

United States Coinage Series & Top Reference Books

Late Colonial Era to Present

Half Cents (1793–1857)

1. Roger Cohen — *American Half Cents: The "Little Half Sisters"*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of United States Half Cents 1793–1857*
3. Ronald Manley — *The Half Cent Die State Book, 1793–1857*

Large Cents (1793–1857)

1. William Sheldon — *Penny Whimsy*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of Early United States Cents 1793–1814*
3. Howard Newcomb — *United States Copper Cents 1816–1857*

Flying Eagle & Indian Head Cents (1857–1909)

1. Richard Snow — *A Guide Book of Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cents*
2. Larry Steve & Kevin Flynn — *Flying Eagle and Indian Cent Die Varieties*
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Proof Coins*

Lincoln Cents (1909–present)

1. David Lange — *The Complete Guide to Lincoln Cents*
 2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Lincoln Cents*
 3. Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Lincoln Cents*
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Two-Cent Pieces (1864–1873)

1. Kevin Flynn — *Getting Your Two Cents Worth*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. Frank Leone — *Longacre's Two Cent Piece Die Varieties and Errors*

Three-Cent Silver / Trime (1851–1873)

1. Kevin Flynn — *Getting Your Three Cents Worth: The Handbook of Three Cent Silver Varieties*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins (The Red Book)*

Three-Cent Nickel (1865–1889)

1. Kevin Flynn — *Getting Your Three Cents Worth: Three Cent Nickels*
 2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
 3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins (The Red Book)*
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Shield Nickel (1866–1883)

1. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Shield and Liberty Head Nickels*
2. Edward Fletcher — *The Shield Five Cent Series*
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*

Liberty Head Nickel (1883–1913)

1. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Shield and Liberty Head Nickels*
2. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*

Buffalo / Indian Head Nickel (1913–1938)

1. David Lange — *The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels*
2. Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Buffalo Nickels*
3. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Buffalo and Jefferson Nickels*

Jefferson Nickel (1938–present)

1. Bernard Nagengast — *The Jefferson Nickel Analyst*
 2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Buffalo and Jefferson Nickels*
 3. Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Jefferson Nickels*
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Early Half Dimes: Flowing Hair & Draped Bust (1792–1805)

1. Russell Logan & John McCloskey — *Federal Half Dimes 1792–1837*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (The Red Book)

Capped Bust Half Dime (1829–1837)

1. Russell Logan & John McCloskey — *Federal Half Dimes 1792–1837*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (The Red Book)

Seated Liberty Half Dime (1837–1873)

1. Al Blythe — *The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dimes*
 2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
 3. Kevin Flynn — *Liberty Seated Half Dime Die Variety Book*
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Early Dimes: Draped Bust & Capped Bust (1796–1837)

1. David Davis, Russell Logan, Allen Lovejoy, John McCloskey & William Subjack — *Early United States Dimes 1796–1837*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (The Red Book)

Seated Liberty Dime (1837–1891)

1. Greer — *The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Dimes*
2. Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Seated Liberty Dimes*
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*

Barber Dime (1892–1916)

1. David Lawrence — *The Complete Guide to Barber Dimes*
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Barber Silver Coins*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Mercury / Winged Liberty Dime (1916–1945)

1. David Lange — *The Complete Guide to Mercury Dimes*
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Mercury Dimes, Standing Liberty Quarters, and Liberty Walking Half Dollars*
3. Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Mercury Dimes*

Roosevelt Dime (1946–present)

1. Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Roosevelt Dimes*
 2. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)
 3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (The Red Book)
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Twenty-Cent Piece (1875–1878)

1. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Shield and Liberty Head Nickels* (contextual era coverage)
 2. Mark Borckardt — *contributions in various Whitman guides*
 3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
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Early Quarters: Draped Bust & Capped Bust (1796–1838)

