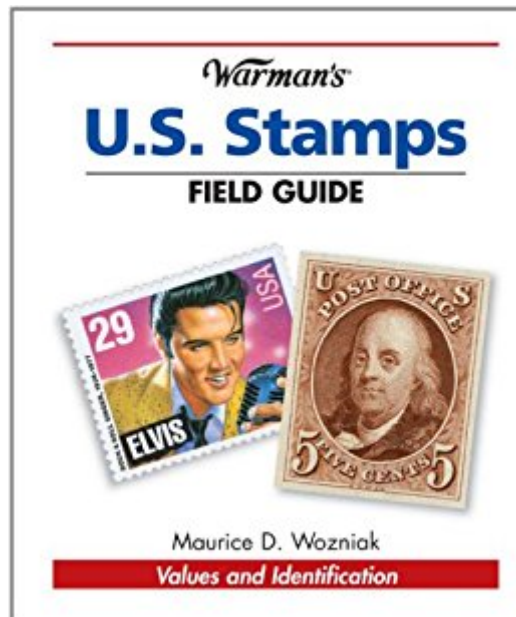


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# Warman's U.S. Stamps Field Guide: Values & Identification (Warman's Field Guide)



## Synopsis

The take-it-with-you collecting resource! At last, a guide you can really carry along to estate sales, garage sales, and flea markets, containing 1,000 color photographs and current pricing to make on-the-spot appraisals easy. New to this edition! Feature chapters on Christmas stamps and Error stamps 1,000 detailed color photos Listings for all 4,250+ U.S. regular-issue and Airmail stamps from 1847-2010 Accurate prices in Unused and Used condition State-of-the-market report and advice on beginning a collection, including where to find stamps, judging quality, grading, and handling and storage About the Author Maurice D. Wozniak has been collecting stamps since the mid-1950s. After a 30-year career as a reporter and editor on metropolitan daily newspapers, Wozniak served for seven years as editor of the weekly Stamp Collector and The Stamp Wholesaler publications and Minkus catalogs for stamp collectors. He is currently president of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, an umbrella group of 30 clubs in the philatelic hobby, and a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club. He is a freelance magazine writer on stamp collecting subjects.

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## Customer Reviews

This is not a book for a serious stamp collector, or even a serious beginner. It does have great color pictures, a very basic introduction about how to find stamps, a chronological listing of when the stamps were issued, and a price guide. So why did I give it only 2 stars? Because, aside from the pictures, it's really not much of a resource and gives no hint about where to find more detailed information. The standard reference for collectors of US stamps is the "Scott Specialized Catalog," which is revised and reissued every year. It's a pretty hefty tome and its price reflects that. But it is THE authoritative catalog for United States stamps. It gives each stamp a number, and virtually all serious US stamp collectors use those numbers in buying and selling stamps. Scott also smaller pocket catalog of US stamps. This has far more information than the Warman's "Field Guide" and uses the Scott numbers. It's a far more versatile and universally accepted source than the Warman's guide. If you're really interested in collecting United States and want a basic, inexpensive guide, go with the Scott pocket catalog, not this one. You'll get more for your money.

Warman's U.S. Stamps Field Guide is the essential guide you need to assess your stamp collection, whether you are an expert or just starting out. This little guide covers almost every stamp from the beginning (1847) through 2008. It also includes airmail postage from 1918-2007. There are also over 900 beautiful, full-color photos that help enhance the look and feel of this pocket guide. The advice on what to collect, how to collect, and where to find stamps is very helpful if you're a beginner. Featured are stories about the first stamps, the 2-cent reds, the Elvis stamp, and the "upside down" Jenny to name a few. Its ease of use and convenient size make it the perfect carry-along guide to flea markets, stamp shows, auctions, and estate sales.

I got this as a gift through . I thought that it would have every stamp for the years listed, but I came up with a few (3 or 4 out of 100 or so) that I could not find listed. The spine is stiff, so holding it open to check the whole two page spread isn't easy with just one hand. I've ordered a Scott catalogue because I want to get better information than this contains. It does not have a photo of every stamp, not even close to that; not sure if I misunderstood that it did from the product description, or simply assumed it did.

Not what I was looking for! Book only covers a small variety of stamps. Also, flipping back & forth from pictures to descriptions causes confusion. Maybe a hard cover book might be better. I did find a very good hard cover book with most all US stamps & easy to check values.

Warman's U.S. Stamps Field Guide: Values and Identification (Warmans Field Guides) I purchased this book to be a gift, and I can only say that the recipient was very pleased to get it.

The first thing that struck me was hardly any pictures of stamps. Every stamp should be pictured. Secondly no picture explanations of variances. Also I notice no blocks no sheets no mention of first day covers no mention of first covers and their insurance differences. So I have seen better free books from Kenmore or mystic. Not really impressed. Glad I was able to borrow before buying.

This is a nice little book! More pictures and information than expected. It is a good value for the price.

It's good if you need to list the stamps you have and how much they are worth. Sometimes it is hard to find the stamp. It would be better if it also gave the Scotts catalog numbers.

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