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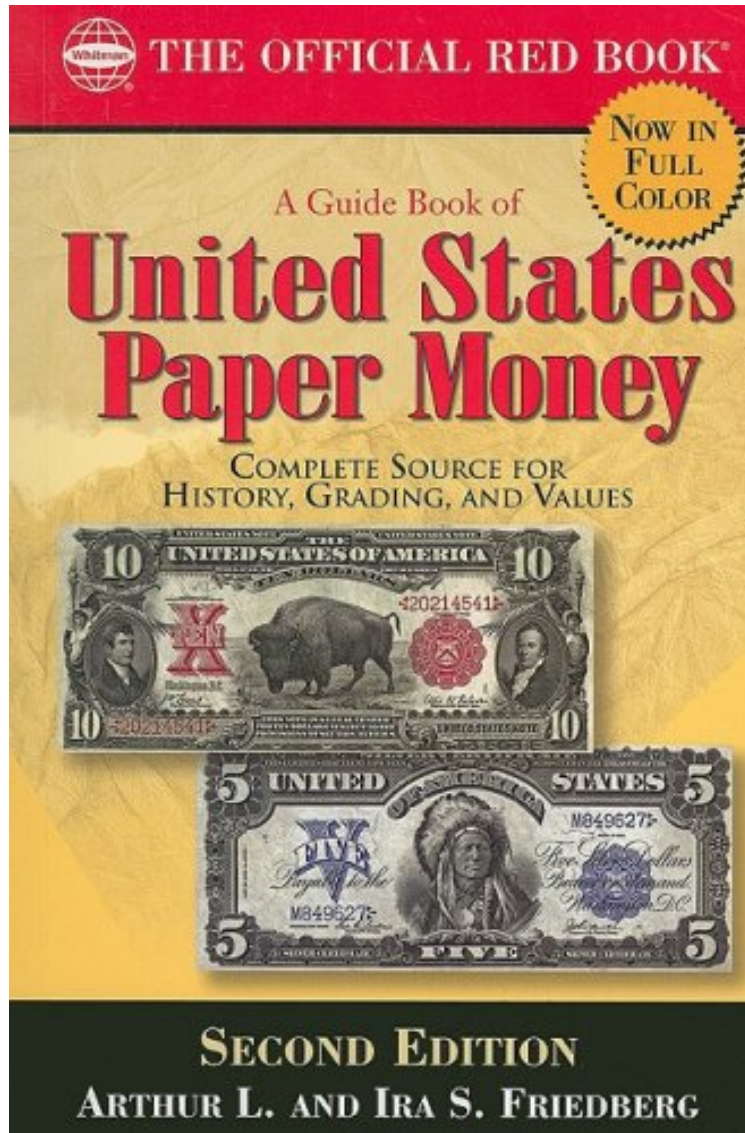
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BorzoneFirst let me say THANK YOU to the author/publishers!!! As with the last one, it is a wealth of information necessary to becoming an informed investor/collector of paper money and their books have been instrumental in learning/studying the hobby. The color photos is a definite PLUS along with publishing most (not all of course) of the population totals. This is a MUST HAVE book for the library...and frankly any library. It is truly some of the U.S.A.'s most interesting history. Thanks again!As for what it could use. First: It mentions nothing about the area of paper currency related to serial # collecting. There is a large and growing market for Radars, Repeaters, Ladders, Binary's and of course low serial #'s. The kings in these areas like SN # 000000001 or SN # 10000001 are examples that can be found (I know as I found a the latter in a \$5 recently) and bring big premiums over face. Adding this area, discussions, ideas, examples and a rough idea of premium over face would be a great addition.Second: While I am glad that they added the population totals to most of the bills (small size only), they are not broken down into the serial # runs which can and do have big breaks in the 8 digit serial #. For Example, the 2003 \$10 St. Louis STAR note may have had 780,000 printed, but what isn't broken down is that the first run of 128,000 is the key to the entire series. There are other books that publish this in great detail and this book would benefit greatly to do the same.All in all, a great book. I recommend it! especially for kids, teens and young adults. Why? Because the hobby is still in sleep mode and although the Fed prints an incalculable amount of money, there are still key notes out there, that you can find with a little knowledge and patience in sifting through currency that passes through the hands of you, your friends, the bank teller and any other place where currency is passed.Truly a great hobby and one I'll be teaching my son.Best of luck fellow numismatists!!!!Update 10/01/2008: I wrote the above comment and would now upgrade my review to 5 STARS!!!! Last night I was sorting through a strap of \$2 bill and found the 1976 \$2 New York Prefix ERROR (H/A, B/A). Yes, I found it at the BofA Branch in Tempe, AZ and took it off their hands for \$2. I am upgrading my earlier comment, because it was especially nice to see this bill listed as the pictured example under MisMatched Serial #'s listed in this book on page 384, VF for \$400! No kidding found it last night and as such, I love this book and this hobby. Truly amazing that this bill had been sitting in circulation for all these years and no one found it...until last night. AWESOME!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful guide for a new collectorBy Andy WallaceI have been interested in collecting American coins since childhood. Attending a coin show last Spring opened my eyes to the huge variety of US currency. Some of the older US paper money are incredibly beautiful works of art. This book is the best guidebook I have found for information about this fascinating subject.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CZVery good guide to identification and value of paper money

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