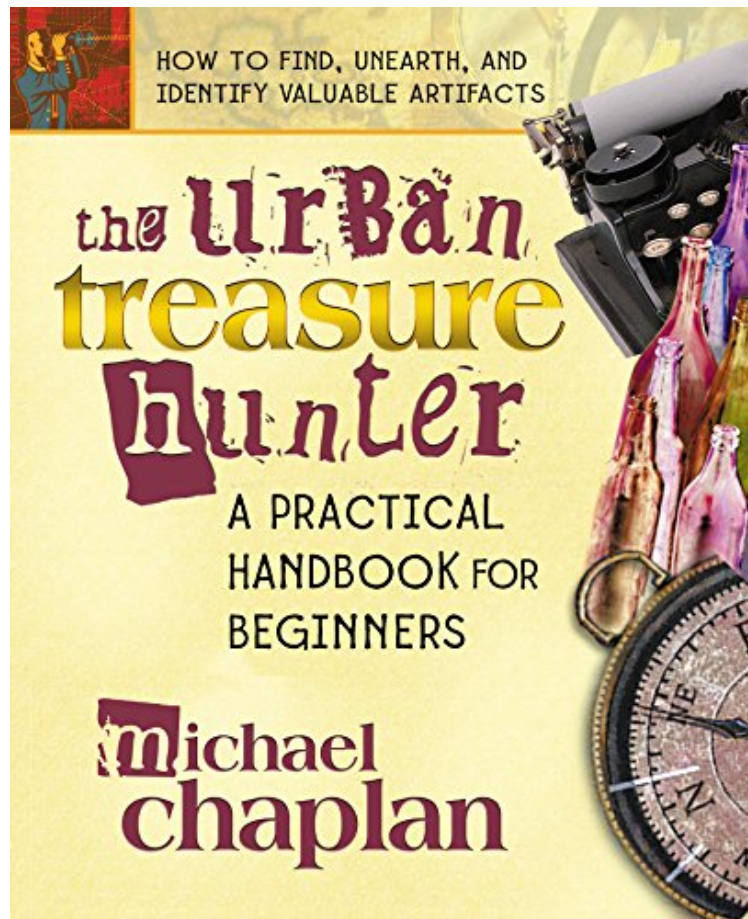


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such an engrossing book, that it's hard to put down. Being in one of the NY city boroughs, I appreciated some urban perspective although the information and tips can apply anywhere. The only drawback however, through no fault of its own, is the recent changes to treasure hunting in city parks. The new restrictions don't allow for a lot of the tips provided and renders some of the advice as no longer do-able. In fact, NYC has managed to pretty much outlaw MDing and treasure hunting without saying so, just from reading their absurd overlapping policies -- such as no metal detecting within 25 feet of a tree's drip line, and no metal detecting on any open sports field. So what's left? Nothing of course. This book was published before these punitive newer rules however, and should you live in an area where bureaucrats don't micromanage one's ability to metal detect, then this is a most excellent book for learning about uncovering all kinds of treasures. The photo section on the different types of arrow heads was top-notch as well. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Prepare yourself, this will make you a better no matter what the angle you decide to tackle first!

By Drew Hester
One of the best books I have ever had the pleasure of reading time and time again on the subject of hunting treasure within city limits! Buy it now and feel safe in knowing that Mr. Chaplan certainly knows more than his fair share when it comes to the subject. Now prepare yourself to not be able to put the book down until you've read all the way through it. And then prepare to do it ALL OVER AGAIN!

The Urban Treasure Hunter: A Practical Handbook for Beginners

Every city possesses countless hidden treasures waiting to be discovered ancient artifacts, valuable jewelry, and vintage coins, as well as hundreds of other highly sought-after collectibles. Michael Chaplan, treasure hunter extraordinaire, has written a complete and practical guide to locating, unearthing, and identifying all of those treasures. The book begins with the basics, and then presents a working knowledge of digs. An up-to-date resource section provides useful lists of specialized catalog companies and helpful websites, organizations, magazines, and books. Whether you are an avid collector of artifacts, a weekend explorer in search of adventure, or simply a creative person in need of something fun to do, you will find that The Urban Treasure Hunter provides the perfect rewarding hobby.

From Publishers Weekly
Tompkins Square Park, in New York City's East Village, has produced coin recoveries dating back to the 1830s. A construction site in Philadelphia recently yielded ceramic perfume containers and embossed pipe bowls from the 1860s. "Urban treasure hunter" Chaplan explains how to find, unearth and identify valuable artifacts like these in this how-to manual. He provides information on dealing with curious onlookers and fitting into a neighborhood (in "upscale" areas, dress like a jogger; in "tough areas," wear camouflage items and worn jeans), covers legal issues, provides a surprisingly scholarly and in-depth lesson in archeology and details how and where to search for and clean old coins, bottles and historical and prehistoric artifacts (he also gives tips on how to cash in on this hobby). Chaplan peppers his text with quotations from fictional and real adventurers, from Sherlock Holmes to Rudyard Kipling, and includes do-it-yourself instructions for building a sifter and even setting up an electrolysis device for cleaning unearthed metal objects. Chaplan's enthusiasm enlivens the extensive, solid factual information, and although his comparison of urban treasure hunters to history's swashbuckling explorers is a bit exaggerated, stories of his own hunting experiences in the greater New York area, as well as tales of discoveries of booty in unexpected places, prove his point that adventures and buried treasure are closer to home than most would expect. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "From research to recovery, to conservations and cashing in...it's all here...Well written, profusely illustrated, eye-opening and encouraging, The Urban Treasure Hunter is both a reliable guide and a great read." (Western Eastern Treasures)

About the Author
Michael Chaplan received a masters degree in anthropology from Long Island University and a masters degree in public health from Columbia University. While maintaining a successful professional career in public health, the author has pursued his interest in treasure hunting for over twenty years. Traveling both here and abroad, he has recovered thousands of old coins, hidden caches, museum quality relics, Indian artifacts, and valuable collectibles.