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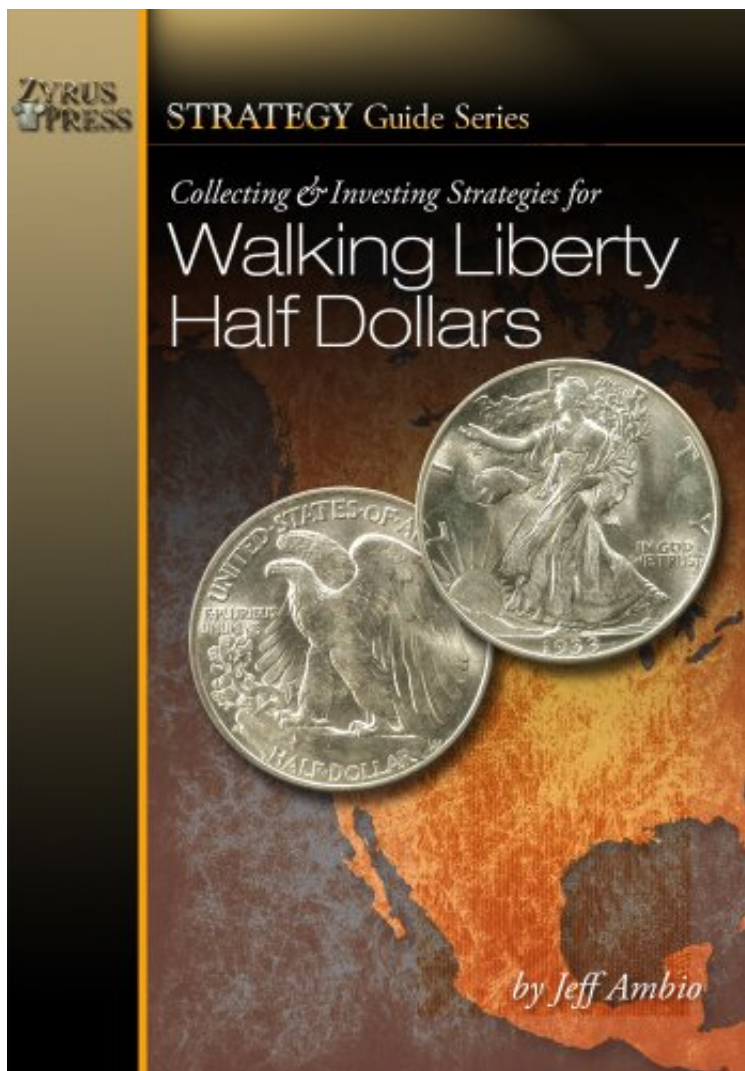
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**Jeff Ambio : Collecting and Investing Strategies for Walking Liberty Half Dollars (Strategy Guide Series)**  
before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Collecting and Investing Strategies for Walking Liberty Half Dollars (Strategy Guide Series):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Collecting Investing Strategies for Walking Liberty Half DollarsBy woodsokPros: The book covers topics such as strike, variations and luster for every year and mint mark of the Walking Liberty Half Dollar series. I particularly like the author's recommendation as to what type of coin (strike, luster, etc) to look for and purchase for each year. Additionally, there are charts in the book that give an approximate number of coins for each year/mint mark that still exist in selected grades, ie in MS-64 grade there are 3,000-5,000 pieces still in

existence for a 1943-D half dollar. Of course, original mintages are given too. Cons: The book is not for the beginning coin collector. For this book to be useful to you, one needs to already know the difference between MS-60 and MS-67. (If you're sitting there wondering to yourself "What is 'MS-60' and 'MS-67'?" then this book is not for you). The author recommends buying only mint state coins and there are either none or only the most general descriptions of coin grades in mint state and circulated grades are not covered at all, so again, if you aren't thoroughly familiar with coins in mint state grade, you will be lost. I agree with the author that for the best possible chance for your coins to increase in value, one should always buy the very best grade that you can afford. The entire book is written from this viewpoint. Synopsis: Overall, a very good book aimed at the seasoned collector who is buying only mint state coins; not for the beginning coin collector. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. All the information he provides is good and definitely useful for a collector. By Ingrid Holzman Jeff Ambio's book is a reasonably current guide on collecting Mint State Walking Half Dollars. After some preliminary discussion on the coin, including its minting history, collecting sets (such as short, date,....), he devotes most of his book to a coin-by-coin description for collectors of the 65 business and 7 proof pieces, including strike, luster, toning, number of pieces existing and price ranges in different mint states. All the information he provides is good and definitely useful for a collector. If you are going to spend money and time collecting these coins in mint state, you should definitely spend \$25 on a book. Compared to the hundreds and probably thousands of dollars you will spend collecting these coins in mint state, the price of a book is a pittance. I think the book is deficient only in its discussion of strike. Ambio does not explain what he means by terms such as average, above-average, bold, sharp or full. More importantly, there are no close-up pictures of coins in such states. In contrast, Fox's book, now out-of-print, is superior in this regard. Fox's pictures have made all the difference for me when I evaluate these half dollars. A minor annoyance for me also is Ambio's reference to Liberty's "right" hand, which is really her left hand, just seen at right when one looks at the obverse of the coin. We usually refer to another person's right or left hand from their perspective not ours. Between the two books, I prefer Fox's, which can be viewed on-line at David Lawrence's website. