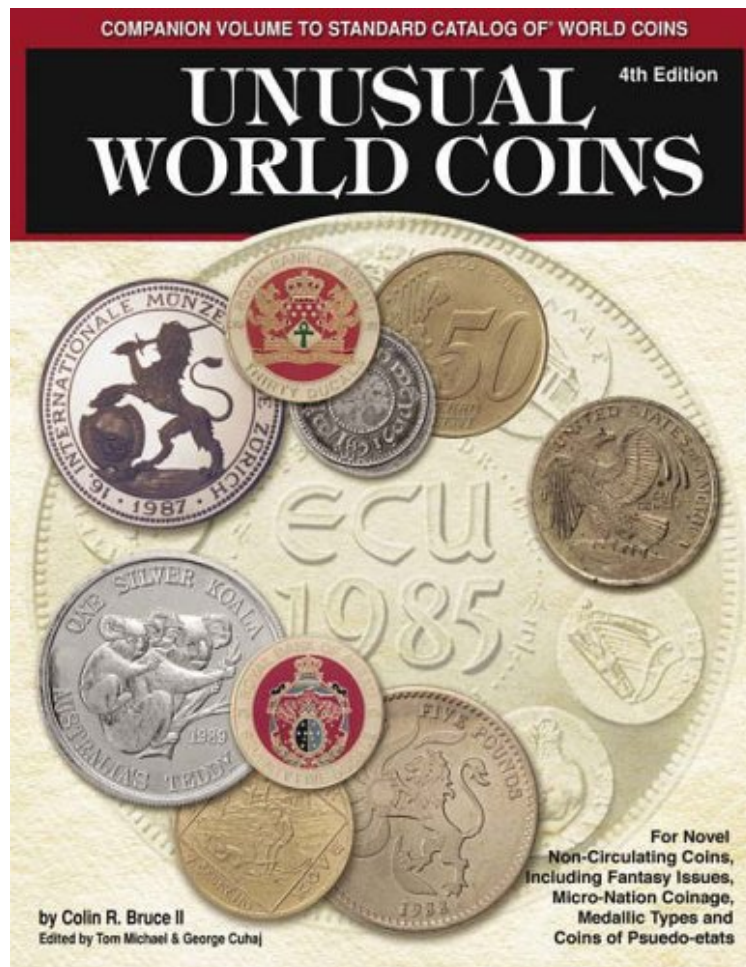


Unusual World Coins: Companion Volume to Standard Catalog of World Coins

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Colin R. Bruce II : Unusual World Coins: Companion Volume to Standard Catalog of World Coins before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Unusual World Coins: Companion Volume to Standard Catalog of World Coins:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. wild, wooly, wacky and way too much fun! By Zenticant Pangolin This book, published as an accompaniment to the big daddy compendium titled 'Standard Catalog of World Coins' is given over to a slew of issues of "novel non-circulating coins, including fantasy issues, micro-nation coinage, medallion types and coins of pseudo-etats." As such, one will find issues from places as varied as 'Atlantis,' the Republic of China, Great Britain, 'Sealand' and Gardiner's Island. Some of the coins listed will have been issued, as in the Republic of China pieces during tumultuous, or perhaps I should say interesting times as a nascent although

ultimately unsuccessful state struggled for legitimacy; others were officially issued by recognized and sovereign nations but not for circulation; some were produced by entities claiming sovereign status on somewhat shaky legal grounds, such as the above-mentioned Sealand which occupies a World War II anti-aircraft platform in the North Sea; and finally there is a handful of issues that have simply been made up and struck from whole cloth in a manner of speaking, in the monetary equivalent of a vanity press publication. There are other sub-categories but I'm sure you get the idea. The book describes the physical characteristics of the issues, tries to establish mintage dates and numbers, and metallic composition, and sometimes give some background information to boot. The resource is perfect for one attempting to find a little information about something he has found and is curious about. Unfortunately, it is no good for one who wants more than a little information as the authors give nothing more than thumbnail sketches when they give any background information at all. I think the book really falls down on this point. In addition, the author/editors neglect to tell the public what criteria were used to include and exclude various issues. I know almost nothing about this genre but even I immediately questioned some of the entries found in the United States section. I wish that a certain set of rules had been followed or perhaps that the book had been broken up into the various categories so that one would know pretty soon whether these were issued as modern fantasy nation pieces or as once circulating unrecognized states pieces, etc. I bought this version even though there is a later edition now available for the simple reason of cost. This edition can be had for very little money and it is worth every fantasy penny spent, in my opinion.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By GONGE DK
It was not as unusual as I hoped it was.

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By Joyce I Robinsongood reference

Coin collectors who can't locate listings for those odd or novelty coins in their collections will find them in this long-awaited fourth edition of *Unusual World Coins*. This book has coverage of over 400 years of micro-nation coinage, fantasy issues (such as Middle Earth - Lord of the Rings), medieval fair coinage, historical fantasy and pretender issues. There are also new listings for experimental Euro coins tested prior to conversion and medallion Euro coins from non-Euro countries. Listings contain up-to-date pricing in up to five grades of condition, as well as detailed identification information and hundreds of illustrations, making identification fast and easy. Inside, collectors will find everything from old fantasy favourites like Sealand and Atlantis to new medallion issues from globally recognized land-based countries.

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