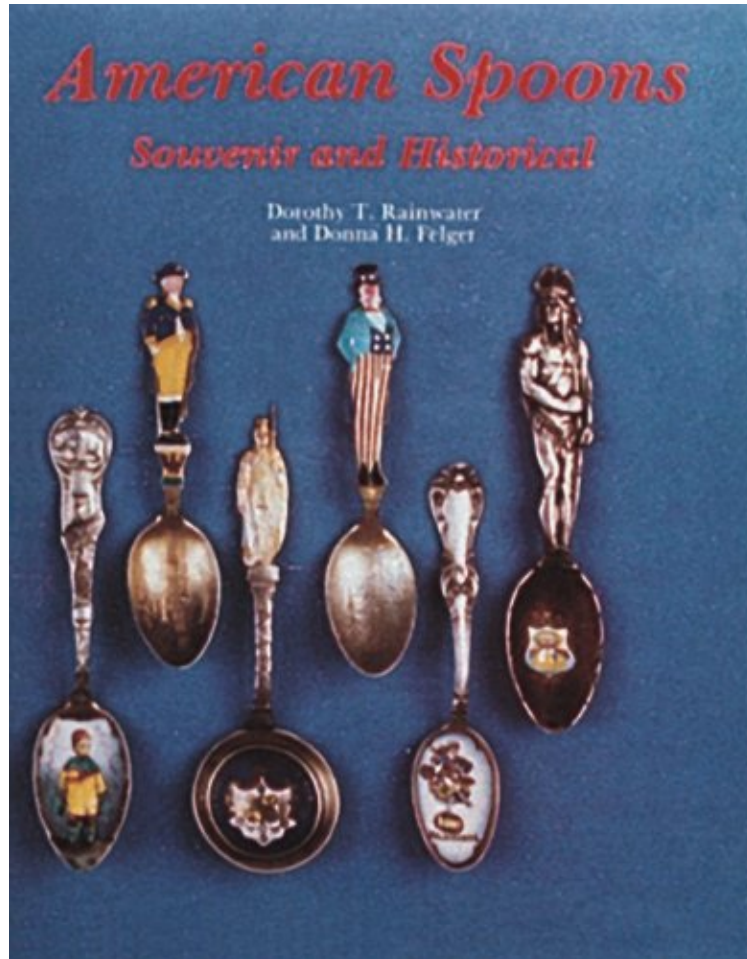


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About the Author Dorothy Rainwater has a background rich in educational achievement and has published numerous articles and books in the field of collecting. Donna Hodges Felger was born in Chicago and also has contributed much to the literature of collecting spoons.