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. The Ultimate Guide to Liberty Walking Half Dollars By The Creative Investor Jeff Ambio is a relatively new numismatic writer and thus, it's difficult to determine whether one should buy this paperback book given that it is almost never in a bookstore for you to hold and inspect. Collecting Investing Strategies for Walking Liberty Half Dollars is written for the armchair collector who dreams about acquiring a world class collection over time as well as the serious investor. The book is not for someone who just wants to put together a nice collection of circulated half dollars. Jeff states a complete 65 coin date and mint set will cost at least \$175,000 in Mint State 64 and \$425,000 in MS65! He does suggest less expensive alternatives to the collector by reducing the scope of the collection down to partial sets and type sets. A reasonable alternative, he suggests, is spending upwards of \$30,000 for one Walking Liberty Half Dollar in grade MS 64 for each of the 25 years the series was minted. From an investment standpoint, Jeff does not recommend collecting coins that have been circulated! This is a great book for those who want to learn about the striking, luster, surfaces, toning and eye appeal of each of the 65 business strike and seven proof coins. A major disappointment is the usage of black and white pictures for each coin. While it must of have a labor of love to pick out the pictures for the book, it's difficult to see the critical head and hand details on each coin. The exception is the wonderful color photo on the book cover. Perhaps, glossy pages and color pictures would solve the problem in future editions. A stand alone book on Walkers would also have benefited from a technical explanation of each mint state grade. Based on what Jeff has written, this book deserves five stars.

Walking Liberty Half Dollars. Beautiful to behold, the artistic skill and depth of symbolism represented in these coins marks a golden age in United States coin design. There is perhaps no better indication of Walking Liberty's timeless beauty than the fact that its obverse design graces all modern-issue Silver Eagles from the United States Mint. In this definitive Strategy Guide Series, numismatic expert Jeff Ambio completely reevaluates the Walking Liberty Half Dollar series in light of profound changes in the market during the past 20 years. Following a classic date-by-date analysis, this guide provides vital information on strike, luster, pricing, significant auction records and surviving population. Each section concludes with Ambio's trademark Collecting and Investing Strategies, which provides invaluable tips and insights into how and what to buy. Whether you seek to collect a single Walking Liberty Half Dollar to use as a type coin, or plan on spending many years investing in the finest Walking Liberty collection that money can buy, this book will serve as your passport to exploring one of the most beautiful and challenging coins ever struck in the United States Mint.