

The Third Side of the Coin: Book review: *The Coin World Almanac Millenium Edition*

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Every serious collector of numismatic material needs this book. At \$20 (plus \$5 shipping & handling from the publisher), it is easily worth much more than one-fourth of Breen or one-half of Taxay. The 700 pages are crammed with useful and correct details covering every major facet of numismatics from an American viewpoint.

As just one indication of the scope of this Almanac, the chapter on Numismatics and the Law runs 60 pages. More than just "coins" there are chapters on the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and the Federal Reserve, both in addition to a general chapter on U.S. Paper Money. Commemoratives, Errors, Bullion, and a nod to Foreigns and Ancients, as well as Books, Periodicals, and Museums and other Organizations. The Potpourri includes how to obtain a copyright, how to submit articles to Coin World, and how to buy a magnifying glass.

The Coin World Almanac is completely authoritative, drawn from the sources closest to the original in every possible case. Again, for example, the chapter on Numismatics and the Law came directly from the most recent revisions to the United States Commercial Code.

In addition to the Coin World staff, work on this edition came from David T. Alexander, Q. David Bowers, Col. Bill Murray, and P. Scott Rubin. Uncited contributions came from Richard Giedroyc and Michael E. Marotta, the CW International Editors in 1998, 1999, and 2000.

Who owned the 1913 Liberty Nickels? Who owned the 1894-S Barber Dime? What are the pedigrees of the 1804 Dollars? Who was the last Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint? Who was the first Superintendent of the West Point Mint? Which notes did Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass sign? What is a Postal Note -- and who says so? How can you tell if a note has been tooled with an eraser to make it look like a BEP error? What were the most famous numismatic collections in America?

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