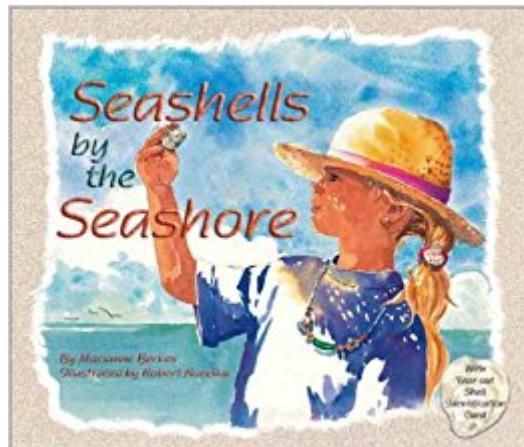


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# Seashells By The Seashore



## **Synopsis**

Both classroom teachers and vacationing parents will find this little book to be a charmer. Counting from one to twelve, Sue picks up shells--periwinkle, kittens paw, scallop--and carefully adds them to her bucket as a gift for Grandma. She and her friend identify the shells, and when they discover one that still has the mollusk living inside they put it back in the water--learning that shells are actually the (usually) abandoned homes of sea animals. The paperback edition contains a tear-out shell identification card to enhance the hands-on lesson in simple wonders from nature.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 3--In this rhyming text, a young girl accumulates a dozen shells as a gift for Grandma's birthday. Watercolor seashore vistas feature blonde Sue as she enlists her brother and his friend in finding her treasures. A vertical bar on the left side of each spread gathers the labeled collection together for viewing as the day progresses. Berkes offers ample facts in her rhymes, and gives a short paragraph of information on each type of shell on a spread at the end. Though informative, the text occasionally trails into trite rhyming pairs such as, "How the seashells glisten/In the sun that shines from heaven./Here's a bumpy Oyster Shell/So that makes seven." Noreika's detailed, realistic shell studies gracefully contrast with the misty landscapes that capture a range of unique seaside hues. While the tear-out identification card for readers to use as they roam the shore

may soon be lost, young beachcombers will still be able to appreciate this lesson. Gay Lynn Van Vleck, Henrico County Library, Glen Allen, VA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Ages 4-7. Through a lyrical counting rhyme, children accompany Sue as she walks the shore, collecting seashells for her grandmother. The rhythmic lines reinforce numbers 1 through 12, while describing individual shells and explaining what shells are and how they came to be on the sandy shore. The strongstroked watercolor art subtly educates, depicting not only the traditional sweep of wide, clean, swimmers' beach but also the rougher edges of the shore. It's along the shore that sea birds prowl alongside Sue, among the large, rough boulders and between the feathers, driftwood, and other ocean debris caught in tangles of dried seaweed and rocks. With each turn of the page, a new shell is discovered, identified, and displayed in the wide left margin. At rhyme's end, the text elaborates on the poem's basic facts, delivering details about each particular shell. A seashell identification chart completes an instructive shell hunt that children will enjoy even if they can't feel the sun on their backs or sand between their toes. Ellen Mandel Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Board book edition.

Let's identify and then count the number of shells we find. Sweetly written and inspiring! Gave my Grands this book as a warm up to their upcoming vacation. By the number of times they read this book, I suspect those little fellas will not only be able to count to ten, but identify their beach shells as well! Endearingly written for girls or boys!

I love the illustrations in this book. I love the story line of the children's adventure to gather shells. I love that there is a family element. This is a great book for Elementary and Kindergarten students to learn about shells and collecting shells. This is also a great gift to go along with something made of shells or in a shell shape. You can take a bag of shells you have collected and look through the illustrations and match them.

Kids liked it!

I started collecting shells with my grand son when he was 3 years old. I didn't realize that he would become fascinated with them and want to learn about the different kinds of shells. He now has a collection that includes shells (and stones) from Florida, Hawaii, Mexico, Malaysia and Michigan. He compares his shells to the ones pictured in the book and we learn about them together. Great

beginner and intermediate book. I learned a few things about shells that I didn't know!

I like this book because we live on the beach and it's a great way to teach the grandchildren about collecting seashells. I have gathered up most of the shells listed in the book and I'll have the children pick them out as we are reading about them.

My daughters and I love this book. They love the ocean and it's great to learn the real names of all the shells that we commonly see at the beach. My only complaint is that the author wrote that the shells become empty when the animals die, or something to that effect. I was surprised to see the word "die" in a children's book, so rather than get into a conversation about death before bedtime, I change the word to "leave" without skipping a beat. Other than that, I'm really happy with this purchase.

What a wonderful surprise book, suggested by my other order! My Grandson and I looked through my shell collection which I have in a large display bowl in my game room and identified every shell in the book! Oh what fun....

I bought this book for my son as a gift. We were planning a Florida beach vacation and I wanted to find a book that would get him excited. This is a great book and the illustrations make you want to be on the beach. We ended up finding many seashells on our trip and he was so excited because we had read this book prior.

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