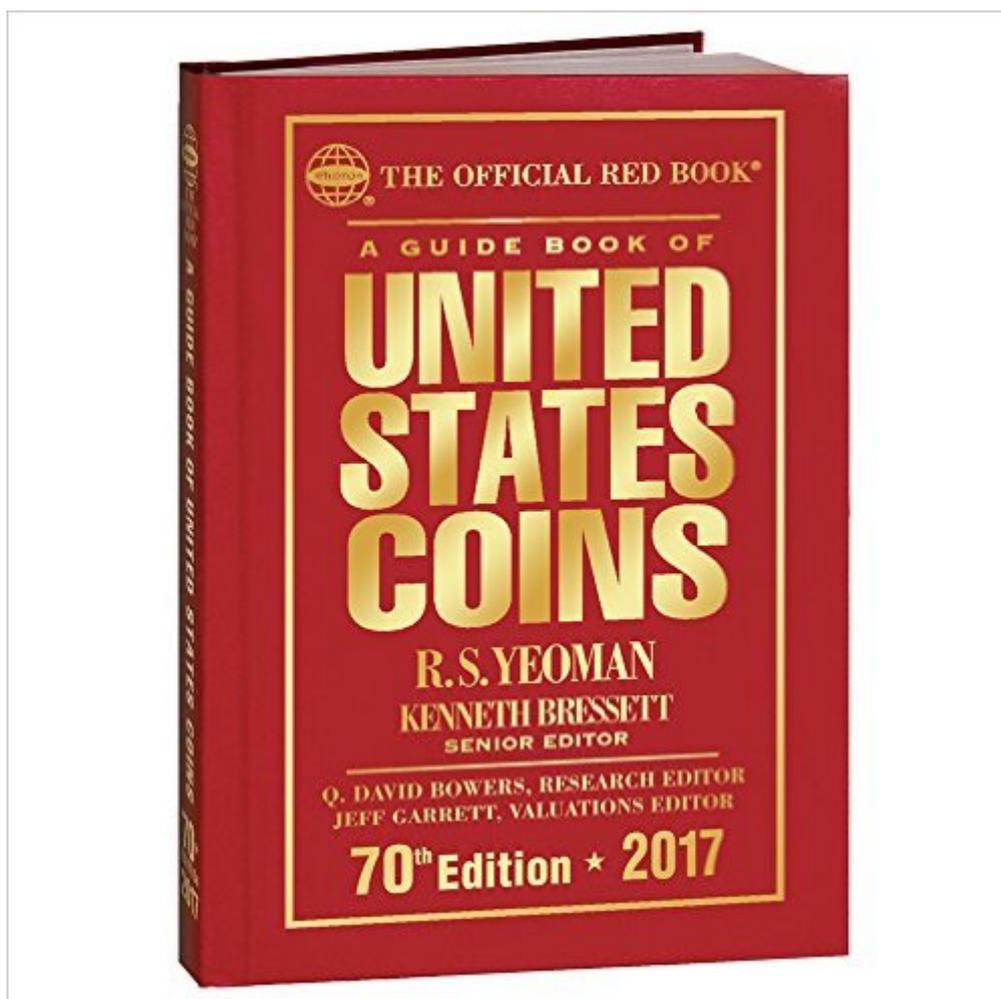


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# A Guide Book Of United States Coins 2017: The Official Red Book, Hardcover Edition



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I started getting the Guide Book of United States Coins (or as many who collect coins call it "The Red Book") back in 2014. I love this book. It has great information on the history of US coins, mintage numbers, good pictures of errors, variations of coins, other notes about certain coins

especially rarer ones, and as far as I know, covers every US coin ever minted. Now, you may be asking, what changes year to year that you feel the need to get one every year? To be honest, not that much. They do update the prices of coins based on market conditions including spot prices of metals used to mint coins, and they also add coins new minted coins. But other than that, not a whole lot changes from year to year. I use this book as a stepping off point for pricing buying and selling coins. You may want to do a little other research along with this book when buying coins, but having this book has helped my find some amazing deals, and has steered me away from making bad buying decisions.

Beginner in collecting coins, and this book has everything a beginner needs from the parts of a coin to a description and price range, also history on each type of coin. Love it! I feel like a pro after reading it lol. And lots of pictures.

Want to know which coins to collect? Want general info on the history of a particular type of coin? This book will give you that info in summary form. Want to know how much your coins are worth? Then buy the blue book version or subtract about 2/3rds off the prices listed in the red book to give you an idea of what a coin dealer may offer you for your coins. Keep in mind that grading, while subjective, is important when it comes to the value of a coin. A coin in its natural state of wear is worth more than a "lower grade" coin (one that has been cleaned with solvents or dipped to the point the luster is mostly gone or artificially toned or drilled through or dinged or scratched or tooled/whizzed). Please note, however, that there are times when buying a lower grade coin may be the only practical way to fill a hole in your particular coin set. For example, I wanted a certain coin for my type set but there was no way I could afford it and still pay my bills so I bought a legal copy of it to fill the hole in my collection. ("Legal copies" are stamped "copy" on the coin.) Problem coins and copies of coins have value and fill a need for many of us in the hobby who aren't affluent but first learn about the coins you want to collect so you can tell the difference between a natural coin and one that's not. If your goal is to make quick money selling coins, then don't collect, play the precious metals market and use the red book and blue book as guides for highly marketable coins like the American Silver Eagle and go online to determine the current melt value for silver to determine when to buy and when to sell. Otherwise, collect because you love the look of coins or enjoy putting coin sets together. If you love history, try collecting a type set of coins from a particular era or if you love the beauty and craftsmanship of a certain group of coins, assemble the best set you can afford no matter how long it takes. Try assembling a cent set out of pocket change before buying your first

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Always a great reference ... interesting to see how the market changes from year to year (using past guide book valuations). I use this and the "Handbook of United States Coins 2017: The Official Blue Book" — Handbook of United States Coins 2017: The Official Blue Book, Paperback Edition (Handbook of United States Coins (Paper)) Excellent Source

Purchased as a gift for a taxi driver in Antigua, Guatemala, who found my daughter's purse on the floor of the taxi and tracked us down to return it. He is a coin collector, mainly American, so I got him some US coins and this guidebook as a gift and as a reward for being an honest man.

The graphic illustrations in this book are absolutely beautiful. You can see detail that you can't get from other books. This book also contains a great depth of knowledge on coins. Not all coins and/or gradings are offered, but it provides enough information for you to make an informed decision when buying, selling and collecting.

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