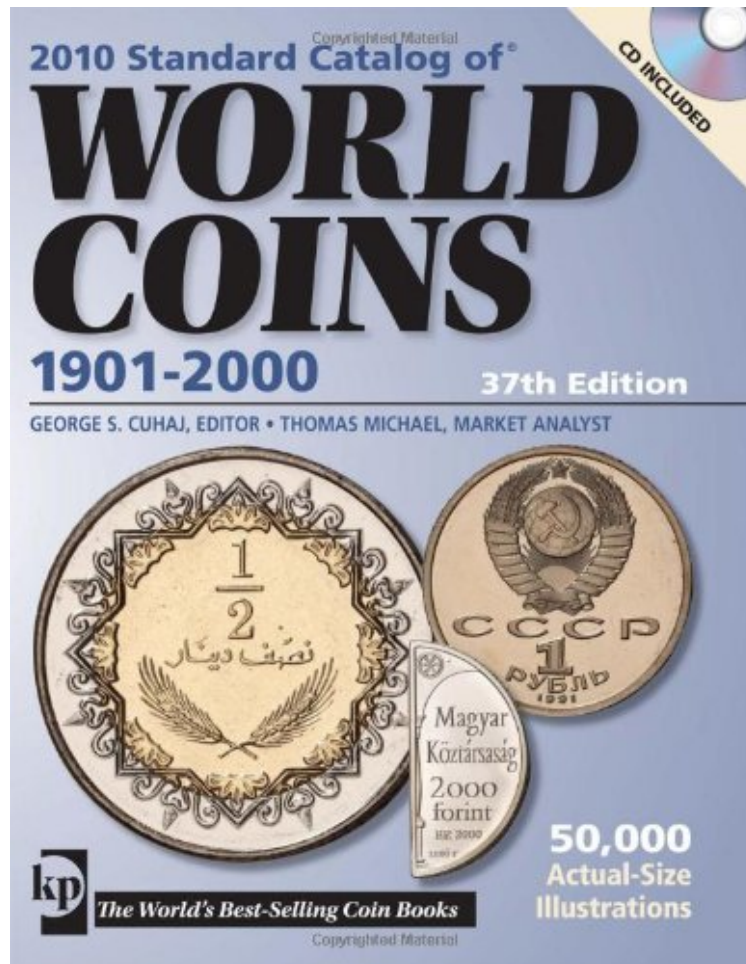


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19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Good as Usual but Don't Rush In Before Reading This By Ford KaKrause Standard Catalog 1901-2000 is simply the world standard of coin catalogs for the period. Unless your collection is highly specialized within a very small region or you collect coins which Krause does not list as such (such as German notgeld or tokens) this is a catalog you must have in your private library. 2010 edition includes also CD version so you don't have to carry around this rather bulky volume if you travel with your laptop. The countries are organized in alphabetical order and within countries coins are listed by denominations with most coins presented in black and white pictures. Every coins is priced in at least three grades (except for parts of the US listing where commemorative coins are apparently worthless below AU grade while other coins are priced in eleven grades) with

prices basically reflecting current market trends. In short - if you collect world coins and you don't have a copy, you simply should stop reading at this point and order one immediately. However, if you do have a fairly recent copy you should think twice before doing anything. The prices have been updated here and there. Russia, Belarus and Ukraine (if you collect Eastern Europe except Poland, you are in for a nice surprise!) were, Germany and France not necessarily while some markets have changed greatly over last few years. Let's then take a look at Poland which has not been seriously updated for a decade. The key issue for post-1990 coins #306 King Sigismundus (still listed at \$10 for Unc) will actually cost you at least \$200 (unless you know a dealer who can't use ebay). Any 2 zloté commemorative coin from 1995 will cost at least \$30 - Krause offers \$3,50 for most. Prices of silver coins are a bit closer to reality but only some were actually changed: #314 Lidzbark castle is still listed at \$50 while market price is closer to \$400. It is fairly understandable that updating all the prices of the whole catalog is a major task but it seems that the editors are a bit too certain that at least one part of their job is done - that their catalog includes all coins issued within the period. Well, it doesn't... I found at least two omissions. There are four 1 pound coins from Cyprus missing - one from 1999 and three from 2000. Copper 1999 3000 bolivares from Venezuela commemorating the new Mint is missing although silver 6000 bolivares coin issued on the same occasion is included. You will probably find some more missing pieces. My conclusion - if you have a fairly new edition already (especially the 2009 one which also has the CD) you can stick to it for a while. The editors simply did not update this issue to such a degree that would justify the costs of your updating your library.

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By Nicholas Turner
I bought this book primarily to get more information about coinage of the United Arab Emirates. The authors obviously knows less about the coinage than I do after living here for 9 months. Their mintages were hideously incorrect and their values were totally wrong. If they ever bothered to look at some Ebay sales prices they would at least have a clue. Add to that the fact that they even failed to list some of the issues. If you are going to write a book please take the time to do some actual research so that you are at least partially correct. If you don't know say so and quit printing a guess as a fact. Most disappointed in the low standards that allowed this to be published with so much incorrect information.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Indispensable reference for World Coin Collectors
By SL-2336
This book is an indispensable reference for World Coin collectors. This book contains tens of thousands of pictures of coins for reference and has information on the size and composition of all the coins referenced. The book is organized by country and then by denomination of the coins with further breakdown by periods of rule if necessary. There is a good section in the front dealing with all of the various numeral systems in use throughout the world. You might also want to buy the companion books for the 1800's and 21st century. The catalog of the 19th century also has a great section with pictures of the various coats of arms to help quickly identify which country a coin is from. There is also a CD included with a PDF copy of the book. The digital has hyper-links to aid in searching.

Standard Catalog of World Coins offers extensive details to meet your needs whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting out in the hobby. This one-of-a-kind coin book, with electronic pages of the book featured on the bonus DVD, delivers nearly 1 million up-to-date values, plus key elements including mintage figures, metallic composition, size, mint and privy marks, and historic background to help you to identify and assess 20th century coins from around the world.

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Colin Bruce II, one of the original creators of the Standard Catalog series, with more than 40 years with Krause Publications, has been significant in the expansion of the series to the renowned resource it's become. Thomas Michael has performed in-depth price analysis for Krause Publications numismatic line for over 21 years. His analysis takes him across the world in an effort to create the most accurate pricing database available.