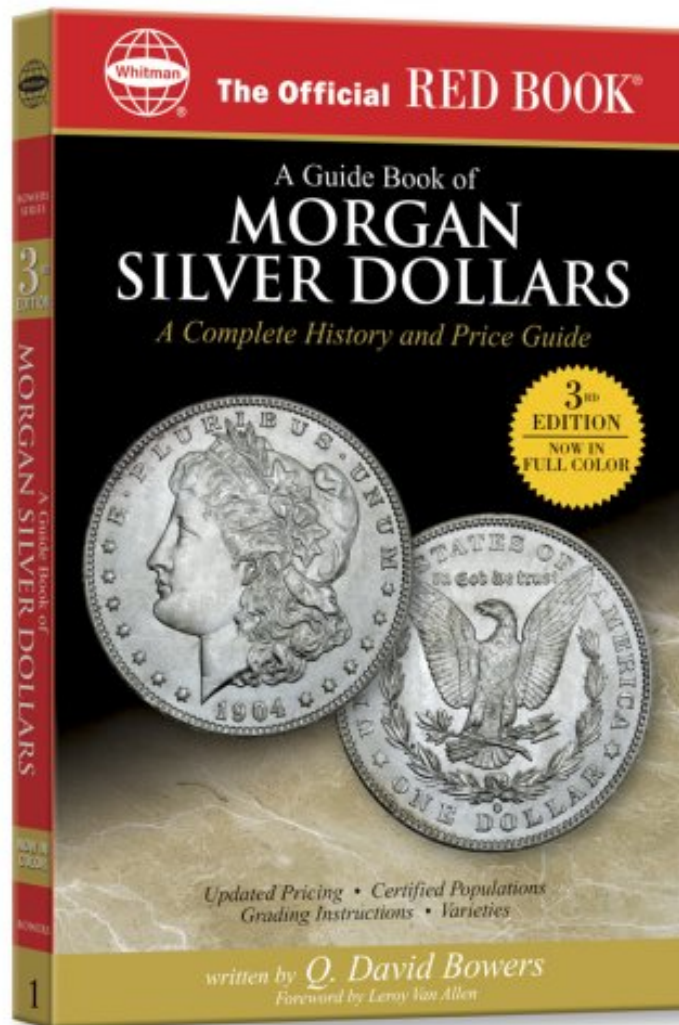


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Finally in color! Woo hoo!!!By R. RenkenAs a 1st and 2nd edition owner and a collector who is about 35% into a PCGS date/mint set, I love how this edition is in color.It is nice that the prices are updated, the population reports are updated, and some realistic "Optimal Collecting Grades" for collectors.

The history in this book is rich. Very rich indeed. The book begins with the overall history of the silver dollar in the US, the Bland-Allison Act, the basics of making coins and the mints, the Sherman Silver Purchase Act, and the dreaded Pittman Act. I do recommend reading Section 7: Ways to Collect Morgan Silver Dollars. There is a great list of a "basic collection of Morgan dollars" that includes dates, mints, and a few of the common varieties. In this edition, the descriptions of the varieties and key dates are more than in the 2nd edition. The "Grading and the Market place" section is 25 pages with ANA grading standards for Morgan dollars, IN COLOR! It is a must read if you do not know anything about how to grade, history of the Sheldon grading scale, the Sheldon scale, or the markets. My one big ding against the book is the GSA Sale info. It would be nice to see the same GSA totals as are in "the VAM book." If you want exact numbers of Morgans released in the GSA sale, go get the "Comprehensive Catalogue and Encyclopedia of Morgan and Peace Dollars" by Leroy C. Van Allen and A. George Mallis aka the VAM book. This info in the VAM book is in one chart. The GSA info is buried in individual coin write ups. The overall GSA info about the run up to the GSA sale and the GSA sale is about on the same level as the VAM book. Morgan/Coin Collecting Tips: 1.) If you need a cheap copy, the 2nd edition was for sale at the Whitman Show for \$10. 2.) Find a coin dealer you can trust and build a relationship with. That will make collecting easier and much more fun. 3.) Go to coin shows to see a lot of different coins and meet other collectors. 4.) Always ask for "Dealer prices". I do this by knowing what the dealers pay and asking "How much better can you do on this for me?" 5.) How do you know the dealer prices? Get the Grey Sheets. I use my 2nd edition to track my coins. When I get a coin for my set, I write down the date of acquisition, grade of the coin, grading company (PCGS or NGC), price paid, dealer bought from, and the location of the dealer. This is a great starter Morgan book. Good luck with your set! 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Resource for Morgan Collectors By Jason J. Netherton A Guide Book of Morgan Silver Dollars by Q. David Bowers is a "must have" resource for any collector of Morgans, from novice beginners through professional dealers. This book includes everything a hobbyist needs to know about selecting, grading, pricing, and comparing all Morgan silver dollars. Every year and mint mark are addressed in an easy-to-read and understand style and it is also a concise and valuable resource to keep by your side as you shop online or in person for your next treasure. This book gives you the price guides, populations, mint histories, and common die varieties of every coin, as well as good advice on how to select the right coin for your collection. Highly recommended for anyone who loves Morgan silver dollars. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. As expected. It has a ton of information on ... By JD Lindquist As expected. It has a ton of information on Morgan Dollars. I wish there was a summary graph of some type so you didn't have to read the entire book to understand which years produced the most valuable Morgan Dollars, etc.

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