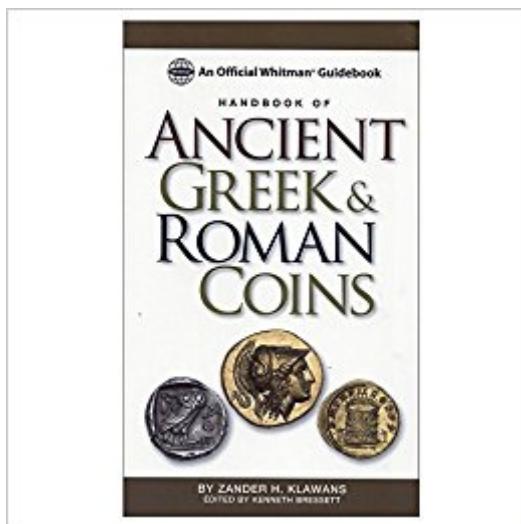


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Ken Bressett is the author of numerous books and articles on collecting U.S. and world coins. He joined the American Numismatic Association in 1947, and has since received the Zerbe Award, ANA's highest honor for service to the association. He is also a member of the National Numismatic Hall of Fame.

Great value for the low price! Just remember that this is just a general overview of Greek and Roman coins. It does have very nice B&W appropriately sized photos of many coins, with very basic descriptions.

Good basic reference - overall beginning collector level.

This is a very interesting book on Greek and Roman Coins. For a person developing an interest in ancient coins this is a well laid out and readable book. It appears that about 75% of the ancient roman leaders were killed by their wives, brothers or body guards. It is the type of book that you will spend many hours thumbing through the pages.

When I first started the hobby of collecting ancient coins I asked several dealers if there was one

book I could get that was both inexpensive and broad. Klawans "Handbook of Ancient Greek and Roman Coins" was the repeated answer. The book is essentially divided into a part "A" and a part "B", 'A' being Greek and 'B' being Roman Imperial. Very little attention is given to Republican Rome and Byzantine Rome but that is forgivable considering all the other helps. I got the book, read it cover to cover and still refer to it now even though I have added many ancient coin collecting books to my library since that are more specialized. Klawans' book has many helpful sections on various topics such as on how to read and break down those Roman titles and inscriptions. There is a chronological guide to the Roman emperors and their families, reverses of gods and 'personifications' and other mythological & religious data. The book is copiously illustrated throughout. There is an illustrated guide of coins by city. There are even an ancient rulers guide included ( but with some notable cultures missing ) in it. If you are just getting started with collecting ancient Greek and/or Roman Imperial coins on a shoestring, this is your guide, but, one word of caution, if you are buying uncleaned bulk Roman coins and need an attribution guide this is not the book, this book deals with pre-Constantinian Roman coins. However if you are buying cheap greek bronzes and budget Roman denarii, antoninianii, sestertii, etc., THIS IS THE BOOK TO GET !

I was greatly pleased by the depth of preparation and expertise exhibited in this book.. I would recommend it to anyone for its clarity, research, and ease of use. This book will enhance the enjoyment of any collector, student, or serious expert.

Pleasure book was in great condition and has lots of pictures of the coins

Klawans has written what really is a tale of two books and \*both\* of them are great. An Outline of Greek Coins begins with the telling of how coins were made. Klawans includes more than Greek coins. Lydian and Judean coins are also mentioned. Can't find Persian coins? Have a look for Darius and Daric. Reading and Dating Roman Imperial coins begins with coinage before the empire. Most helpful in this part of the book are the explanations for abbreviations found on Roman coins. Take as an example IMP CAES DOMIT AUG GERM COSXIII CENSPER PP. This means: Imperator, Caesar, his name Domitian, Augustus, Germanicus, the 13th year of his consulship, the chief magistrate of the Roman State or Censor Perpetus, and father of his country Pater Patriae. Klawans is an indispensable handbook, and the first book I reach for when I want to know something about ancient coinage.

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