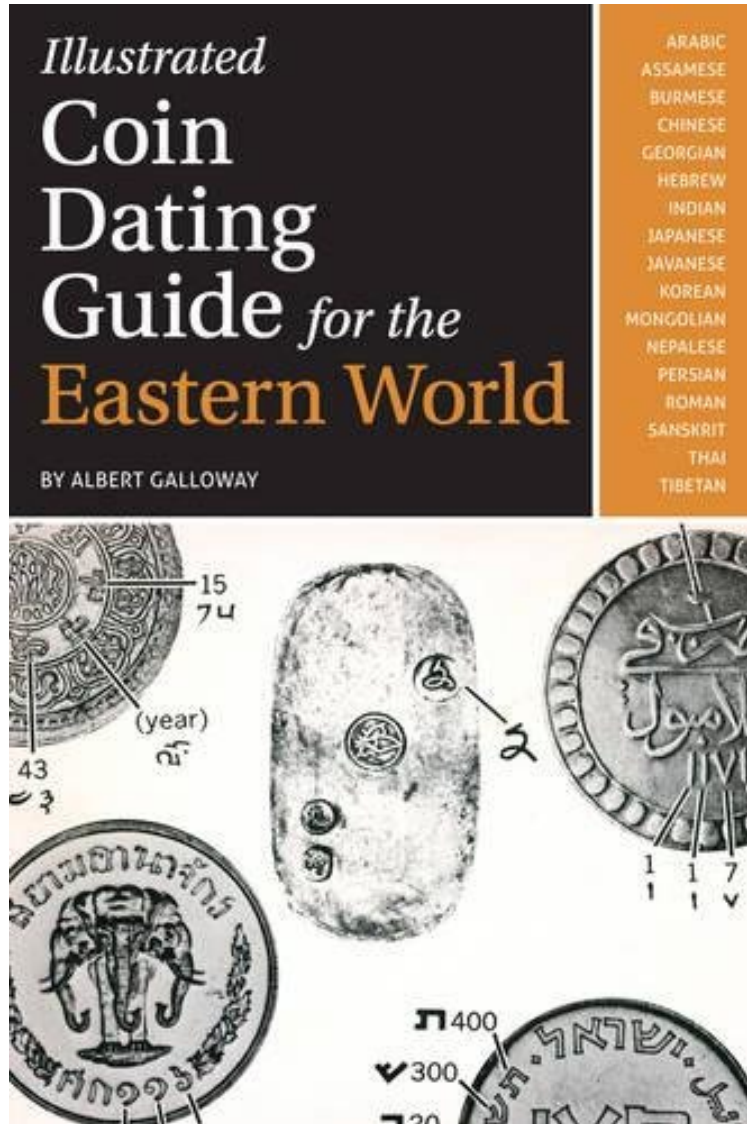


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Albert Galloway : Illustrated Coin Dating Guide for the Eastern World before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Illustrated Coin Dating Guide for the Eastern World:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Initially I was very excited by this book...but a major fail in the Japanese section. By Jackie-the-Greyhound One of the harder things for the average Western based coin collector is trying to figure out the dating systems found on Eastern coins. This is a nice, small book which promised many hours of poring over to try and learn...but also an easy quick reference for those stumped by a coin. The book gives a concise

explanation of various dating systems, numerals, and conversion charts including a rather extensive list (for this check the upper right of the cover or the 'look inside' feature for the table of contents). Very inclusive and a ton of information in a small space, which I appreciated. HOWEVER, I can only look at this guide as a starting place, and any serious efforts will need to be cross referenced. The reason I say this is because when checking the Japanese section (as I'm very familiar with the Japanese dating system from 1870 -- or Meiji 3-- on) I was sorely disappointed. I'll be trying to add a photo to demonstrate, but specifically for a portion of the modern coins (Heisei reign of Emperor Akihito specifically) THE DATE CHART IS INCORRECT. The 'modern' Japanese coinage style began in year 3 of the Meiji era, when the Western style minting process was introduced. The date includes the name of the Emperor's reign, a date and a mark designating year (I can't seem to use that word with 's' version of auto correct. The character is like 'men' but the first letter is an 'n'. Prior to 1948 the coins were 'read' from right to left. Starting in 1948 this was changed to the Western style of left to right. The text does comment on the reversal of the reading direction, however the chart for the current Emperor reign on page 117 continues to list the Japanese numbers as though they are read from right to left. Ugh! If I tried using that I'd be completely wrong in trying to date the coins. Also, the ascension year for the Emperor is year 1, but on the coinage the one is substituted with a symbol called the 'gan'. No picture or explanation is given for this, yet that is a commonly used convention for that 'year 1'. In any case there are some much better online resources and books for the Japanese dates (I'll add into the comment section). So, I would use the rest of the book with a big grain of salt. I like having everything in a compact book, and likely there are not other errors, but I won't believe it until I confirm with other sources. Once I do/if I do then this could be a really great resource. If there is a new update that I am made aware of I'll amend my review. I'll not return this book because it's format is so nice that I'd just as soon keep it with annotations rather than return it and start over. I'll also send a note to the publisher and maybe there will be an update. My edition is a softcover dated 2012. The book does still rate a two star because the explanations prior to the actual dating by country is very interesting. NOT recommended just yet/very disappointed (and hoping for a corrected version), JTGEDITED TO ADD (7.11.14) Still no helpful response, just another form letter stating they were working on my 'problem' but they were very busy in June. That's nice. I emailed in May and it is now July. Not sure how I'm supposed to care they were busy in June. Oh, and I bought a new version of the World catalog (1900-2000) and guess what?? The Japanese coin section was missing the vast majority of the coins from 1950-1990. FLAWED editing at this publisher. And customer service is absent. I tried their toll free number and it immediately disconnects. My star rating still stands, the other book and the publisher's business practices are outside the scope of the rating system, but it is still relevant. How annoying. I will just reiterate, use a back up source to verify anything actually important.

Learn how to identify inscriptions and determine dates on eastern coins. With many images, charts and conversion tables, this book provides the collector with all of the resources needed to identify eastern coins. It includes 250 images of coins and close-up details for recognizing key elements of coins from all over the eastern hemisphere. Features include conversion tables and charts for calculating dates and translating numbers and letters in Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew and other languages. This book is for the collector looking for in-depth information on identifying coin inscriptions and recognizing and dating eastern coins