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The collector who specializes in Hawaiian medals, coins, and/or ingots has had an established guidebook since 1991 titled, *Hawaiian Money: Standard Catalog Second Edition*, by Medcalf Russell. The recently released 2015 book titled, *Hawaiiiana Numismatic Issues from The Franklin Mint: Medals, Coins and Ingots*, by Gomez performed a specialized refresh on the established guidebook. The Medcalf Russell guidebook cataloged 50 items (37 medals and 13 ingots) issued by The Franklin Mint. The Gomez book increased The Franklin Mint issues count to 114 (80 medals and 34 ingots). What makes this increased issue count interesting is the fact that none of the additional Gomez identified issues was struck after 1990. In addition to the cataloging the newly identified Franklin Mint issues, Gomez

also re-cataloged the issues identified from the Medcalf Russell guidebook. Gomez cross checked his catalog listings against the established guidebook listings. He identified two types of discrepancies in the Medcalf Russell guidebook.

The first is the reporting of incorrect mintages and the second was the lack of mintage information. The book *Hawaiiana Numismatic Issues from The Franklin Mint: Medals, Coins and Ingots* provides a comprehensive listing of the Hawaii related Franklin Mint issues by updating the established guidebook in three ways: 1. Documenting previously unknown issues in the established guidebook 2. Correcting incorrect mintages in the established guidebook 3. Correcting missing mintages in the established guidebook Gomez's book further expands the established guidebook by two ways: 1. Identifying The Franklin Mint source set where the medal, coin, or ingot originated from to aid collectors to locate specimens 2. Providing full obverse and reverse pictures for a majority of the issues to aid in identifying and locating specimens The Hawaii specialist now has a comprehensive guidebook that will aid in correctly identifying and determining the rarity of The Franklin Mint medals, coins, and ingots related to Hawaii. The book *Hawaiiana Numismatic Issues from The Franklin Mint: Medals, Coins and Ingots*, by Gomez is a must have Hawaii specialist reference book. Order your copy today..