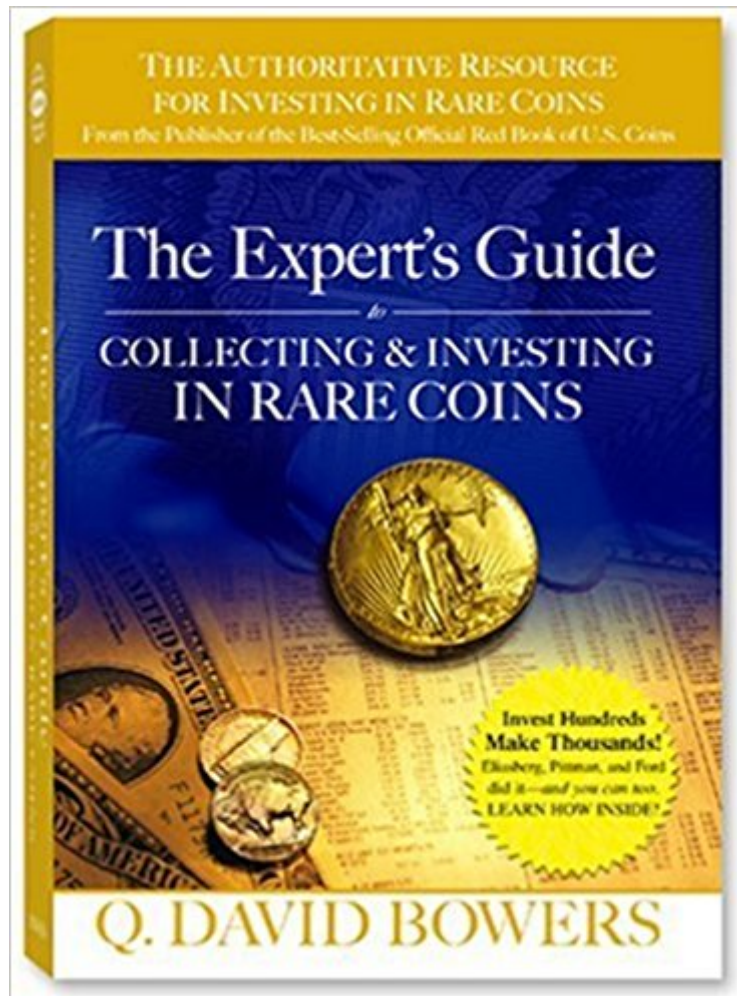




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I read "Gold Rush: How to Collect, Invest & Profit With Gold Coins" by Mitch Battino and Arlyn Sieber (see my review of that book) prior to reading this book by Q. David Bowers. I'm glad I did because while the Gold Rush book was a very big disappointment, it made me realize just how truly good Mr. Bowers book is. I have to be honest, coin books are generally NOT books that you read from beginning to end and find that you can't put down. This book is an exception - I couldn't put it down and I read the entire book from beginning to end. Although I've been collecting for years, one thing I enjoyed about this book was that some of those obscure numismatic terms that other authors assume you know, Mr. Bowers will stop and take a sentence or two to explain the term. I really appreciated that. Plus, where the Gold Rush book failed in the "How to Collect, Invest, and Profit," this book did an excellent job of showing how to do just that. It is not a price guide with outdated

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This is a must have book for all coin collectors. It discusses the difference between investors and collectors and how one can become the best of both worlds, a COLLECTOR/investor. A wise collector can result in one becoming an investor as an after thought. The book is loaded with coin-related information that is too much to mention here but all valuable. The book has the history of the US instilled as part of the coin information. This is a book hard to put down. I have read many "coin-related" books but seldom find one interesting and informative enough (at least for me, to see my way thru from cover to cover. This book is a rare exception. BUY!

Q. David Bowers has a writing style that draws you in. He has a very conversational writing style which holds your interest. This book is a must read for anyone gaining a genuine interest in coin collecting. I am just getting interested in numismatics and I believe reading this book cover to cover will prepare me well to do this hobby the right way. It is invaluable information. I love history, and tying the history of the times around the minting of coins will make this an extremely interesting journey.

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I purchased this book for my ex husband as I know he is interested in coins. Not knowing what I was buying - I chose this book as it looked interesting and had "expert's guide" in it. When my ex got the book - he called and asked me if I knew about the author and I said no. He told me that the author is one that he follows as he (the author) is very knowledgeable about coins and Morgan dollars. He was impressed with my choice. He didn't have this book so it was a win win situation!

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