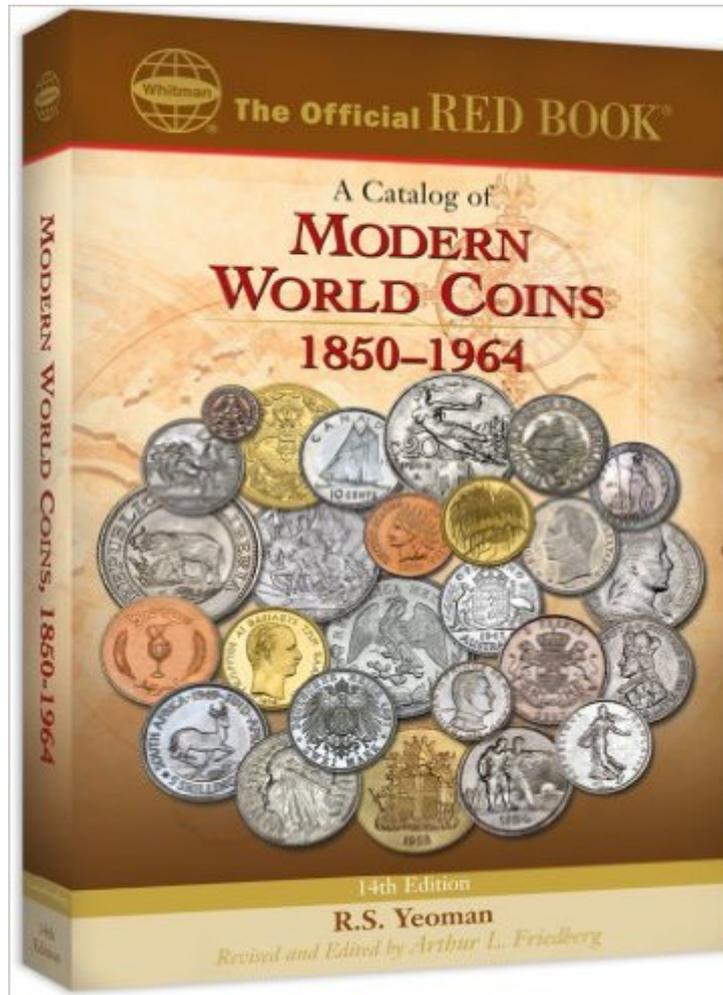


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(both Y and KM numbers given). The purpose of the book is stated as "...an introductory coin book, intended as an outline or framework for organizing a collection of type coins of the world. As such...a handy source of information to supplement more complex books..." Keeping that focus in mind, this book does what it sets out to do. I was initially disappointed in the book's scope, but realized that I was having unreasonable expectations. Of course it doesn't go into full depth on any one series! This is an overview, and done very well. It is a handy sized reference and is not very 'busy' in presentation. The coins are laid out by type with all years lumped though is some annotation about rarities (i.e. if a specific year is rare, but doesn't go into varieties or errors). There is not much information regarding mints, proves or proofs, but again, that is outside the scope and intent of this book. The valuations are vague at best--again, only using VF, EF and Unc. These are not particularly useful in the modern era of grading...where the distinction between even Unc, BU, and Gem is now even losing ground to the one point numerical differences found on the slabs. Even so, Unc vs BU vs Gem is a big distinction. In checking the series I am most familiar with there are some items that appear to be relatively valueless (i.e. \$1), in the real world you just won't find them anywhere near that cost when getting into certain grades. At this point I would not use this for any serious attempt at pricing, however, this is not really the aim of the book. I would hate to see an unscrupulous buyer try and use it as such with a non-collector.

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