**WHERE THINGS CAME FROM**

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Not a single creature was disturbed or interrupted in its daily life. All remnants of sea creatures washed ashore and dried out. Plant life fell on the ground. Deer antlers are shed each spring, and one can tell shed antlers (versus from trophy deer) by the “knob” at the end. The portion of the elk antler was taken from a whole shed antler.

Antlers: Maine, Alaska, Vermont and Minnesota

Fox skulls: found sun bleached in the Anza Borrego Desert, east of San Diego

Sea creatures: Provincetown, Falmouth, Buzzards Bay, Galveston, Texas, and the Florida Everglades roadside

Salvaged barnwood: sawmills and construction sites near and far

Nautical artifacts: friends and family, flea markets, beaches, metal recycling sites and junk yards on Cape Cod and in Maine, Rhode Island and Southern California

Rusty metal: salvage yards across the United States, parking lots, dumpsters, beaches, and abandoned dump sites on Cape Cod and elsewhere

Bottles: beaches, abandoned dump sites, medical historians’ professional annual meetings and flea markets

Clock and watch parts: Las Vegas, San Diego, New Orleans, the Alaska highway roadside stops, and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico (best name ever!) and elsewhere

Architectural salvage: Indiana, San Diego, NYC, Portland, OR, and Newport, RI

Stained glass: remnants from a New England studio--cast-off pieces, or “beautiful mistakes”

Beach erosion fencing: broken up in the road, or aged in my yard

Miniature figures and items: there’s whole world of Fairie Gardens (true!) and dollhouses out there

Singular items: animals in wood, bronze, metal and so on. Collected from roadside vendors since the 1970s

Vintage drop lines and buoys: traded for in exchange for other items

Feathers: were found on beaches, beneath birdfeeders, in an ostrich farm pasture, along wild turkey pathways, a friend’s chicken coop, and from molting parrot