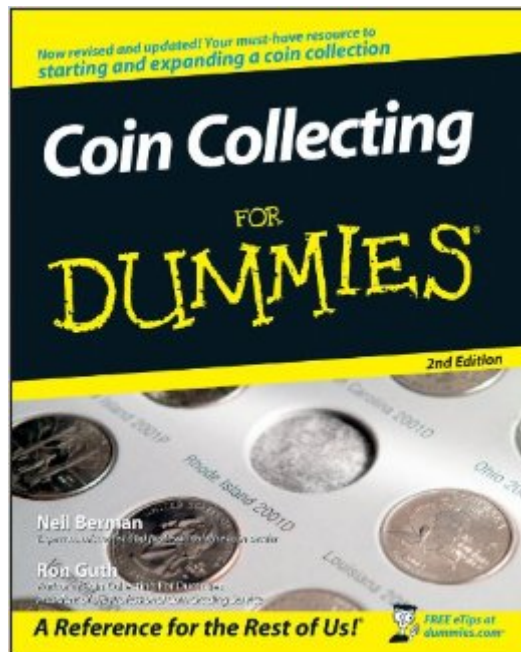


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# Coin Collecting For Dummies



## Synopsis

Canâ™t make heads or tails out of coin collecting? You need *Coin Collecting For Dummies, 2nd Edition*, the treasure trove on information on numismatics. This hands-on guide escorts you through the worldâ™s oldest hobby, helping you decide which type of coins you want to collect, keep your collection in mint condition, buy and sell coins on the Internet, find interesting coin shows to attend, and assemble and diversify a great collection. The purpose of this fun, easy-to-access guide is to turn you into a world-class coin collector in as little time as possible. Youâ™ll learn what coins can teach you about history and geography, develop organizational and observational skills, and learn to use analytical tools, all without even thinking about it. And youâ™ll learn the basics about ancient coins, U.S. coins, world coins, and the wild-and-wooly stuff that really gets your numismatic juices flowing. Discover how to: Start your collection correctly Evaluate coins using age, condition, rarity, and more Buy interesting coins without breaking the bank Locate rare and expensive coins Get savvy about avoiding fakes Get the whole family involved in your collection Develop a buying strategy Clean and handle coins safely Keep your collection secure at home and on the road Investigate tokens, medals, and miscellaneous coins Create complete collections of copper, nickel, silver, or gold U.S. coins When it comes to numismatics, *Coin Collecting For Dummies, 2nd Edition* is right on the money!

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I'd bought a few mint sets, and occasionally thought about saving particularly good-looking coins.

Someone gave me some more coins for Christmas, and I've exploded into coin collecting. There's a ton of stuff to learn. This book covers a lot of it in a very approachable way, and isn't quite as condescending as most of the "For Dummies" books. The humour is a little too frequent for the level of the content, but the book is a great start for the new collector. There's a few sections the book could have done without, like the chapter on record-setting auctions. It would've been great to balance it with a section on the most underrated coins, or the best bargains. If you're interested in getting started, this book is for you. For anyone with experience, it's probably not appropriate.

For any of you who are interested in coin collecting, or if you happen to inherit somehow a collection of coins, this is the book for you! It is filled with information on how to take care of your coins, what to look for when purchasing, selling, trading or anything else regarding coins. The book is full of knowledge that is easy to comprehend. Buy it for yourself or for your kids!

Coin Collectors For Dummies is a paperback guide for beginning to intermediate coin collectors. With humour and style, author Guth explains numismatics, buying coins, choosing coins for your collections, U. S. coins, selling coins, and the part of tens containing the following: (1) the ten most valuable U. S. coins, (2) Guth's favorite ten U. S. coin designs, and (3) Guth's ten favorite web sites for the coin-collecting websurfer du jour. Sprinkled with cartoons, black and white illustrations, homely tales and guides, Coin Collecting For Dummies is the quintessential user-friendly coin collector's guide. An added perk: many bits of fascinating coin history are introduced, often in silvery-grey highlighted boxes. Coin Collecting For Dummies is a fascinating, entertaining, and educational collector's guide. Nancy Lorraine, Reviewer

"Coin Collecting For Dummies" is a book both for the beginning and advanced collector (and coin investor)...it belongs in every coin collector's library! The adage "buy the book before you buy the coin(s)" applies to this excellent volume. The book is well written, easy to understand and covers everything the collector/investor should consider before, and while, collecting/investing. It is never too late to learn from the information in "Coin Collecting For Dummies"! Humor is sprinkled throughout the book which keeps information that is sometimes academic from being too dry. The beginning collector can easily feel that he is "on the wrong side of the table" (dealer versus collector) and the information in "Coin Collecting For Dummies" definitely "levels the playing field". The cost of this book is far less than the price of many coins...not reading this book will definitely "cost" the collector/investor with money ill spent! A must read!

Guth is a great expositor on the hobby/obsession of coins and coin collecting. The history of U.S coinage is one of the most interesting stories in the world and deserves a wider audience. It also deserves a great book, a story to capture the imagination that would also capture the hearts of the readers. Alas, this book is not that creature. But it is a great guide for beginners or anyone interested in the notorious ins and outs (including trading, on-line dealers, honesty and prices) of coin collecting. The allure of the hobby (sport?) is captured in his infectious passion and the humorous tales bring the reader back down to Earth. By all means purchase his new book, THE 100 GREATEST U.S. COINS (co-authored with Garrett), a coffee table work that redefines the notion of presentation. It is a gorgeous tome, with history, prices and best of all, incredibly beautiful photographs of these noteworthy coins. One is almost transported into the numismatic section of the Smithsonian by this book.

...be smarter and purchase something which at least contains helpful information. Unfortunately, I did waste my money on this book and found it totally unorganized and of very little practical help. I've been curious about many of these so-called "for Dummies" type of books. If this is an example of one, you could do much better by either contacting the American Numismatic Association (ANA) at their website at

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