not Disappoint - this book was much more than I expected. Through the pages she took me back to my beginning and took me through all the pages as if she was sitting right here with me or had been walking on the beach with me. What a wonderful accomplishment! This book is testament to a true Sea Glass enthusiast, teacher and friend to those of us who collect that Mary Beth is. I bought a 2nd copy so I can have one with me in my car! A Beautiful Coffee Table Book to be sure (that is where my other one is for All to see). Now I have a "show & tell" for my family & friends that questioned my addiction & all those containers of sea glass in my garage. Love, Love this Book - Thank You Mary Beth!

This book is a real treasure trove of Sea Glass information! I couldn't wait to get this book, a great Mother's Day gift from my son (who pre-ordered it before it was released)! It came and I couldn't put it down and get back to work! The information is very thorough and personal and the photographs are just super! Great job Mary Beth Beuke, thanks for doing this book!

I was surprised at how relatively informative this "coffee table book" was. Some parts are a little silly, like when she debates about the morals of buying an island so new glass can safely be "seeded" into the ocean for future generations. Really??! What do you think all those pleasure boats are doing with their wine and beer bottles? Ever been to a cruise island in the Bahamas? They seed it for the tourists. Sea glass is great fun, and this book does give you a starting point if you're researching the possible history of your find. And the pictures are really quite yummy, too!

GORGEOUS BOOK. Want to cut out and frame the beautiful photos! Nicely written - who knew there was a whole world out there of sea glass aficionados? Only problem is, my little collection is woefully dull compared to the rich finds of some avid collectors! Too bad "the window is closing" due to plastics replacing glass as stuff thrown in the water....

For all the sea glass addicts, this is an amazing guide to the sea glass adventures you have. An informative and personable view into the sea glass world. It was written extremely well and the pictures show the varieties of colors to be found in your treasure hunts. I love this guide and highly recommend it to all, even the curious ones of the sea glass treasures.

This book is the ultimate and I have enjoyed it very much. It has so many interesting facts and the pictures are wonderful. It was nice to hear how the sea glass originated.

This is a good book that delivers what it promises. I recommend it to anyone who has ever picked up and wondered about a piece of sea glass. The pictures are very good/inspirational too. I also appreciated the pictures and descriptions of ceramic pieces that were very similar to ones I have found - nice to know where the shards with delicate blue patterns likely came from. And though I've never found a glass fishing float, it was fun to learn that I probably have pieces of a certain shape and color that came from broken floats. The book has some minor formatting issues. There are a couple of places where a picture is referred to, but there was no picture in the indicated position. And at least once, the indicated picture didn't seem to illustrate the point made in the text. There's also one technical point that I would dispute. The author assumes that large pieces that are not worn are not as old as other glass on a particular beach - the reason being that all pieces are constantly rolling around on the bottom and will wear at a similar rate. On my local northern California and Oregon beaches, erosion buries and exposes deep deposits at intervals of as much as decades. I think some pieces simply end up being deeply buried for long periods where they are protected. For example, the pictured piece has, in all likelihood, been in the sea for 100+ years. It is not very worn, and I found it in an area of recent deep erosion. Anyway, despite my minor quibbles, I'm very pleased with the purchase and the sea glass education.

This book went above and beyond any of my expectations. It's a decent size, goes into the subject quite well and the pictures are just fantastic. The book itself was larger than I'd anticipated but it helps show off the beautiful pictures of all the sea glass. I was impressed with this product, especially given the price! I purchased it as a gift and the person who received it was over the moon. Overall this is a pretty great buy, and I would recommend it to others that are interested in sea glass.

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