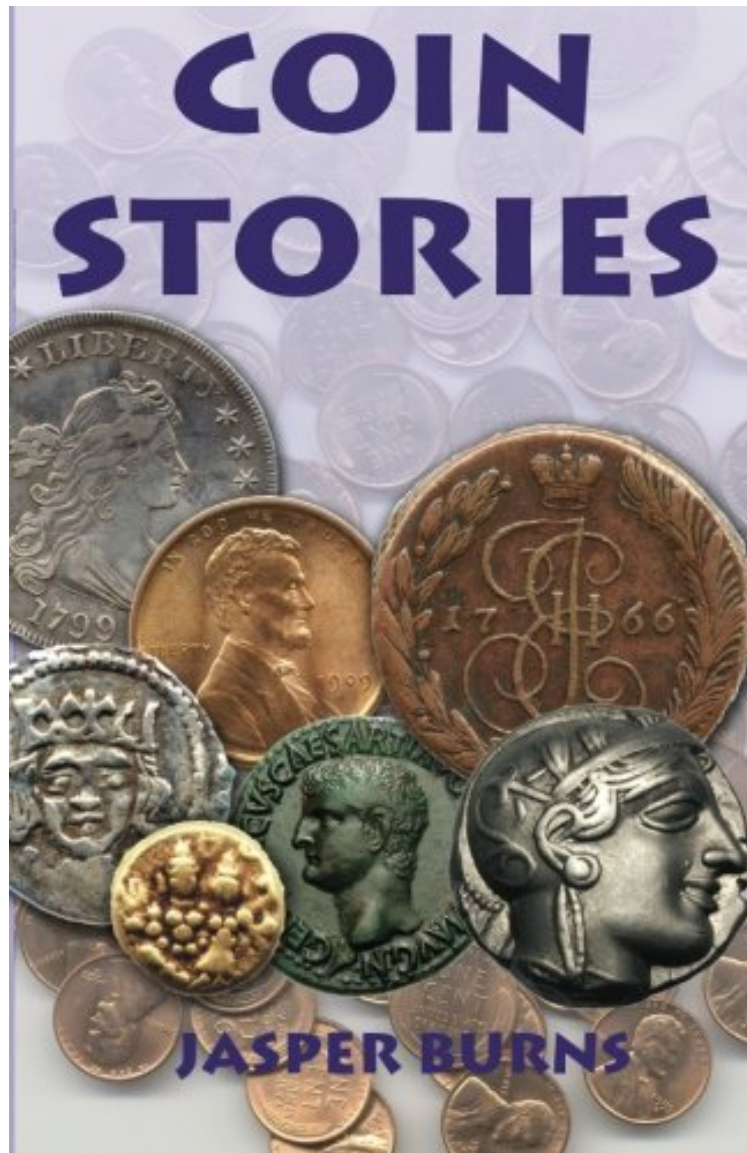


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"Coin Stories" is a personal memoir of a coin collector, who started collecting the United States coins in the 1950s as a child and since then, his collection expanded and rich with histories and irregularities. This is his story, his memories

of coins that he owned. This book contains fifteen chapters, fairly a good reading of the author's experiences and he even includes the color pictures of his coins throughout the book. The book does not only include the U.S. coins, but also ancient and medieval coins, and Asian Indian coins (this part of the book is quite interesting, at least to me). The writing throughout the book is very clear, not dry, and certainly well-personalized (with great humor), definitely not a bad read. Reading this book reminded me of all the times that I collected U.S. coins when I was a kid. I must have been 9 or 10 years old when I noticed the coins' beauty designs and started hoarding them into my old four-foot cola-shaped piggy bank. And, some years later, I've had too many coins to which I began getting those "books" that hold U.S. coins by the date and I went through all of my coins and sorted them. It was my hobby and by the end of the year, I had full dates of pennies from 1930s to present (mid-1990s at the time), nickels, quarters, half-dollars, etc. I felt satisfied with such collections and I had so many pennies that I kept them in jars - but at that time, I never knew about "errors" or "dies" for those pennies, and never had a chance to inspect them. Sadly, I had had sold all of my coin collections after the market crash of 2008 to "get by." So, I certainly agree with the author when he wrote: "every collection is temporary." Now, with my life slowly settling, I began to collect some of the coins, starting with pennies and nickels before moving on to quarters, etc. I never made any promise to "swear" not to collect coins again, so my hobby of coin collecting is slowly coming back with an interest to look into ancient or medieval coins. They sure looked quite intriguing and I always loved history. So, this memoir is surely a great read and often reminds me of my old days and my renewing days of collecting coins. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting stories, though mostly about ancient coins. By Mark Meyer. The author has a great sense of humor and irony. He says any number of times "And I vowed to quit collecting."

A personal memoir by a hobbyist who started collecting U. S. coins in the 1950s from pocket change and gradually expanded into Lincoln Cent die varieties and world, ancient, and medieval coins. Includes the author's experiences at coin shows and his involvement with a large collection assembled during the 1930s. Often amusing and educational, these stories touch a wide range of topics including the psychology of collecting. By the author of *Irish Hammered Pennies of Edward IV and Richard III*, numerous articles in *The Celator: Journal of Ancient and Medieval Numismatics*, *Great Women of Imperial Rome*, *Commodus and the Five Good Emperors*, and much more.