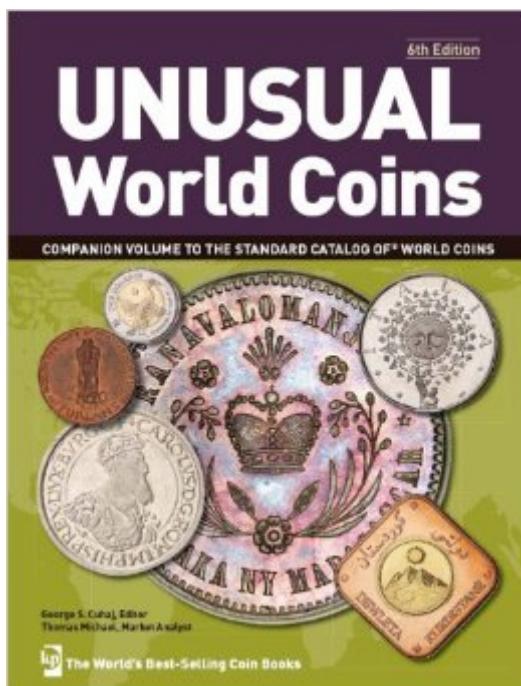


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Customer Reviews

This edition is definitely an improvement on previous issues although not necessarily because there is a new editor in place. The fact is that this and those are fantastic books for fantastic 'coin' issues. I wrote an earlier review for the 4th edition of this catalogue. Everything I said there holds up here. For those unfamiliar with it this catalogue is issued as a companion to the 'Standard Catalogue of World Coins,' with the difference being that the Unusual World coins found within this tome are/were for the most part Not/Never Were Legal Tender. Most of what is catalogued was meant to be used as coinage, but were and are used to raise money as souvenirs. Some of it is nominally legal tender (think Palau) but really can't be used as such. Some of it was created out of protest (Norfed, Hutt River Province). Some of it really was used at one time by breakaway republics (Think Chinese Issues). Some of it is just done for fun. This edition is greatly expanded over the 4th (the latter being some 250 pps shorter in length). For instance the 2005 edition listed, I think, 3 different Alaska golds. This one has a dozen or more. I notice that the Hutt River Province has been fleshed out with the addition of some varieties and some new gold coins. In addition to expanded sections of things such as this, there are many new entries, notably a whole series of issues on behalf of African tribal entities. Along with the beefed up existing entries and the entirely new listings is a larger selection of tables, e.g. monetary value of gold and silver by weight, conversion tables and a few other tables I can't recall off hand. In other words helpful more universal information. Despite the added bulk, the present book is not unhandily large.

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