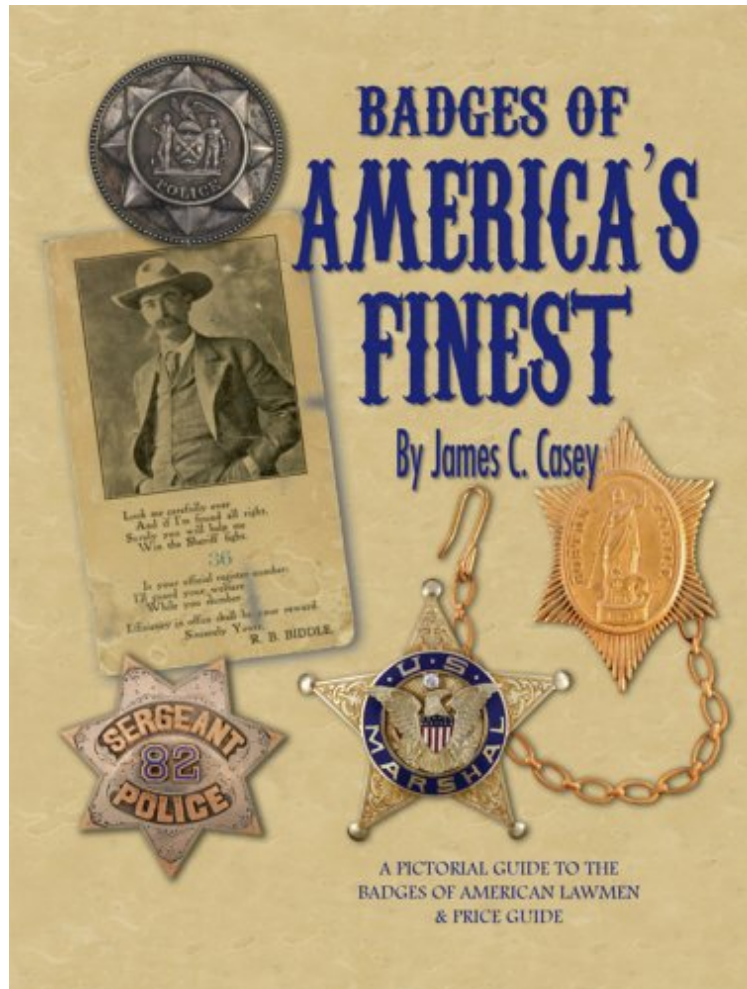


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There are wonderful badges from all over America to be discovered in this book, the major cities of the east coast, and moving west to California, Hawaii and north to Alaska. From the simple tin star to the elegant solid gold presentation badge, this pictorial book presents over 500 images of badges ranging from the basic to the grandest solid gold and sterling. In many cases their hand engraving is unique, the exceptional qualities are apparent at first glance. Others are very basic and plain in design. This book's large format presents most of these badges in exquisite close-ups. Immerse yourself in the fantastic world of America's Finest police badges. Collectors, historians and the public from all over the world have been fascinated with images of early lawmen, identified not by uniform, but by the badge pinned to their chest and will find in this volume a fascinating photographic history, as well as a price and reference guide.

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