

In 1942, the proceedings of the 1941 meeting were published as a series of articles on how to collect, clean, and preserve mollusks. These papers, with some additions, were issued again in 1955, 1966, and 1974. The 1974 version contained 107 pages and had 2 illustrations. *The Mollusks: A Guide to Their Study, Collection, and Preservation*, edited by C. F. Sturm, T. A. Pearce, and A. Valdés, is the latest descendent of these earlier works and is vastly more inclusive. The earlier works did not deal with all classes of mollusks. The Aplacophora, Monoplacophora, and Scaphopoda were absent. This current volume deals with extant mollusks in 12 chapters: Aplacophora, Monoplacophora, Polyplacophora, Scaphopoda, and Cephalopoda (one chapter each), Bivalvia (three chapters), and Gastropoda (four chapters). In addition, there are chapters that were absent in the earlier versions of the book: digital and film imaging, databases, and archival principles are dealt with for the first time. There is also a chapter on paleoconchology.

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