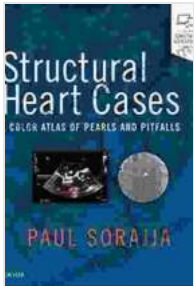


# Your In-Depth Guide to the Color Atlas of Pearls and Pitfalls



## Structural Heart Cases: A Color Atlas of Pearls and Pitfalls by C. Stephen Foster

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The Color Atlas of Pearls and Pitfalls is divided into three main sections:

- **Section 1: Pearl Quality Factors**
- **Section 2: Pearl Treatments and Enhancements**
- **Section 3: Pearl Defects**

## **Section 1: Pearl Quality Factors**

The first section of the Color Atlas of Pearls and Pitfalls focuses on the key quality factors that determine the value of a pearl. These factors include:

- **Size**
- **Shape**
- **Color**
- **Luster**
- **Surface**

Each of these factors is discussed in detail, with numerous color photographs and illustrations to help readers understand the different characteristics and variations that can affect pearl quality.

## **Section 2: Pearl Treatments and Enhancements**

The second section of the Color Atlas of Pearls and Pitfalls provides an overview of the various treatments and enhancements that can be used to improve the appearance of pearls. These treatments include:

- **Bleaching**
- **Dyeing**
- **Irradiation**
- **Laser drilling**
- **Coating**

Each treatment is described in detail, with information on its purpose, effectiveness, and potential risks. Readers will also learn how to identify treated pearls and understand the ethical implications of pearl treatments.

### **Section 3: Pearl Defects**

The third section of the Color Atlas of Pearls and Pitfalls focuses on the various defects that can occur in pearls. These defects can be natural or caused by human intervention, and they can significantly affect the value of a pearl.

Some of the most common pearl defects include:

- **Blisters**
- **Cracks**
- **Dimples**
- **Knots**
- **Pits**

Each defect is described in detail, with information on its causes, appearance, and severity. Readers will also learn how to identify pearls with defects and understand the impact that these defects can have on pearl value.

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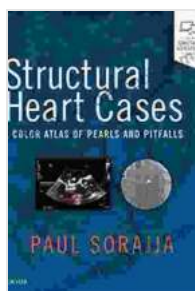
With its wealth of information and stunning photography, the Color Atlas of Pearls and Pitfalls is an invaluable resource for pearl farmers, traders, jewelers, and collectors alike.

## Additional Resources

- GIA: Pearl Quality Factors
- GIA: Pearl Treatment
- GemSelect: Pearl Defects

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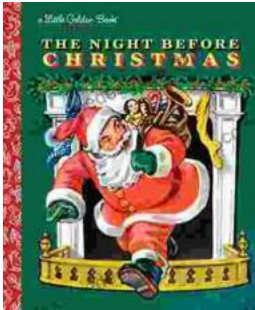
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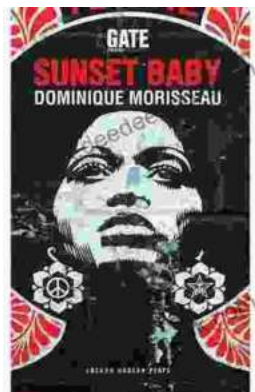
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