Table of Contents

Acknowledgments	v
Introduction / Richard A. Davis, Jr.	1
Chapter 1	
River Deltas / L. D. Wright	5
Introduction	5
Occurrence and Distribution of Deltas	6
General Characteristics of Deltas and Deltaic Environments	9
Delta–Forming Processes	16
Deltaic Sediments and Sedimentary Structures	47
Variability of Deltaic Geometries and Depositional Sequences	51
Summary	63
References	64
Chapter 2	
Coastal Bays / Robert B. Biggs	69
Introduction	69
Kinds of Estuaries	70
Processes of Suspended Sediment Transport	70
Processes Affecting the Accumulation of Suspended Sediments	77
Source, Character, and Fate of Suspended Matter in Estuaries	81
Bottom Sediments in Estuaries	91

Selected Examples Sedimentary Structures References	93 94 96
Chapter 3 Coastal Salt Marshes / Robert W. Frey and Paul B. Basan	101
Introduction The State of the Art Definition and Occurrences of Coastal Salt Marshes Environmental Conditions and Marsh Zonation Characteristic Plants Characteristic Sediments Substrate Characteristics and Biogeochemistry Processes Affecting Sedimentation in Salt Marshes Sedimentary Structures Epilog References	101 102 103 106 116 119 127 132 151 159 159
Chapter 4 Coastal Dunes / Victor Goldsmith	171
Introduction Coastal Sand Dunes Physical Processes of Eolian Sedimentation Artificially Inseminated Coastal Sand Dunes References	171 176 209 227 230
Chapter 5 Beach and Nearshore Zone / Richard A. Davis, Jr.	237
Introduction Distribution Geometry Beach Materials Processes Sedimentary Structures Process–Response Systems in the Beach and Nearshore Environment References	237 238 247 256 272 277 280
Chapter 6 Mesotidal Inlets and Estuaries / Jon C. Boothroyd	287
Introduction Bedforms Genesis of Estuarine Bedforms Tidal Deltas	287 296 314 328

Stratigraphic Sequences and Depositional Models References	350 356
Chapter 7	
Coastal Stratigraphic Sequences / John C. Kraft	361
Introduction	361
Processes of Change	365
Sedimentary Sequences	367
The Transgressive Shoreline	369
Galveston and Regressive Shorelines	373
Sequences	374
Delta-Chenier Plains	376
Coastal Sequences in Time and Space	378
The Uses of Vertical Sequence Analysis References	380 381
	501
Chapter 8	
Modeling Coastal Environments / William T. Fox	385
Introduction	385
Geometric Model	386
Statistical Models	389
Markov Model	393
Probabilistic Model	397
Deterministic Model	400
Fourier Model	404
Summary	410
References	411
Index	415