

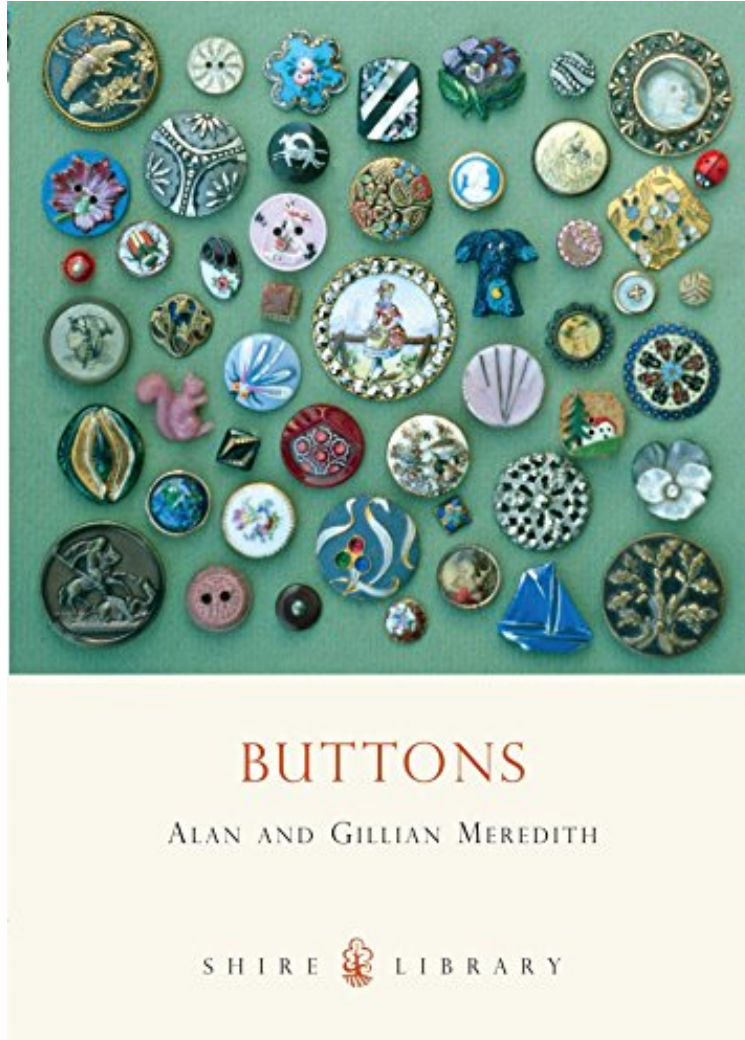
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About the Author Alan and Gillian Meredith have been button collectors for over thirty years, undertaking much original research and writing articles for leading antiques magazines, as well as appearing on television and radio. They owned the first and only button museum in Great Britain, creating a focus for those interested in the history, design and manufacture of buttons, as well as introducing a fascinating subject to the general public.