1. Steve Browning — *The Complete Guide to United States Early Quarters*
2. A.W. Browning — *The Early Quarter Dollars of the United States* (classic die variety study)
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*

Seated Liberty Quarter (1838–1891)

1. Larry Briggs — *The Comprehensive Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Quarters*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Barber Quarter (1892–1916)

1. David Lawrence — *The Complete Guide to Barber Quarters*
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Barber Silver Coins*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Standing Liberty Quarter (1916–1930)

1. J.H. Cline — *Standing Liberty Quarters*
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Mercury Dimes, Standing Liberty Quarters, and Liberty Walking Half Dollars*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Washington Quarter (1932–present)

1. John Feigenbaum — *The Complete Guide to Washington Quarters*
 2. James Wiles — *The Washington Quarter Dollar Book: An Attribution and Pricing Guide*
 3. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Washington and State Quarters*
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Early Half Dollars: Flowing Hair & Draped Bust (1794–1807)

1. Al Overton & Donald Parsley — *Early Half Dollar Die Varieties 1794–1836*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins (The Red Book)*

Capped Bust Half Dollar (1807–1839)

1. Al Overton & Donald Parsley — *Early Half Dollar Die Varieties 1794–1836*
2. Edgar Souders — *Bust Half Fever*
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*

Seated Liberty Half Dollar (1839–1891)

1. Randy Wiley & Bill Bugert — *The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars*
2. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Barber Half Dollar (1892–1916)

1. David Lawrence — *The Complete Guide to Barber Half Dollars*
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Barber Silver Coins*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Walking Liberty Half Dollar (1916–1947)

1. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Mercury Dimes, Standing Liberty Quarters, and Liberty Walking Half Dollars*
2. Jeff Ambio — *Collecting and Investing Strategies for Walking Liberty Half Dollars*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Franklin Half Dollar (1948–1963)

1. Rick Tomaska — *A Guide Book of Franklin and Kennedy Half Dollars*
2. Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Franklin Half Dollars*
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Kennedy Half Dollar (1964–present)

1. Rick Tomaska — *A Guide Book of Franklin and Kennedy Half Dollars*
 2. James Wiles — *The Kennedy Half Dollar Book: An Attribution and Pricing Guide*
 3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)
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Early Silver Dollars: Flowing Hair & Draped Bust (1794–1804)

1. M.H. Bolender — *The United States Early Silver Dollars from 1794 to 1803*
2. Q. David Bowers — *The Rare Silver Dollars Dated 1794–1804*
3. Jules Reiver — *The United States Early Silver Dollars 1794–1803*

Seated Liberty Dollar (1840–1873)

1. Q. David Bowers — *Silver Dollars and Trade Dollars of the United States: A Complete Encyclopedia*
2. John Osburn & Thomas Cushing — *The United States Seated Liberty Dollar Register*
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*

Trade Dollar (1873–1885)

1. John Willem — *The United States Trade Dollar*
2. Q. David Bowers — *Silver Dollars and Trade Dollars of the United States: A Complete Encyclopedia*
3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*

Morgan Dollar (1878–1921)

1. Leroy Van Allen & A. George Mallis — *Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Morgan and Peace Dollars* (VAM)
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Morgan Silver Dollars*
3. Michael Fey & Jeff Oxman — *The Top 100 Morgan Dollar Varieties*

Peace Dollar (1921–1935)

1. Leroy Van Allen & A. George Mallis — *Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Morgan and Peace Dollars* (VAM)
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Peace Dollars*
3. Roger Burdette — *Renaissance of American Coinage series* (contextual history)

Eisenhower Dollar (1971–1978)

1. John Wexler, Bill Crawford & Kevin Flynn — *The Authoritative Reference on Eisenhower Dollars*
2. James Wiles — *CONECA Attribution Guide to Eisenhower Dollar Die Varieties*
3. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Modern United States Dollar Coins*

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3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)

Gold Dollar (1849–1889)

