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The beads' history dates to the 15th century when Portuguese trading ships arrived on the coast of West Africa to exploit its many resources, including gold, slaves, ivory and palm oil. At that time, glass beads were a major part of the currency exchanged for people and products. The beads proved to be a cheap and efficient means of exploiting African resources, especially as glassmaking technologies developed in Europe. Trade beads were not of a set form but were produced according to demand, which could vary from region to region, village to village, resulting in many thousands of different types...
well as museum curators, gallery owners, archaeologists, anthropologists, bead specialists, collectors, and photographers, she has brought together a vast amoun