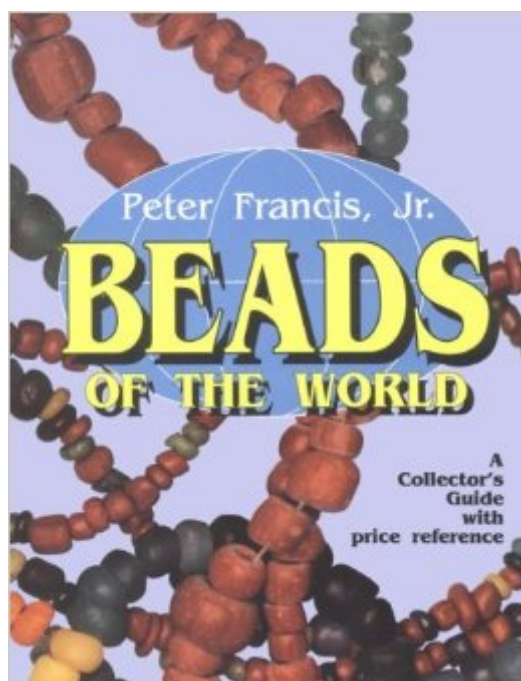


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# Beads Of The World: A Collector's Guide With Price Reference



## Synopsis

The friendly text and hundreds of color photographs of beads from around the world bring order to this awesome field of growing popular interest. This new book makes the identification of beads possible. Written to encourage collectors and clarify the origins and uses of beads in their native settings, this book provides the best and broadest reference available to date. Furthermore, newly revised pricing information makes this book useful in today's marketplace. Beads of organic, stone, and glass materials are individually discussed. Then Mr. Francis traces certain types of beads to their origins in Europe, the Middle East, India, the Far East, Southeast Asia, North and South America and Africa--literally circling the globe. Jewelry makers and collectors, artists, hobbyists and serious historians alike will find Mr. Francis's personally researched and clearly stated explanations fascinating. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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After 20 years working in Africa and collecting beads, I find this the best book of its type for people actually going into African markets, American bead shows, and flea markets looking to buy rare or collectible beads. It is not the right book for someone who doesn't yet know the basics about where and how the major types of beads are/were fabricated, how they have traveled, and the ethnographics associated with their past and present uses. (For those subjects, try Dubin, J. Allen, Liu, Picard, and Beckworth's *Africa Adorned*.) But for ballpark pricing, comparisons, and availability, there's nothing better in print.

A fine book to get into the basics of bead identification, collecting, history and methods of manufacture. Oloff, the bead hoarder says: "Ouf Da! I'm glad all those antique dealers have not found this great little guide!" Price lists are always interesting and never reliable, this is the case with this book. Very worthwhile, lot of great info and pics, lots cheaper than those BIG books.

I got a used book but you could not tell that someone had owned it before me. It is basically what it says: beads of the world. It is not a new book, but it is good book for reference.

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