1. David Akers — *United States Gold Coins: An Analysis of Auction Records, Vol. I — Gold Dollars, 1849–1889*
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Gold Dollars*
3. Douglas Winter — *The United States \$3 Gold Pieces 1854–1889* (contextual era; see also his branch mint works)

Gold \$2.50 Quarter Eagle (1796–1929, all types)

1. David Akers — *United States Gold Coins: An Analysis of Auction Records, Vol. II — Quarter Eagles, 1796–1929*
2. Jeff Garrett & Ron Guth — *Encyclopedia of United States Gold Coins 1795–1933*
3. Douglas Winter — *A Collector's Guide to Indian Head Quarter Eagles*

Gold \$3 (1854–1889)

1. David Akers — *United States Gold Coins: An Analysis of Auction Records, Vol. III — Three Dollar Gold Pieces, 1854–1889*
2. Douglas Winter — *The United States \$3 Gold Pieces 1854–1889*
3. Jeff Garrett & Ron Guth — *Encyclopedia of United States Gold Coins 1795–1933*

Gold \$5 Half Eagle (1795–1929, all types)

1. David Akers — *United States Gold Coins: An Analysis of Auction Records, Vol. IV — Half Eagles, 1795–1929*
2. Jeff Garrett & Ron Guth — *Encyclopedia of United States Gold Coins 1795–1933*
3. Douglas Winter — *Gold Coins of the Dahlonega Mint, 1838–1861; Gold Coins of the Charlotte Mint, 1838–1861; Gold Coins of the Carson City Mint, 1870–1893; Gold Coins of the New Orleans Mint, 1839–1909* (branch mint-specific references)

Gold \$10 Eagle (1795–1933, all types)

1. David Akers — *United States Gold Coins: An Analysis of Auction Records, Vol. V — Eagles, 1795–1933*
2. David Akers — *A Handbook of 20th-Century United States Gold Coins, 1907–1933* (Saint-Gaudens and Indian types)
3. Jeff Garrett & Ron Guth — *Encyclopedia of United States Gold Coins 1795–1933*

Gold \$20 Double Eagle (1849–1933, all types)

1. David Akers — *United States Gold Coins: An Analysis of Auction Records, Vol. VI — Double Eagles, 1849–1933*
2. Douglas Winter & Adam Crum — *Type I Double Eagles, 1850–1866: An Insider's Guide to Collecting*; Winter — *Type Three Double Eagles, 1877–1907: A Numismatic History and Analysis*
3. Jeff Garrett & Ron Guth — *Encyclopedia of United States Gold Coins 1795–1933*

Gold Patterns

1. David Akers — *United States Gold Patterns: A Photographic Study of the Gold Patterns Struck at the United States Mint from 1836 to 1907*
2. Andrew Pollock III — *United States Patterns and Related Issues*
3. J. Hewitt Judd (various editors) — *United States Pattern Coins*

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1. David Akers (revised by Jeff Ambio) — *A Handbook of 20th-Century United States Gold Coins, 1907–1933* (historical context for Saint-Gaudens/Buffalo designs)
2. Q. David Bowers — *A Guide Book of Modern United States Dollar Coins* (partial coverage)
3. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (The Red Book)

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1. Sylvester Crosby — *The Early Coins of America*
 2. Philip Mossman — *Money of the American Colonies and Confederation*
 3. C. Wyllys Betts — *American Colonial History Illustrated by Contemporary Medals*
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Classic Commemoratives (1892–1954)

1. Anthony Swiatek & Walter Breen — *The Encyclopedia of United States Silver and Gold Commemorative Coins 1892–1954*
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1. Andrew Pollock III — *United States Patterns and Related Issues*
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 3. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Proof Coins*
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1. Walter Breen — *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*
2. R.S. Yeoman (Kenneth Bressett, ed.) — *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (The Red Book, updated annually)
3. Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton — *Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties* (3 volumes)