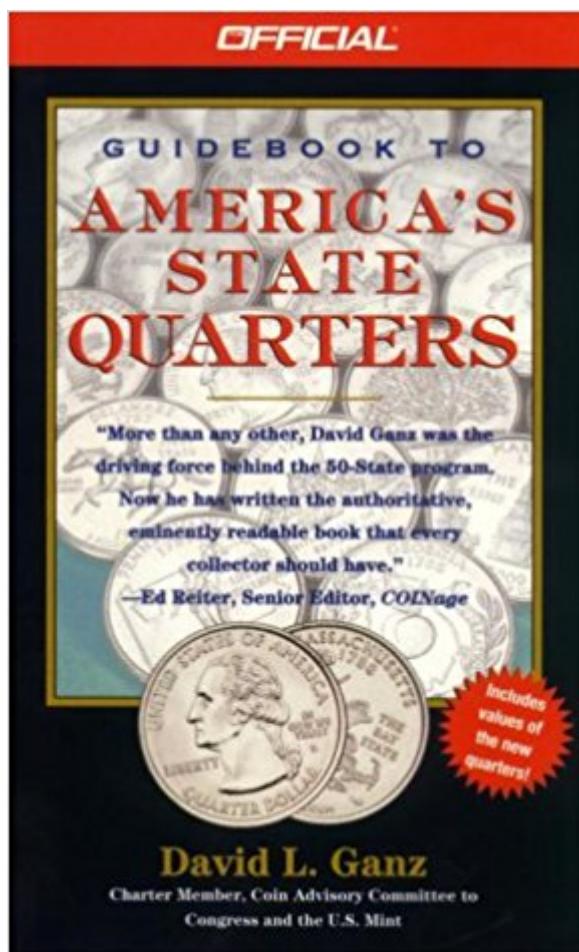


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# The Official Guidebook To America's State Quarters



## Synopsis

America is collecting coins again thanks to the U.S. Mint's newest program -- the 50-State Quarters. Be ahead of the game with David Ganz's Official® Guidebook to America's State Quarters. Learn:<sup>\*</sup> how to identify mint errors and value your collection\* when your state's coin will be released\* how to use your coins as a stable investment\* how to be part of the design process of future issues

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Unless you haven't noticed or you are blind, America's quarters have changed their design. This is the result of America's 50 State Quarter program which will commemorate each state in the union with designs submitted by the individual state. Since the kick off of the program in 1998 people have gone wild in collecting these coins. The beauty of their designs, historical significance and availability has jump started a new generation of coin collectors. This guide gives us the politics and history of how this program got started and finally became a reality. From there it goes on to the basics of coin collecting for the novice with of course a focus on the quarters. Any information or questions that you have about these quarters are readily answered in this book. If this is your first time in collecting coins (and you chose the quarters) "America's State Quarters" is a good start. It has all the information that you need to know. For those who have collected for years Ganz's book is adequate in introducing you to this new craze. The guide book has some faults. The pictures are terrible. Don't even try to discern the faults in the coins as described in the pictures. The pictures are poor throughout the text. You're given a profile of each state quarter. Many of the profiles are incomplete (information not available). It would have been better for the author to provide us with a summary of those states with incomplete information and then update us as the years go by. This is a good book for the beginning coin collector and for those who are specifically interested in the state quarter program.

My childhood hobby of coin collecting has been revived by the state quarters program, and I am having a lot of fun with this! I casually bought this book because I decided to interest my niece in coin collecting. Being a financial investor, when I came across the section on the value of error coins, I got excited all over again. It is wonderful to have as much fun doing something in my 40's as I did during my childhood. My niece stays with me for two weeks this summer and I can't wait to show her my quarter collection and get her collection started. This is also a great way to educate her about the different states. The book has a web site with even more information, and web sites for each state are also listed. What a great educational tool!

Here it is: the definitive guide to state quarters. How to collect them, what they're worth, how error designs were made (and what they are worth), what coins have been struck and what designs are being considered for future coins. The book is really two books in one, an essay covering the origins and history of the state quarter program (with chapters on investment, grading, errors, and how your state can design a coin to fit into the series), and the second half is a catalogue covering each state

in similar analysis. There are other books that cover the subject, but none is as authoritative or as interesting.

What a great book! It told me what coins to save out of circulation, and what the value is of errors that I can take out of pocket change. Even how Florida can design its coin for 2004. History, politics, and what the coins are worth. Who could ask for more!

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