

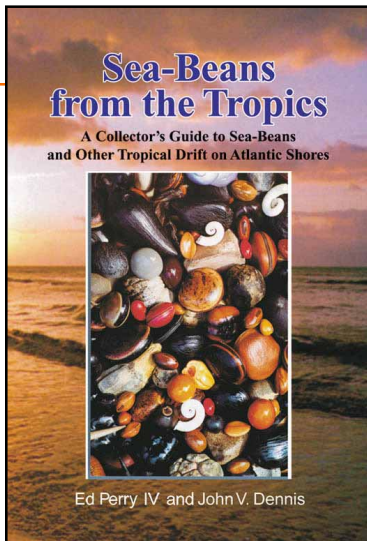
SEA-BEANS FROM THE TROPICS

A Collector's Guide to Sea-Beans and Other Tropical Drift on Atlantic Shores

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"...a wonderful resource that uncovers every aspect of sea-beans, from the roles of currents and early uses to collecting and polishing what you find...a brilliant body of effort with the heart being the descriptive species catalog."—www.ecobeetle.com



Atlantic Coast beaches offer a variety of souvenirs and curiosities to those beachgoers that care to look. Shells have long been treasured finds, and their descriptions are well documented in a variety of books and guides. But what about the other things found on the beach? These are the things that drift in the ocean and are carried in with the winds: sea-beans, spirula, mermaid's purses, and other tropical treasures. This book references them in a convenient form for the beachcomber, while keeping the oceanographer and botanist in mind. Interesting descriptions of each sea-bean species, or other drift treasure, and 175 color photographs make this book a valuable collector's guide. Perry and Dennis provide the results of a 30-year study on sea-bean flotation tests. No other book combines personal experience, use of color photography identifications, and the scientific field of botany into a complete, friendly user's guide for identifying sea-beans and other drift from the sea.

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"...a well-organized primer with eight chapters on everything you ever wanted to know about sea-beans, but were unsure of whom to ask—the history and early uses of sea-beans, growing them, polishing them, how to build a collection, as well as where and when to search for them...hundreds of beautiful color pictures will leave no doubt about whether that thing you just found is truly an exotic sea pod that has drifted over the undulating sea from the Caribbean or whether it's a bolt from an old boat engine."—*Florida Today*

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