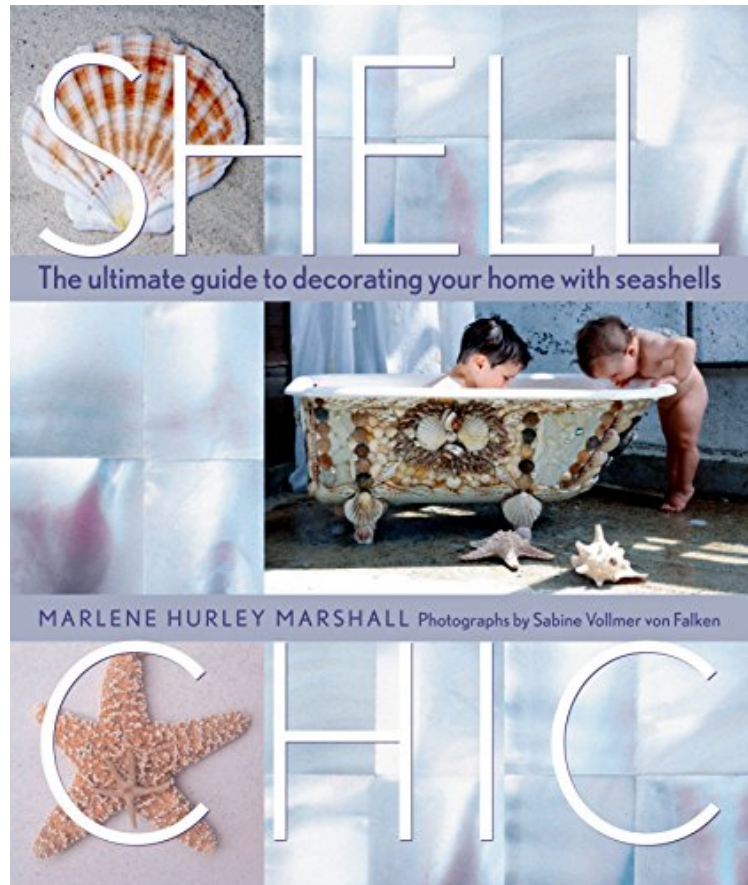


# Shell Chic: The Ultimate Guide to Decorating Your Home With Seashells

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