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About the Author

Lois Sherr Dubin has collected and researched beads for over 50 years. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in landscape architecture and a strong background in ecology. Her international practice in this field enabled her to travel widely and to obtain beads from many countries. *The History of Beads* was her first book. She lives in New York City.

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