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*“Wij kunnen niet allen metselaar zijn;
er moeten er ook zijn die de steenen aandragen.”*

PREFACE

The present book is the result of many years of shell-collecting in the Netherlands Antilles. The first author, Kornelis Minne de Jong, is a former Inspector of Weights and Measures in Curaçao (1952-1965). He did not only succeed in securing the assistance of a large number of fellow-collectors but – most important – he also could borrow specimens from their collections for study. Special mention deserves frère Fredericus Verberne, who provided much of the material from Aruba.

The research for this book was carried out in the Zoological Museum of the Institute of Taxonomic Zoology (University of Amsterdam), where De Jong, who was appointed a Honorary Associate of the Museum in 1977, worked in close cooperation with Dr. Henry E. Coomans (Chairman of the Department of Malacology), the second author of this book.

Much attention has been given to the small and little-known gastropods, which resulted in the description of 58 new species and next to 32 species which need further investigation.

The generally well-known Caribbean species have not been described, lest this book would have become too voluminous. Everything that may be found in recent handbooks has been dealt with briefly, referring to such handbooks.

Authors and editors hope this book may be a contribution not only to the science of malacology, but also to the equally pleasant and gratifying art of shell-collecting.

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INTRODUCTION

The present study is based on the well-known publication "Caribbean Seashells" by WARMKE & ABBOTT (1961); its data are not repeated here, but a large number of mainly small species were added. Most data from "Gegevens over Mariene Gastropoden van Curaçao" by DE JONG & KRISTENSEN (1965) have been included.

Furthermore most of the photos of species in "A survey of the littoral Gastropoda of the Netherlands Antilles and other Caribbean Islands" by COOMANS (1958) are reproduced. The figures of species treated by us and occurring in "Caribbean Seashells", in "The Western Atlantic Marine

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