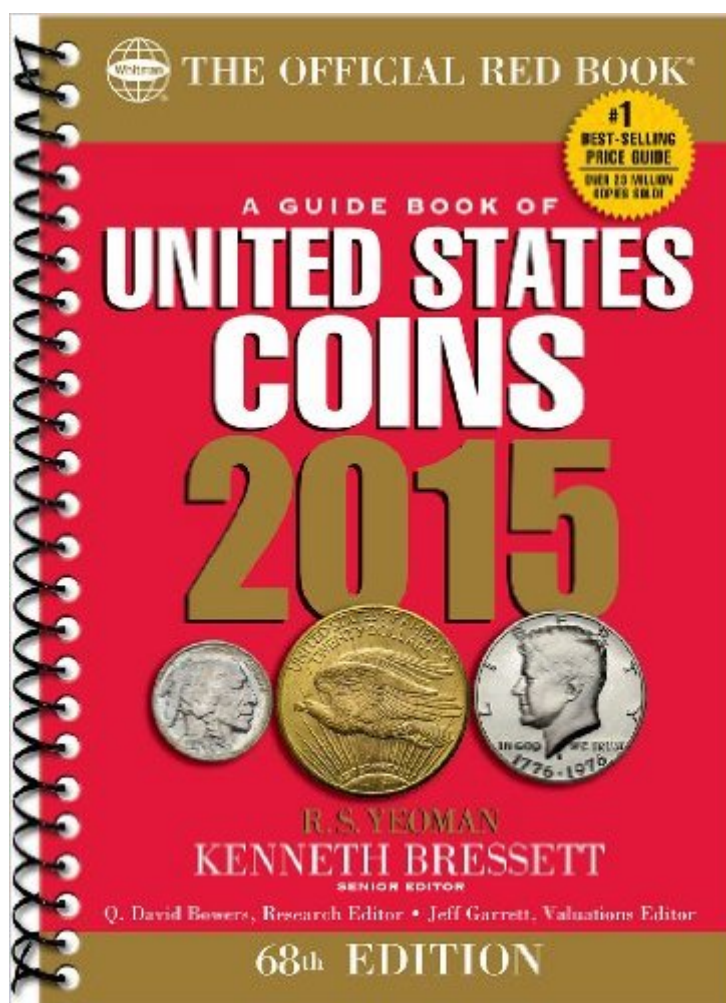


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# A Guide Book Of United States Coins 2015: The Official Red Book Spiral (Official Red Book: A Guide Book Of United States Coins (Spiral))



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The official Red Book is and has always been the most up to date and accurate collection of retail

prices for all U.S. coins. It covers every U.S. coinage ever made including gold coins, commemoratives, tokens, bullion coins, proof and mint sets. This is the only book you'll need to put a retail value to your collection.

This is what you want in a collector's guide. It's got the years and types and prices for each coin going back to the early 1700s. The spiral binding is especially useful for table top use when looking through a pile of coins. Color pics and the description and detail is amazing. It even gives a description for the grade of individual coin styles!!!! what should a BU Washington quarter look like vs a Morgan dollar - it's all here. If you are starting out, you'll want this one first. Blue is for pros and those who are getting more into the investment side. The red book gives just enough info to get you started and excited and feel a heck of a lot more knowledgeable with background and history, reference and premo statistics.

This 2004 edition of a standard reference disappoints; if you can get it, I recommend the 2003 edition for now, especially if it's your first coin book purchase. While there are some ongoing improvements (more commemorative coin images), there are two major strikes against this edition: 1) A bunch of new color images have been added throughout - and they're horrible. 2) Whitman has filled some of the blank space with ads, increasing the number of ads for Whitman products five-fold, usually popping up between denominations. The new images are failures because they are digital images that were incorrectly prepared for press. The artifacting in the images is so bad, for example, that the 1858 flying eagle cent large/small letter variety isn't clear to the novice eye. Many of the large cent date varieties look terrible, and in some pictures you can't even discern what the difference is supposed to be. The editor has provided a reference book that fails as a reference - no small feat. As for the ads, Whitman certainly has the right, but the vivid colors just feel distasteful; I don't mind them at the back, where they're a handy reference, but our lives are stuffed with enough commercial filler - can't I avoid it while looking up my coins? A couple of new varieties are added, expanding beyond the addition of recent Lincoln varieties in 2002. The state quarters section has been attractively improved, and images now exist for all quarters designs to date. Interestingly, the hard times tokens at the rear are eliminated, and a section on pattern pieces added instead. I always find patterns fascinating examples of 'what could have been', so I laud this addition, as it lends the starting hobbyist a little peek into an area I find more exciting than tokens. That's a subjective viewpoint though, and the only reason I gave the book a 2 instead of a 1. I'm saddened that it falls so far short of where the 2003 edition came to.

If you are like many coin collectors, you probably have many editions of the Redbook. You may be asking, should i buy this years edition? I would say YES! If you just got into the hobby of coin collecting, then it is a definite buy! No questions asked! They have made the price guide much more accurate this year. A good feature of the book is they show the mintages for the coins. The book is truly a guide. They have information about coin hoards, famous collectors, and famous ship wrecks. They have information about error coins and how they are made. They have an article about "waffle coins". They have the recent silver and gold american eagle pricing. They have many short articles. It is much better than the 2005 edition. With each series they have information about how to grade these coins. They also have tons of full color pictures and close up photos of rare varieties. If you have a collection you know nothing about i would reccomend reading this. In fact i would say all collectors should have a copy of the Redbook...who know all you will learn from this book.

This book is the definitive coin book each and every year. Does not give currency information or foreign coin info, but for US coins it is simply the best.

As a hobbyist coin hunter and collector needing to find the value of coin that I come across this book is invaluable, for the beginner or an advanced collector the information in the book exceeds expectations. Easy to read and understand is why I give it a 5 star rating.

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This, of course, is the standard guide for US coins and has no equal. The only criticism is that the advanced date of 2010 is misleading as the book covers through 2008 with a few early and incomplete 2009 entries. Call it 2009.

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