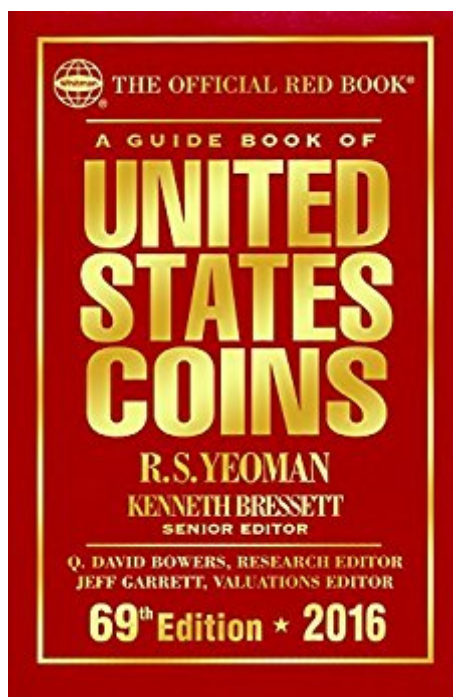


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# A Guide Book Of United States Coins 2016: The Official Red Book



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This book is a 5 star book if you understand what it is. What one has to understand and I buy these every couple years here and there. The Red book is a guide to see not so much accurate pricing but it tells you what the coin is worth and what you can say it is valued in a collection. Every grade is not represented. A coin dealer will Not pay these prices for your coins in the Red Book, they want to sell at these prices. The Blue book will also show a bit more what it sells for as a guide and you will

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I like that the book has interesting info. on history of coins and why they are considered valuable. It's a good read, even if you don't collect coins. The book lays flat when open. Making it hands free. I can hold my coin and magnifying glass and glance back and forth to the book. It has a lot of info. and can be a bit tricky to navigate and find exactly what I am looking for. I think I will get better with time. Good photos with color, so your pretty sure your looking at the right coin.

The values from 2015 to 2016 version for silver dollars in particular hardly changed despite the value of silver dropping. I would have thought this would translate into a little lower value on the low grade coins as I have witnessed this in person at coin shops and shows. This is a guide and it is useful as a resource. The values are inflated for retail. Retailers want you to pay these prices and I have before I learned that in some cases they are very inflated.

It's a great book as always. Formatted the same as last years. I've noticed very few differences in it from last years in terms of prices. It's just an ideal resource to have around when buying or selling coins. Knowledge is power.

Have been buying this guide book for over 30 years and it seems to get better and more detailed every year. This is a must have for any collector of coins from either a beginner to a professional.

Bought this for a friend of mine who is a coin collector. He was beyond thrilled when I gave it to him. I bought the spiral-bound so he would be able to fold it and look at a specific page. He was very excited to see it was the 2016 edition. He said he had been wanting it, but wasn't able to find it. See you can find whatever you need on :)

An excellent resource for determining retail prices for various coins using prices from two months prior to publication. However, the book could be improved by providing prices for both ungraded and already graded coins. While the book generally defines the conditions of coins and third party grading and authentication in the beginning, it doesn't provide much information about whether the prices are for ungraded or already graded coins throughout the book. Key coins with significant variations, like the Franklin half dollar which is distinguished within the series by whether they have full bell lines (FBL) or not is covered by a single remark at the top of the coin price list that states: "Choice, well-struck uncirculated halves with full bell lines command higher prices". Also, some of the most unique mis-struck or error coins are included in the each section as appropriate. Mis-struck and error coins seem to be a growing area for coin collectors and readers should generally expect to seek specialized resources to determine values of these coins. There is little discussion of key characteristics of the coins that would affect what a collector would pay (i.e. things like eye appeal or rarity) for a coin. The only guide to rarity are mintage numbers which may not be a good representation of the rarity of particular coins. Overall it is a good resource to use as a guide for most of the common coins in each type and series.

I gave this book to my boyfriend who is always looking at dates/ages/condition of coins, but never really knew if there was any value or not - he loves this book.

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