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## Foreword

**D**uring my many years of association with mining, treasure hunting and the hobby of metal detecting I have read countless books about gold panning and prospecting with a detector. Some of these books were well written and authoritative. They sought to explain, clearly and carefully, just how gold is associated with other earth materials; where to find it and how to reclaim it—both by older methods and by more modern procedures.

Yet, most of the books were lacking because readers needed a certain amount of technical knowledge and/or experience for proper understanding of much of the terminology and techniques. The beginning prospector, as a rule, has *not* had the opportunity to gain any knowledge of "gold" language that will enable him or her to fill in the broad gaps left by many of these books. I have always believed that the beginner needed something extra—a guide through the first difficult steps when failure or disappointment are most likely to occur.

Roy Lagal, author, life-long prospector, treasure hunter and my dear friend from Lewiston, Idaho, first fulfilled this need several years ago by compiling a book similar to this with actual in-the-field photographs that accompanied a step-by-step instructive procedure. All of this was presented in Roy's unique blend of common everyday language that anyone can understand. Now he has completely updated this book with additional knowledge he has since gained, plus adding discussions of the most modern equipment available.

It would scarcely be immodest to say that my company is one of the world's leading manufacturers of metal detectors. The facts speak for themselves, and it is also a fact that I have written many books on this subject. Let me assure you that

any book on electronic metal detectors that was written even as late as 1988 is *hopelessly obsolete*. Technology has advanced that rapidly.

There had also long been a need for a gold pan designed specifically to aid the beginner and experienced professional alike. Roy designed such a pan, the **Gravity Trap** gold pan, which has achieved great acceptance and acclaim. It is universally regarded as the most efficient, practical, easiest-to-use gold pan ever built.

In *Gold Panning Is Easy* Roy gives detailed instructions about using gold pans, specifically, and the **Gravity Trap** gold pan in particular. He also discusses the use of modern computerized electronic metal detectors for prospecting and presents a brief introduction to gold dredging. His proven and successful panning methods and metal detecting tips are certain to aid even the most experienced gold-seeker, plus making it possible for the beginner to start with ease and finish with success.

When Roy's first gold panning book was published, I considered it to be one of the most down-to-earth, practical books for the beginning prospector that I had ever read. This completely new version is even better!

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