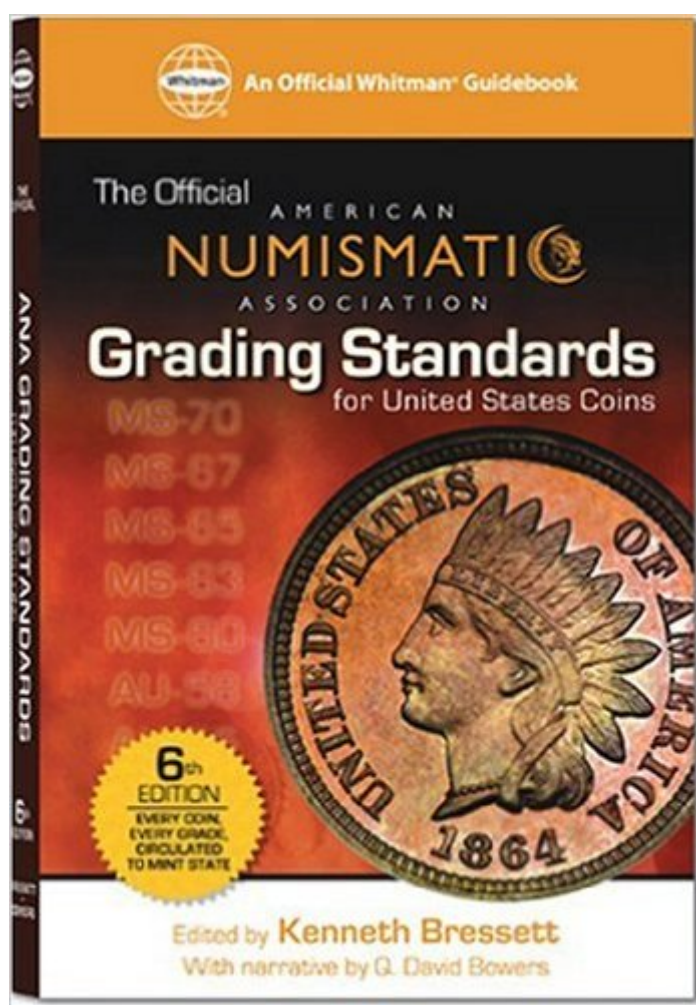


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Easy to understand and use. Photos extremely helpful. Essential tool for novice and experienced collector alike.

EXCELLENT book for those trying to learn to grade their coins. I HIGHLY recommend this item. Details every grade, and what characteristics it takes for the coin to make the grade.

This is a great book for grading and an absolute must for anyone looking to invest in coins. Especially, the circulated grades. I read the comment someone else wrote about the pictures. Actually, I had the same reaction the first time I saw this book and ended-up purchasing a photo

grade book with great pictures. But the problem with photo grading books is that they do not go into as much detail regarding the grading. That is where this book comes in. I would highly recommend purchasing both a photo grading book and this book. I'm sure everyone has at one time purchased a coin in a slab (PCGS, NGC, etc...) and thought, "How did they come-up with this grade? When I look at the coin, it looks like it should get a higher grade." Purchase this book and see if you still feel that way after checking the grade using the guidelines in this book. You will probably start to understand why the coin in the slab you are looking at received the respective grade. Look at it this way: You can learn how to grade coins with the purchase of this book & a good photo grade book and a little experience. Alternatively, you can skip the book, make a few mistakes and learn through the cost of the mistakes. Either way, if you are going to become a serious collector, sooner or later you will purchase a book like this. It is your choice.

This is an excellent resource book for grading coins, however I feel that it would be far more useful if all of the photographs used in the description of coins, were in high definition glossy color. I realize that doing so would likely double or triple the price of the book, but it would be highly useful if the photographs of coins were of the same quality as is the description of them. I gave this book 5 stars because I believe that it is the best one available on the market, however, if another publisher comes out with an all color, high definition photograph coin grading book, this one would likely take a back seat to that one.

I bought this book because I needed a really superior helper in grading coins. I have two other books, which I love and from which I derive a good deal of help. But this guide goes way beyond them. This guide shows you the primary and secondary focal points -- the areas you need to really watch and check for hairlines and marks, spots, etc. It tells you how many contact marks and what type are acceptable in all areas of grades. It tells you what sort of hairlines and how many are allowed, the type of luster or lack of luster and the eye appeal needed within each grade. Moreover, it covers all grades, such as MS-70 thru MS-60 and all the AU and EF grades, etc. This is a hardback spiral bound book, which makes it very easy to reference as needed. If you collect coins or invest in coins, you need this book. That doesn't negate your need for other references. But this is the holy grail and I highly recommend it. I also recommend Grading Coins by Photographs, which will help you to quickly grade a coin, even if you're buying it online. - Susanna K. Hutcheson

If you want the true grade and able to judge the true value of a coin, you need to be able to grade

according to ANA standards yourself. There is no better book than this, with clear explanations and pictures. I buy and sell a lot of coins, and I use this book many times a week and recommend it to all.

Terrific book and an improvement over previous editions. Still, I think it is a SERIOUS oversight that 4 very commonly used grades, VF25, VF35, AU53 and AU58 are not covered.

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