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Beach Stones



Synopsis

Walking along the water's edge, who among us has not stopped to admire the evocatively patterned, shaped, and multihued stones that beckon? Fun to collect and free for the taking, beach stones are objects of contemplation, beauty, and sentiment. This exquisite volume—at once a gorgeous art book and a nature guide—presents more than 200 exceptional stones from around the world and describes the fascinating natural processes that produced them. Photographer and installation artist Josie Iselin, who uses a flatbed scanner to generate her imagery, has arranged these stones with great artistry, and nature writer Margaret Carruthers yields their secrets, revealing, for instance, that a pebble from Maine was created 400 million years ago during the birth of a great mountain range. Art lovers and beachcombing spirits everywhere will cherish this gift book.

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Customer Reviews

This book has beautiful images and interesting text. A good book for people who love the beach. It would make a good coffee table book. I was disappointed in the lack of depth offered by the text. I was hoping for more in depth geologic information, and a greater variety of stones pictured. This is not the book for you if you want an in depth look at geologic process and the mineral composition of stones that wash up on the beach.

At last we feel justified in picking up stones on beaches! In this exquisite book, beautifully

photographed with fascinating text, Josie Iselin and Margaret Carruthers celebrate the world of beach (and other) stones. Great thanks for illuminating a side of nature many of us love and now better understand. Laura and Bill Riley

A must for anyone who has enjoyed collecting small, beautiful items - especially walking on a beach or along a stream bed. The text is interesting; the photographs are amazing with the stones beautifully arranged. An inspired way to look at nature's handiwork.

It's amazing how Nature crafts beautiful objects from simple rocks strewn across any beach. These treasures are there for the enjoyment of anyone at any time. If you have time to stop and smell the roses, you have time to drink in the awesome charm of the stones of the beach as presented in this fine book.

I stumbled upon this book recently on Martha's Vineyard. It is a gem! Take the time to enjoy this book, with both prose and photos to appreciate the beach stones of your past, present and future. Buy it!

beautifully photographed with detail and style. presentation of each stone is clean and presents the piece as a single jewel. Worth the price, just as a vehicle to peace and tranquility.

This is a unique and valuable book...showing stones that may be found on beaches around the world..her artistic way of laying out the positioning of these stones in the book is a treasure !Susan

This book will be a source of revelation to anyone interested in the beauty of the natural world. Carruthers' text illuminates, in an engaging and readable way, the geological forces responsible for creating these fascinating stones. An ideal holiday present for both children and adults.

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