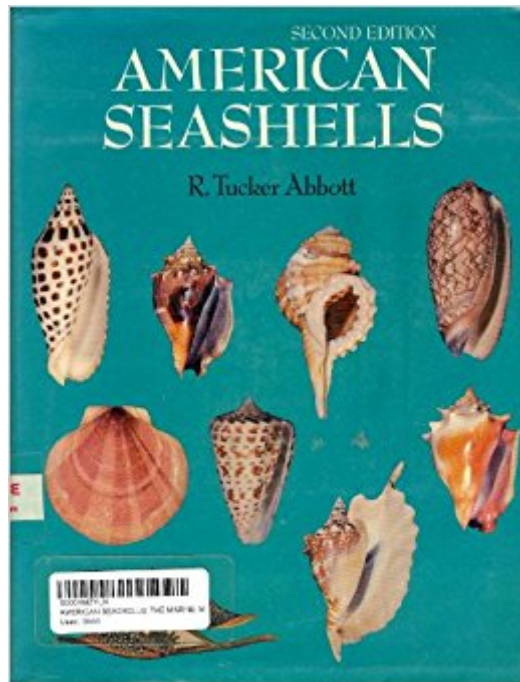


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If you have any serious interest in shells or mollusks, get this book. The second edition, published in 1974, is much better than the first. It is chock-full of excellent identifying information, as well as micro-environmental preferences of each animal. Kudos, Dr. Abbott!

R. Tucker Abbott wrote two editions of the American Seashells. The first one is good, the second vastly better; that is much more comprehensive. This volume has been out-of-print for years. It is still the standard with some exceptions. If you need to identify west coast marine bivalves, then Coan, Valentich-Scott, and Bernard's "Bivalve Seashells of Western North America (2000: Alaska to Baja) is the standard. A similar work, by a different author, is in preparation for marine gastropods. Last word was that it would be three volumes. Despite these works, Abbott, 1974 is still the the book to have.

I have had a copy of this book for the better part of 35 years and it is always my 'go to' book for seashell identification. Be careful and make sure you get the second edition as noted by others. That is not to say that there are some issues; there are. What I have always appreciated about this book is that the taxa is laid out using Linneaus classification (Class, Order, Family, Genus, etc.) and it sets into superfamilies, suborders, etc. As you can imagine a book as old as this one does run into

significant name changes and in some cases movement of whole families. That notwithstanding it is still THE definitive text for North America (and the Caribbean for that matter). What is more, unlike most any other text of its size, Abbott teaches us about the natural habitat of the mollusks as well as listing distribution of the organism. I cannot imagine being a seashell enthusiast and not owning this book. Written by one of the two super-giants of Conchology, R. Tucker Abbotts legacy lives on in this work. With so much moving to internet resources it maybe a long time before anything approaches this text again.

Still the finest book to date on all North American Univalves and bivalves. Written by the greatest malacologist of the past 100 years, bar none.

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