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Quarterama: Ideas And Designs Of America's State Quarters



Synopsis

Discover America's 50 State Quarters as handy time capsules of enjoyable history. Essential ideas come alive in this visually engaging guided tour that spans the revolutionary era to modern space exploration. Colorful illustrations and concise text introduce inspiring life lessons that are central to understanding the nation's development. Pivotal events, memorable people, and natural wonders are examined. State Quarters are an ideal way to transfer knowledge because they tell real-world stories that are easily remembered. Whose tie-breaking vote impacted adoption of the Declaration of Independence? What State Quarter is currently on a 3-billion-mile journey across the solar system? Why are some unusual Wisconsin State Quarters worth hundreds of dollars? The surprising answers are right on the money. This award-winning book completes any 50 State Quarters collection. Recognized by the Benjamin Franklin Book Awards, Independent Publisher Book Awards, Moonbeam Children's Book Awards, and Numismatic Literary Guild.- COLLECT the 50 State Quarters and D.C. & Territories Quarters with built-in coin album covers.- HARDCOVER 160-page gift edition. Full color, entertainingly designed and illustrated. 7.75 in. x 10.25 in.- State histories, facts, maps, dates, State Quarter series analysis, mintages, fun knowledge nuggets.- PANORAMA GATEFOLD goes behind the scenes for the creation of California's State Quarter.- PANORAMA GATEFOLD deciphers the Braille reading code seen atop Alabama's State Quarter.- LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST, E PLURIBUS UNUM are examined.- Includes the D.C. & Territories Quarters and new National Parks Quarters. Part of the award-winning Quarterama books created by California State Quarter concept designer Garrett Burke. Published by independent publisher Newtona and distributed by Sunbelt Publications.

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In crafting the selected prototype for the California quarter, the noted graphic designer Garrett Burke created one of the most successful quarters in the program. An now, in this comprehensive and brilliantly designed and illustrated book, Burke is bringing the same taste, scholarship, historical sensibility, and talent to the entire U.S. Quarter Program that he brought to the design of his acclaimed California entry. --Kevin Starr, University of Southern California, California State Librarian Emeritus. The monumentally popular state quarters are the fifty-six unique creations honored in the colorful book, *Quarterama: Ideas & Designs of American's State Quarters*. A tribute to each of the fifty states, in the order they entered the Union, plus the District of Columbia and five US Territories, was minted and distributed five times a year from 1999-2009, and each state's coin was uniquely designed to represent that region. Children and adults eagerly awaited the distribution of the next coin in the series and marveled at the detail on the back of each quarter. George Washington's face is on the front of all quarters, as it has been since 1932. In *Quarterama*, the compact history of each state unfolds along with lavish illustrations and a greatly enlarged rendition of the state quarter, letting readers see up close the detail on each coin. The bindery of the hardcover edition of this book doubles as a collector coin album. Author Garrett Burke is also the concept designer of the California state coin. The design, which was selected by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from over 8,000 entries, celebrates nature, including naturalist John Muir, Yosemite Valley, and the California condor. Other quarters feature scenes sculpted by gifted artists representing their own states. One of the most unusual set of pages is for Alabama. The Braille Code, honoring Alabama native Helen Keller, who opened the world's eyes and ears by her courage, is featured and readers are instructed as to how to decipher the code that lets the blind read. Humorous and beautiful illustrations make for interesting pages. Each state's pages teach history in a nutshell, plus offer small tidbits of information: Four Ohio state quarters [were] carried aboard the space shuttle Columbia in March, 2002. Ohio was the seventeenth state admitted to the Union and calls itself The Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers. A shorter section is devoted to America's Treasured National Parks quarters, which went into circulation in 2010. Five new quarters will be released annually until 2021. Hopefully Burke will publish another book similar to *Quarterama*, which will be a hit with all coin collectors, professional and recreational, young and old, plus history teachers and scholars. Burke has crafted art and logos for major movie studios and pop culture brands, including Star Wars and

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Excellent book about United States quarters, their history, interesting little known facts, colorful drawings and pictures. Will buy from this author again!

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